



In Memoriam
WILLIAM "BILL" HENRY HAMMONTREE
WORTHY GRAND PATRON 2001-2002
1938-2020

Brother Bill entered Heaven on March 12, 2020 at the age of 81. He was born on August 9, 1938 to John and Ida (Grace) Hammontree at home in Greenback, Tennessee, joining two brothers.

Bill joined the US Army in 1957 and served as a Military Policeman and Criminal Investigator for the Army until 1972. He was then commissioned as a Warrant Officer for the Criminal Investigation Division of the Army. He served in Germany, Korea, France, Vietnam and various stations in the United States. He was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service during his tour in Vietnam. Bill retired from the Army in 1977.

After retirement from the service, Bill pursued a degree in Law and Justice from Central Washington University and a Masters of Public Administration from City University. He worked for DSHS as an investigator of welfare fraud until his retirement from the state in 2001.

Bill and Alice were married on December 22, 1961 and were blessed with two children, Cynthia (Todd) and Gregory (Amy). They were also blessed with 4 grandchildren, Kiasa, Brittany, Logan and Kyla. Bill's interests included, golfing, bowling, coaching youth in baseball and soccer.

Bill joined the Masonic Lodge in Verdun, France and Eastern Star in Etain, France. Bill served as Worshipful Master, Grand Orator and Lodge Secretary. He was also a 33rd degree Mason and served as Master of all Lodges. He and Alice belonged to Guiding Star Chapter where he served as Worthy Patron seven times. He served as Grand Chaplain, OES in 1998 and rose to Worthy Grand Patron in 2001 with Gerry Shafer as his Worthy Grand Matron for the "Precious Moments, Treasured Memories Session".

Bill was most proud to establish the Eastern Star Golf Tournament which supported the Scottish Rite Language Program and continues to this day.

*"Those we hold dear, never leave us.
They live on in the kindness they showed
The comfort they shared
And the love they brought into our lives."*

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

Pamela Lee
Worthy Grand Matron

Irene Jacobs
Grand Secretary

Charlie Tewalt
Worthy Grand Patron