

IN MEMORIAM

It is with a deep sense of loss to the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, Order of the Eastern Star, that we announce the passing of our
Past Grand Patron,
William "Bill" Gray
Worthy Grand Patron 1997-1998
On January 2, 2010

Brother Bill was born July 7, 1924 in the old Santa Rita Hospital. initiated into Hurley Chapter #43, Order of the Eastern Star on March 7, 1970 and became a member of Silver City Chapter #3 on September 28, 1993, when Hurley surrendered its Charter and affiliated with Silver City Chapter.

He served as Worthy Patron in 1973, 1975, 1977 and 2005-2006 in these chapters. He was a member of Hurley Masonic Lodge # 55, where he was a 62 year member, and a Past Master. Also a Life Member in Silver City Chapter #3. He was elected to serve the Grand Chapter as Worthy Grand Patron with Worthy Grand Matron Georgia Morphis in the *WALKING IN BEAUTY* Session 1997-1998.

A Veteran of World War II, he served in the European Theater of Operations' 101st Airborne and was decorated with the Purple Heart. He was discharged from William Beaumont Hospital in May, 1946.

Our Brother Bill delighted in his family and is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jane; sons: Richard and wife, Ale of Luna, NM; Chuck and wife, Helen of California; Cecil and wife, Kathy of Pie Town, NM; Brother, Bob and wife, JoAnn; five grandchildren: Ben, Tracey, Byron, Rick and Cassandra; five great-grandchildren and many sorrowing friends.

WGP Bill's Scripture for his year was:

"The Lord is on my side; I will not fear, what can man do to Me?"

Psalms 118:6

PAMALA JAMES
Worthy Grand Matron

WAYNE WALKER
Worthy Grand Patron

Barbara B. Eichmuller
Grand Secretary