

IN MEMORIAM

Walter A. Culbertson

Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Idaho
Order of the Eastern Star
1967-1968

It is with great sorrow that we report the passing of Past Grand Patron Walt Culbertson, on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, in Pocatello, Idaho. Services were held Saturday, November 19th at the First United Methodist Church. Masonic Rites and the Eastern Star Service were conducted by Portneuf Lodge #18 and Ruth Chapter #3, respectively.

Brother Walt was born in Muncie, Indiana on March 13, 1918. He married Lucille Jollineau in 1939 and they lived their entire married life in Pocatello. Brother Walt loved all kinds of music and enjoyed listening to Lucille play the piano and organ. He was very fond of dancing. He was an avid gardener of all types. The greatest joys of his life were his family. He was willing to be involved in their lives and endeavors. He was a devoted husband and care giver.

Brother Walt served in the Idaho National Guard in 1943 and in 1980 retired as the optician of Walt's Optical Shop. Horses played a big part in his life which included riding in the Bannock County Sheriff's Mounted Posse, cutter and chariot racing and pari-mutual horse racing, holding various positions in different states.

Brother Walt began his service to Eastern Star when he and Sister Lucille were initiated in Radiant Chapter #61 on March 16, 1954. He was Worthy Patron six times. He became a dual member of Esther Chapter #14 on February 6, 2008. Brother Walt served as Worthy Grand Patron from 1967 to 1968. He assisted Worthy Grand Matron Helen Thomas at the 66th annual "Constant Cross" Session held in Pocatello.

Brother Walt was a 59 year member of Portneuf Lodge #18, a member of the York Rite Bodies, and El Korah Shrine. He was Associate Guardian of Bethel #32, Job's Daughters International and a past Associate Grand Guardian of the Grand Bethel of Idaho.

In his annual report as Worthy Grand Patron, he closed with these words:

"Our friends are among the choicest possessions life has bestowed upon us, and we should use the greatest possible care in preserving them. It is our duty to exert every effort to retain old friends and make new ones. Great is the fellowship along that highway of life known as friendship's road.

We extend sincere sympathy to his family - Jeaneane and Bert Huth; one granddaughter, Kari Huth; three grandsons, Todd Huth and Troy and Scot Culbertson; and four great grandchildren. Sympathy is also extended to his three sisters and their families, the members of Radiant and Esther Chapters and to his many Fraternal Brothers and friends. Donations may be made to the Idaho Youth Ranch, P. O. Box 8538, Boise 83707 or your favorite charity.

In loving remembrance, let this memorial be read in each subordinate chapter not later than the second stated meeting following its receipt and the Altar draped.

Sandra Shoemaker
Worthy Grand Matron

Robert Barclay
Worthy Grand Patron

Denise Hunt
Grand Secretary