



Norma Jean Belyea
Past Grand Matron
1983 – 1984
Grand Chapter of New Brunswick
Order of the Eastern Star

Sister Norma Jean Belyea, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick, of Fredericton, NB, passed away on August 25, 2021 at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital in Fredericton, NB. She was born in Jacquet River, NB, the daughter of the late Russell and Margaret Georgie Parker Bonnell. Fredericton was where she spent most of her life except to travel and then moved to Ottawa with her husband Phil.

She is survived by her husband Philip Belyea, daughter Karen Glowa of Grande Prairie, AB, Granddaughter Jennifer Glowa (John) Miller, and Great Granddaughters Regan and Caileigh of Trail, BC. She is also mourned by her step-sons-by-affection Gordon (Louise) Belyea and their daughters Hannah and Rebekah and Bruce (Rita Lukasik) Belyea of Ottawa. She is also survived by many treasured cousins in New Brunswick and Maine.

Sister Norma Jean was a member of Order of the Eastern for over 60 years. She was initiated on September 19, 1957 in Celestial Chapter No. 3 in Fredericton where she served as Worthy Matron twice and as secretary for approximately 25 years. She filled the station of Adah several times and was Grand Adah for Sister Myrtle Filmore in 1978 – 1979. She was Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick for the Loveliness of Life Session, along with her Worthy Grand Patron, Brother Joseph Potter. She served as the Grand Treasurer for 10 years. She was Grand Representative to Indiana. She served with General Grand Chapter as a Committee member on ESTARL and was Ambassador to Mindanao, Philippines at the time of her passing.

She was a working girl and worked in several engineering/construction offices as accountant and office manager. However, her main pride was with Neill & Gunter, the home grown firm that became a giant. She retired to marry her teen-age love and in the end they both retired to Fredericton to live happily there.

Norma Jean loved activities. A cheerleader in Fredericton High School, she was an avid tennis player and curler. She loved to dance and to travel. Those travels took her to Hawaii and Alaska, South America, the Caribbean, England, Europe from Norway to the Mediterranean, Asia Minor and of course Canada and the US, but above all she loved her family and would visit them whenever she could.

Norma Jean kept one aspect of her life and character hidden from the rest of the world. Over the years she donated large amounts to mostly local charities, churches and causes and never

told or claimed credit for those deeds. She was a truly good Christian person. Following her generosity, we would ask that anyone wishing to donate would consider a local cause in need.

Visitation was held at McAdam's Funeral Home, York Street, Fredericton on Tuesday, August 31st. Following the visitation, a beautiful Eastern Star Service was conducted by members of Celestial Chapter #3. Funeral Service was held following the Star Service.

Please read this notice at your next meeting following receipt of this memoriam and have the Altar draped in loving memory of Sister Norma Jean.

The angels looked down from heaven one night; they searched for miles afar,
And deep within the distance, they could see a shining star.
They knew that very instant that the star was theirs to gain,
So they took you up to heaven, forever to remain.
Look down on us from heaven, keep us free from hurt and pain,
You'll always be within our heart's, until we meet again.

Lynda Williams
Worthy Grand Matron

Darrell Munn
Worthy Grand Patron

Doug Swan, PGP
Grand Secretary