

GRAND CHAPTER OF DELAWARE
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR



IN MEMORIAM

SISTER EDNA CHASE ALFREE, PAST GRAND MATRON
WORTHY GRAND MATRON 2003-2004

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Sister Edna Chas Alfree, Past Grand Matron, of Townsend, DE on December 9, 2021, in her home in Blackbird, DE.

Sister Edna was born November 13, 1932, to Brother Joseph A. and Kathryn Hutchinson Chase. She graduated from Middletown High School June 8, 1950. On December 22, 1951, Sister Edna married LeRoy (Roy) Fortner Alfree. Sister Edna was employed in many jobs over the course of her lifetime including the Delaware Safety Council, caregiver, and waitress.

Sister Edna dedicated her life to her family and the Order of the Eastern Star. Sister Edna was a 59-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star having joined having been initiated into Esther Chapter No. 17 on December 21, 1962. She served Esther Chapter No. 17 as Worthy Matron with Brother James R. Truitt, PGP in 1964, with Brother Joseph A. Chas 1980 - 1983, with Brother Milton C. Douglas 1985 and 1987-1988, Brother William S. Eveleigh in 1988-1989, with Brother Elton Holland 1991-1994, with Brother Jay R. Brackin 1997-1998, with Brother Homer C. Jennings, 2000-2001, and with Brother Kenneth J. Norris 2004-2006. At the time of her death, she was a member of Caesar Rodney Chapter No. 8

Sister Edna served the Grand Chapter of Delaware, Order of the Eastern Star as committee member on Sessions, Printed Program for Summer Benefit, Summer Benefit and as Deputy Grand Lecturer. In 1999 Sister Edna was elected Grand Lecturer progressing to the station of Worthy Grand Matron in 2003. In May 2004, Sister Edna presided over the 83rd "Garden of Love, Friendship, and Hope" Session of the Grand Chapter of Delaware with Brother R. Eugene (Gene) Beachboard as Worthy Grand Patron.

Sister Edna was predeceased in death by parents, her husband of 62 years Leroy (Roy) Fortner Alfree, Sr. (1932-2014), grandson, Stephen Alfree, Author "Aussie" and Thomas Chas, Thomas "Duck" Hutchinson, Bette Ellingsworth and Velma Jessie Grady.

Sister Edna is survived by her children, Marie Brooks, Trudy and Richard "Dusk" Hastings, Sr. and Joyce Ogle Alfree, 8 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, sister-in-law, Edith Cas and many nieces and nephews.

A service was held privately and was made available on Zoom on Friday, December 17, 2021, at the McCrery and Harra Funeral Home, 3710 Kirkwood Highway, Wilmington, DE. Burial followed at the Red Clay Creek Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contribution may be sent to Delaware Hospice, 16 Polly Drummond Shopping Center, 2nd Floor, Newark, DE 19711.

*From our chain their links have fallen. In our land their stars have set.
But enshrined in memory's tablet, their true worthy we'll never forget.
Somewhere the record is written of their work in our beautiful star.
Somewhere the reward will be given and the Crown of Service they'll wear
From Sister Edna's WGM Report 2004*

In loving tribute to Sister Edna's memory, we request that this Memoriam be read at the first stated meeting after its receipt and the Altar to be draped for a period of 30 days.

Kathleen A. Trombly
Worthy Grand Matron

Wayne A. Stacy
Worthy Grand Patron

Barbara F. Lott, PGM
Grand Secretary

