

*GRAND CHAPTER OF DELAWARE
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR*



IN MEMORIAM

**BROTHER E. WATSON DAY, JR., PAST GRAND PATRON
WORTHY GRAND PATRON 1979-1980**

Brother E. Watson Day, Jr., age 96, of Wilmington passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. Watson, son of Elmer W. Day, Sr., and Estella L. (Bailey) was born at the family homestead in Wilmington, DE, where he resided until his death.

Watson graduated from Alexis I. DuPont High School in 1942. Having enlisted in the US Navy at 17, he had to wait until he graduated to begin his service. He served his country proudly two terms in World War II and one year in the Korean War. Upon discharge, he worked with his father for the U. S. Coast Guard. The majority of his career he worked for the E. I. DuPont de Nemours Co. as a Maintenance Supervisor.

He was active in several Masonic organizations including Lafayette Lodge and the Scottish Rite. For many decades he was very active in VFW Post 2907 and Korean War Veterans. Upon his retirement he volunteered at the V. A. Hospital for 29 years.

Brother Watson served Job's Daughter's as Associate Bethel Guardian for Bethel No. 1, Delaware and as Associate Grand Guardian for the Grand Bethel of Delaware in 1965-1966.

Brother Watson was initiated into Delaware Chapter No. 1 on December 27, 1960, and served Delaware Chapter No. 1 as Worthy Patron with Sister Florence L. Haines 1964, Sister Marjorie D. Chris in 1970, Sister Marguerite R. Davis 1972, Sister Barbara Hearn 1974, Sister Irma J. King 1978, Sister Elizabeth B. Kester 1981, Sister Martha L. Mossinger 1982, Sister Edith H. Keiser 1983-1987 and Sister Frances Lindberg 1988-1989. Upon the merger of Delaware Chapter No. 1 into Ruth Chapter No. 19, Brother Watson served as Worthy Patron of Ruth Chapter with Sister Anna P. Giannatos 1994-1995, and Sister Ethelene F. Krauss 2021-2022.

Brother Watson served the Grand Chapter of Delaware as Worthy Grand Patron 1979-1980 with Sister Phyllis Ann Stewart Bowman culminating in the 59th "Melody of Faith" Annual Session in May of 1980.

Brother Watson was preceded in death by his first wife, Harriet M. (Reid) and his son, Thomas Elmer. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Janet Martin Day; his children Bonnie Twilley (Chip); Gordy (Sue); Diane Stimeling (Greg) and Debbie Gripp (Dave). He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, expecting two more in 2022. His sister, Eleanor McCoy (Bill) of Allentown, PA and her daughter, Debbie Lee LaBelle also survive him.

The family received friends Monday, December 20, 2021, followed by a funeral service at McCreary & Harra Funeral Home, 3924 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE, 19803. Interment was in the Newark Union Cemetery, 8 Newark Union Rd., Wilmington, DE 19803.

Donations in Brother Watson's memory may be made to Newark Union Cemetery or a charity of your choice. To offer condolences online, please visit mccrearyandharra.com.

During his acceptance speech at the Installation of the 1979-1980 Grand Officers, Brother Watson closed his remarks with the following prayer:

O God, Lord of all good life, help us to live together. May we be quick to praise and slow to criticize. Remove from our hearts every bitter and unforgiving thought and enable us to remember that we cannot have Thy friendship if we are not at peace with our fellowman. In Christ's name. Amen.

In loving tribute to Brother Watson'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

