

SISTER JEAN W. E. BELDING

Past Grand Matron
1989-1990



Sister Jean Winifred Elizabeth Belding, passed away at the Dr. Everett Chalmers Hospital after a long, courageous battle with cancer. She was born in Chiswick, England, the daughter of the late Bertie and Ellen (Stevens) Attwood. Sister Jean was a war bride and was married to the late H. James C. Belding. Jean was retired from J.W. Bird & Co., and was a longtime member of Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, Celestial Chapter #3, OES, the Fredericton War Brides and the Fredericton Lawn Bowlers Club.

Sister Jean was a long-time member of the Order of the Eastern Star, having been initiated into our Order at Philip A. Jerguson Chapter No. 18, Saint John NB on May 18, 1954. She and her husband Jim moved to Oromocto where she became a Charter Member of Margaret Chapter in December 1958. They moved to Germany in 1964 and she affiliated with Celestial Chapter #3 upon her return to Canada in 1968.

Jean was always active with the Order of the Eastern Star. She served as Worthy Matron a few times, served as our Grand Chaplain for Sister Genevra Oliver and Brother Frank Bean in 1974-1975, was appointed Grand Representative of Vermont, and was elected Grand Secretary in 1979, serving in that office until she was elected into the line of our Grand Chapter in 1986. Sister Jean served as our Worthy Grand Matron in 1989 – 1990 with Brother Eldon Libby as her Worthy Grand Patron.

Music was important to Sister Jean and she served as the organist at Celestial Chapter since 1993 until her illness about a year ago. She was installed as Warder for Celestial Chapter in April 2011.

She is survived by her two daughters, Karen J. Moulinie of Montreal, Quebec and Elizabeth E. Belding-Roe of Keswick Ridge, NB; their husbands, her three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

An Eastern Star service was held from the J. A. McAdam Funeral Home on Sept. 18th. A memorial service was held at the J. A. McAdam Memorial Chapel on Sept. 19th with The Very Rev. Keith Joyce officiating. Interment to take place in the Forest Hill Cemetery Field of Honour.

Sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Sister Jean, and to the members of Celestial Chapter #3, Fredericton.

*“There is a long and winding road, along which each must go,
It leads beyond the hill of time, into the sunset's glow,
But only for a little while our loved ones leave our sight,
For just beyond the hills they wait, in God's eternal light.
Beyond the gate our loved one finds happiness and rest
And there is comfort in the thought,
that a loving God knows best.”*

Mildred Homer, WGM

Allan Gillis, WGP

Doug Swan,

PGP, Gr. Secretary