



IN MEMORIAM

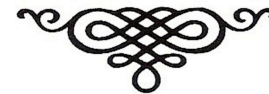
HARLES IRA CREECH

**Most Worthy Grand Patron
2000 - 2003
General Grand Chapter
Order of the Eastern Star**



*“This world, however beautiful,
was never meant to be
the place that we would call
our home for all eternity.
And though we would not
choose to leave,
a loving God knows best.
And in his time He lifts us
to a place
of peace and rest.”*

*Words shared by Brother Floyd H. Powell, Jr.
Chairman, Necrology Committee
At the Forty-fourth Triennial Assembly
During the Necrology Program
In Portland, Oregon*





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GRAND CHAPTER OF LOUISIANA
1980 - 1981

AT REST
February 25, 2020

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter,
Officers and Members of the Grand Chapters,
Officers and Members of the Subordinate Chapters under
the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Our hearts are heavy and saddened as we mourn the passing of our Brother Harles I. Creech, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter and Past Grand Patron of Louisiana, Order of the Eastern Star.

As everyone knows, Harles was just a “Good Ole Country Boy” his entire life and never met a stranger. Brother Harles was born September 17, 1927 and passed away February 25, 2020, residing in Oak Grove, Louisiana. He is preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Claudie Creech. Harles was the eldest of 12 children and played the role of caretaker to all his siblings. He combed hair, wiped a runny nose, doctored a scraped knee and comforted the heart when daddy saw fit to give someone a spanking. He had to walk several miles to school – no bus service, but completed his high school education with many honors and also played basketball. At home it was plowing, picking cotton by hand and running the syrup mill.

Harles met the love of his life, Estelle Salters, and they were married on March 13, 1948. After a few years of farming, he decided to go to Texas and try the oil fields. He brought home \$190 every two weeks and that was good living! His goal was to pay for the farm and start a Salvage Yard, which was always his dream - to operate his own business with his feeling “treat everyone as you would like to be treated”, which he always believed. The Creech Salvage Yard is still operating - since 1954! He was also an active sponsor of the Little League Ball Club and was President of the Cannoneers Riding Club for 25 years. Harles and Estelle had three children; Diane Creech

Gunter and husband Danny, Steven Creech and wife, Peggy and Carol Creech; four grandchildren, four great grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

His travels through the Order of the Eastern Star began on his initiation date of October 18, 1965 at Guiding Star Chapter No. 66 in Oak Grove, which he and Estelle loved dearly. He served as Worthy Patron ten times. He was then elected and served as Worthy Grand Patron of Louisiana in 1980-1981 with Sister Pat Cleveland in the "Our Heritage in the Sand" Session. He was appointed, by Sister Helen R. Cox, as a General Grand Chapter Committee member and served the 1985-1988 Triennium on the "International Peace Garden" committee. Climbing up this prestigious ladder, Brother Harles was elected Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron from 1997-2000 and served as our Most Worthy Grand Patron of General Grand Chapter with Sister Dorothy Dewing in the "Peace Around the World" Session 2000-2003. Sister Dorothy always said Harles would be an asset to our Order because of how he cares for others! They traveled extensively over the entire world instituting new chapters in Vienna, Austria, Brazil and Mexico.

Harles looked as good in his black coat and bow tie, with his full head of white hair, as he did in a straw hat, barefoot and overalls which he wore, along with some of our other Louisiana Past Grand Patrons, in the "fun night" at the Grand Chapter Session in 2008. This PMWGP and a few of the PGP's of Louisiana actually had lots of "fun" kicking up a leg or two and bending their knees, to the best of their ability, to "Turkey in the Straw". He was certainly a great sport and would do anything asked of him! Please keep in mind, one of his most famous sayings that came straight from his heart:

"Remember – it just don't cost nutten to be kind to one another" – I Love Ya All!

Sympathy is extended to Sister Estelle, his loving wife of 72 years, his family, Sisters and Brothers of this Grand Jurisdiction, Sisters and Brothers of the General Grand Chapter and everyone around the world he came in contact with by touching their lives during his many years of traveling. They just don't come any better than that country fella, Brother Harles I. Creech, who will certainly be missed by all of us, all around the World.

In tribute to his loving memory, this Memorial is being sent to you and you may share it with others.

Fraternally,

Marianne R. Shenefelt

Most Worthy Grand Matron

Henry A. Martin

Most Worthy Grand Patron

Alma Lynn Bane

Right Worthy Grand Secretary

