



IN MEMORIAM

David A. Olehy

*Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Idaho
Order of the Eastern Star*

1991-1992

Our Grand Jurisdiction is mourning the loss of one of our beloved Past Grand Patrons, Brother David Olehy, who quietly passed away at his home in Idaho Falls on Wednesday morning, April 28, 2010. Memorial services were held May 5, 2010 at the First Presbyterian Church.

Brother David was born in Danville, Illinois on March 30, 1931. He started work and college in San Diego after his discharge from the Navy in 1953. He met and married the love of his life, Darleen Joan Wakefield, in January of 1955. In 1964, he graduated from San Diego State College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry. In 1966 the family moved to Idaho when he accepted a position at the National Reactor Testing Station at the INEL. After a little over 37 years of service, he retired in January of 1995.

Brother Dave began his service to Eastern Star when he was initiated into Liberty Chapter No. 51 on February 5, 1972. He was Worthy Patron twelve times and a life member of the chapter.

Brother Dave was raised in St. Johns Lodge No. 52 in Shelley in November, 1971. He served as Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Idaho in 1996 – 1997 and held a Grand Lodge office each of the three years he was in the Eastern Star Grand line.

Brother Dave served as Worthy Grand Patron in 1991 – 1992 with Worthy Grand Matron Inez Crothers. Brother Dave felt privileged to be installed as WGP by the grandfather of his grandsons, PGP Harold Holm, who was most happy to be able to install the grandfather of his grandsons. Sister Inez and Brother Dave presided over the “Gateway to Happiness” Grand Session at Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho. Their Honor Station was Adah. Brother Dave’s and Sister Darleen’s daughter, Sue Finney, was happy to hold the station of Grand Adah during his term and travel with them.

We extend sincere sympathy to Brother Dave’s family: his wife of 55 years, Darleen; his daughters Sue Finney and Jo Lynn Holm and their families and his sons Brett and Matthew and their families. Sympathy is also extended to the members of Liberty Chapter No. 51 and to his many Lodge Brothers and friends.

In loving remembrance, let this memorial be read in each subordinate chapter no later than the second stated meeting following its receipt and the Altar draped.

Lucy Miller, Worthy Grand Matron

John Snodderley, Worthy Grand Patron

Denise Hunt, Grand Secretary