

Brother Elderic Eugene Thorne



GGCCM, Visionquest



Worthy Grand Patron
1995-1996

The Order of the Eastern Star has lost another link in their chain of valued members. Brother Elderic Thorne passed away suddenly on Feb. 7th, 2009 at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital in Fredericton, NB. He was born on April 30th, 1943 in The Glades, NB, the son of Beecher and Minnie (Taylor) Thorne.

Bro. Elderic was a retired teacher having taught for 35 years in Minto, largely at the Minto Memorial High School. He was a devoted member of the Trinity United Church in Minto.

He joined Remembrance Chapter #30, in April of 1975, served as Worthy Patron of his Chapter on several occasions, and was Worthy Patron at the time of his passing. He was Grand Representative of Alabama, and was elected as Grand Sentinel in July of 1993. He served as Worthy Grand Patron with Sister Brenda J. Saunders as his Worthy Grand Matron during 1995-1996, with their year of service culminating with their Sessions "Garden of Love and Smiles".

Bro. Elderic was pleased to be serving General Grand Chapter as General Grand Chapter Committee Member on Visionquest and was looking forward to going to Oklahoma for the General Grand Chapter Sessions.

He was a member of Grand Lake Lodge, F&AM and was a recipient of the Quinn Medallion for his Masonic Work. He also belonged to Luxor Temple (Shriners) and was a member of the Fredericton Shriners' Fire Brigade.

He was a man of integrity with a big heart and lots of patience! He was known in his Community for his participation in charitable organizations, and in the Eastern Star for his kindness, gentle voice and wonderful ritualistic work.

Predeceased by his parents; brother Clinton; brothers-in-law, Charles Cameron, Gerald Robb and sister-in-law, Doris Thorne, he is survived by his wife, Sister Sheila (Gallagher); brother Floyd of

Mississauga, Ontario; and sisters Margaret Cameron of Lindsay, Ontario; Shirley Robb of St. Catherines, Ontario; Gloriana Hopper (Eldon), The Glades, NB; Treva Rimney (Isaac) of Edmonton Alberta; and sister-in-law, Thora Thorne, and several nieces and nephews.

An Eastern Star Memorial Service was held on Feb.10th, 2009, at the Minto Funeral Home, followed by a Masonic Tribute Service. The Funeral was held on Feb.11th, 2009 from Trinity United Church, Minto, with Rev. Margie Patterson officiating. Internment to be at a later date.

We extend sincere sympathy to Sister Sheila and his family and to the members of Remembrance Chapter #30, as well as his many friends in the Order of the Eastern Star.

*“May the wind of love
Blow safely on a quiet and peaceful spot,
Where the one we love is sleeping
Never to be forgot.”*

Sister Linda Cogswell
Worthy Grand Matron

Brother Bob King
Worthy Grand Patron

Sister Brenda J. Saunders, PGM
Grand Secretary