

*GRAND CHAPTER OF DELAWARE
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR*



IN MEMORIAM

**BROTHER J. EDDIE MORRIS, PAST GRAND PATRON
WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2014-2015**

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Brother J. Eddie Morris, Past Grand Patron on October 28th, 2020. Brother Eddie was born on April 7, 1945 to John Edward Morris Sr. and Cathleen (Hurdle) Rayne.

Brother Eddie served with the US Army during the Vietnam War; a Police Officer for the town of Fenwick; Vaccination Coordinator for Mountaire of Delaware; and was owner of West Line Liquors until 2018.

Brother Eddie was a member of Delaware Lodge No. 37, Dagsboro Delaware, Nur Shrine, New Castle, DE; American Legion Post No. 24, Dagsboro, DE and honorary member of Roxana and Selbyville Volunteer Fire Companies.

On March 14, 1990, Brother Eddie joined Frankford Chapter No. 12 serving Frankford Chapter as Worthy Patron in 1994-1995, 1999-2000, 2004-2005, 2009-2010, 2012-2019 with Sister Jane Morris Past Grand Matron; in 1998-1999 with Sister Grace Hitchens; in 2007-2008 with Betty Neary; 2011-2012 with Sister Doris Egbert, Past Grand Matron. In May of 2012 Brother Eddie was elected as Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Delaware progressing to the station of Associate Grand Patron in 2013-2014 and Worthy Grand Patron in 2014-2015. In May of 2015, Sister Vickie J. Nicklas and he presided at the 49th Annual "Garden of Memories" Session of the Grand Chapter of Delaware. Brother Eddie served General Grand Chapter on the Unfinished Business Committee during the 49th Triennium, 2015-2018 for Sister Helen J. Westmorland of Florida, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron and Brother Robert C. Penoyer of Pennsylvania, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Brother Eddie is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sister Jane M. Morris, Past Grand Matron; a son Jamey E. Morris (Kathy) of Bishopville; a daughter Jody M. Purnell (Bill) of Ocean City; four granddaughters, Jessica and Kasey Morris and Mae and Eva Purnell; a sister Pamela Corrigan (Jimmy) of Wilmington, as well as a brother-in-law, a sister-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Sandra Wysock.

To a beautiful garden these loved ones have gone to the land of perfect rest
Their work is done, and the setting sun has sealed their life's quest.
They have left this earthly garden for a home beyond the sea.
Though they are gone, they still live on in the garden of memory.

From of Sister Vickie J. Nicklas' Worthy Grand Matron's Report, May 2015

Funeral services were held at 12 pm, Thursday, November 5th with Reverend Fred Duncan officiating. Masonic and Eastern Star services were held prior to the funeral service. Calling hours were held an hour before the service. Interment was at the Bishopville Cemetery.

Donations in Brother Eddie's memory may be made to the Richard A. Henson Cancer Center c/o TidalHealth Foundation, 100 E. Carroll Street, Salisbury, MD 21801 or the Delaware Veterans Home, 100 Delaware Veterans Blvd., Milford, DE 19963.

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

Donna S. Hiddemen
Worthy Grand Matron

Thomas J. Morganstern
Worthy Grand Patron

Barbara F. Lott, PGM
Grand Secretary

