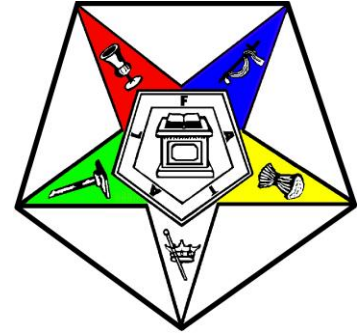




**Grand Chapter of Utah
Order of the Eastern Star**

In Memoriam

Bruce Richard Betts
Worthy Grand Patron 2016-2017



Grand Chapter of Utah is saddened by the passing of Brother Bruce R. Betts, PGP of Utah on November 10, 2019 from Esophageal Cancer. He was born Chicago, Illinois, September 16, 1950, to Jack and Eileen Betts.

Bruce was a strong spirit who loved his family deeply and truly. He leaves his wife of 47 years, Elizabeth, and their three daughters Rebecca Miller (Scott), Rachel Buchi (David) and Alicia Backman (Rich) behind. He is also survived by two sisters, Valerie Holliday (John) and Kim Doyle (Mike). His grandchildren Mackenzie, Noel, Bruce, Carson, Natalie, and Hazel were a source of joy for him.

After graduating from East High School, Bruce held a variety of jobs, including service in the United States Coast Guard, a roofer, brick layer, security for Senate of Utah State Legislators, and longtime Hewlett Packard facility support and office manager. Bruce also served as President of the Utah Chapter of the Ulster Project.

Bruce served as Worthy Grand Patron of the Imagine The Possibilities Session, Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star of Utah 2016-2017; and Most Worshipful Grand Master for Utah, 1996. Bruce was an active member of the extended Masonic Family, serving as Associate Bethel Guardian for Job's Daughters International Bethel 13 in Salt Lake, Worshipful Master of Progress Lodge #22, a member of Scottish Rite 33rd degree, Worthy Patron of Lynds Chapter #1, member of Mountain Chapter #2, a member of the Masonic Temple association board, and Board of Governor's for the Shriners Hospital. He was instrumental in forging a compact between Prince Hall and Utah Masonry and received numerous awards and recognition, including Hiram Award for outstanding Mason.

Services were held November 15, 2019, at the Salt Lake Masonic Temple with a Gravesite Burial service on November 16, 2019 at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

In Lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Bruce's name to The Huntsman Cancer Institute or The Shriners Transportation fund of Utah.

The Grand Chapter of Utah extends our sincere sympathy to his family, friends and the members of Lynds Chapter #1 and Mountain Chapter #2. As a tribute to his memory, it is requested that the Alter of each Chapter be draped for a period of 30 days and a prayer be observed in his memory.

P. Alexandria Poglegen
Worthy Grand Matron

Karen B. Pullman
Grand Secretary

David J. Read
Worthy Grand Patron

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