

IN MEMORIAM
ERNEST BROOKS
PAST GRAND PATRON OF
THE GRAND CHAPTER OF WASHINGTON
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR

NOVEMBER 26, 1935 – NOVEMBER 21, 2022

*Ease your grief, he is not gone,
For in your heart, he lingers on.
At any time, you can recall,
The love you shared; you saved it all.
And in time, more than anything,
You'll find peace in remembering.*



Past Grand Patron Ernest Brooks passed away on November 21, 2022. He was born on November 26, 1935, in Anacortes, Washington. He graduated from High School in Anacortes and went on to Skagit Valley College. Brother Ernie married his beloved wife, Trudy Jo. They had three sons, Chris, Ernest II and Jeffery and three grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. Past Grand Patron Ernest was a 51-year member of Fidalgo Lodge #70 in Anacortes, Washington. He received his Master Mason Degree on November 16, 1971. And was Worshipful Master of Fidalgo Lodge in 1978.

Ernie was initiated into Madrona Chapter #89 on May 16, 1977. He was Worthy Patron at Madrona in 1982 and 1984. On June 24, 1989, Brother Ernest was installed as Worthy Grand Patron with Anne Hendrex as his Worthy Grand Matron for the 102nd Annual Grand Session in Spokane, Washington. Their theme for their year was "Journey for the Stars" and their Grand Chapter Session was called "Star Country – Lane of Love". In Ernest's Farewell message he wrote, "Cherish those yesterdays...while living this day. BUT be ever mindful of the path we leave for future ages, for this is our destiny".

Ernie enjoyed putting in his workshop. He built bird houses and sold them at the Farmer's Market. He also enjoyed tending to his garden.

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

Pamela Rookard
Worthy Grand Matron

Patricia M. DeMuth
Grand Secretary

Chuck Kent
Worthy Grand Patron