



In Memoriam

ALFRED L. BUTTERFIELD

PAST GRAND PATRON

1932 – 2013

Brother Alfred 'Al' Butterfield was born to Edwin and Opal Butterfield on December 19, 1932 in Porter, WA. He passed away peacefully on March 28, 2013 at his home surrounded by family after a courageous battle with cancer.

Al was born and raised in Elma, WA. He joined the Navy after graduating high school and married the love of his life Eunice. After the Navy he went on to have a successful career in banking until retiring in 1990.

He was a Past Master of St. Andrews Lodge #35, a Past Patron of Nesika Chapter #54 in Renton, where he held a Life Membership, and a member of the Scottish Rite in Seattle.

Brother Al served as Grand Treasurer for the Order of the Eastern Star until he was elected, in June 2002, as Grand Sentinel. Eventually, on June 30, 2004, he was elevated to the position of Worthy Grand Patron by the side of Worthy Grand Matron Marilyn Hoots. In his acceptance speech Brother Al stated:

'You know I think one of the most important traits of all of us human beings and members of the most beautiful Order in the world is to have faith in ourselves and our abilities. Sisters and Brothers, I want you always to remember, if you can dream it and believe it, you can achieve it.'

In his Worthy Grand Patron Supplemental Report, given at his and PGM Marilyn's Grand Chapter, Al said:

'Cherish your visions and your dreams as they are the children of your soul; the blueprints of your ultimate achievements.'

Al was an avid golfer and always looking for a good round, he was very proud of his 3 holes in one and one eagle. He was a wonderful kind man who loved being with his family and friends, always a smile on his face and a great sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother Delbert.

Al is survived by his wife Eunice of 59 years and two sons, Steve and Don (wife Andrea), 1 grandson, 4 granddaughters and two great-granddaughters, brothers Cecil and Charles, brother-in-law Bruce and sister-in-law Judie.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to Cancer research or your favorite charity in his name. A Memorial Service will be held at a future date.

Brother Al, we will miss you.

That all may share in this tribute to his memory, we ask that this memorial be read at the first stated meeting after it's receipt, and the Altar draped in his memory.

***Gerry Mosler
Worthy Grand Matron***

***Robert 'Bob' Breza
Worthy Grand Patron***

***Sandra K. Henry
Grand Secretary***