

## **SISTER FLORENCE EDNA WILSON**

Past Grand Matron  
1986-1987



1916 –2011

Florence Edna Wilson, Past Grand Matron of New Brunswick, Order of the Eastern star, passed away on Saturday April 16, 2011. Florence served as Worthy Grand Matron of New Brunswick in 1986-87. Her Worthy Grand Patron was Brother Clinton Shaffer, Past Grand Patron.

Sister Florence was the wife of the late Gideon A. Wilson. Born in Saint John on January 13, 1916, she was a daughter of the late Frederick W. and Bertha E. Pyke.

Florence lived most of her life in Saint John. She was a member of St. James Anglican Church, Lakewood. She and her husband Gid enjoyed many happy times with the Couples' Club.

Florence was an active member of the Order of the Eastern Star: a Charter and Life Member of Devon Chapter # 37, Fredericton, Lord Beaverbrook Chapter # 33, Hampton, and Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of New Brunswick. Florence and Gid had many fond memories of their travels and time spent with their Eastern Star friends.

Florence was a 50 year member of the former Lady Ashburnham Circle of the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons. She held executive positions in the Saint John City Union and Provincial Branch. She was also a former member of the Nereides Temple of the Daughters of the Nile.

She enjoyed knitting, crossword puzzles, reading, and playing cards with her friends, but her greatest joy was her family, and especially her three grandchildren and her great grandson, Owen.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. Florence is survived by her daughter, Dianne E. Belyea (Eric) of Rothesay; granddaughter Amanda J. Belyea (Jim McNeice) of Tralee, Ireland; grandsons Andrew E. Belyea (Dawn) of Rothesay and Michael Belyea of South Korea; and her pride and joy, great grandson Owen Belyea and step great granddaughters Lily and Allison.

The funeral service was held from St. James Anglican Church (Lakewood), 2000 Loch Lomond Road, on April 21, 2011 at 11:00 AM. Interment was in in Fernhill Cemetery.

Sherry Mitton, WGM

Ron Oakley, WGP

Doug Swan,  
PGP, Gr. Secretary