

Valley Herald

ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE

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Loss of a Brother Scottish Rite Mason



Brother Howard Townsend, 33°

Howard L. Townsend, 91, of Davenport, Iowa received rest from his earthly labors and was called to the Grand Lodge above on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 2, 2018 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Runge Mortuary, Davenport, Iowa.

**Masonic memorial services will follow Friday's visitation at 7:00 p.m.
All Masons, family and friends are welcome to attend.**

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2018 in the Runge Mortuary Chapel. He will be laid to rest in Davenport Memorial Park Cemetery.

Brother Howard was born on November 3, 1926 in Davenport, Iowa to Thomas and Vivian (Dellet) Townsend. He was united in marriage to Marie Smith on March 15, 1952 in Davenport. They enjoyed 59 years of marriage until her passing in 2011. He retired from Alcoa in 1989 after 43 years of service.

Brother Howard was an Inspector General Honorary 33° Scottish Rite Mason for the Valley of Davenport, Grand Commandery Knight Commander of the Temple of York Rite, Past Worthy Patron of Eastern Star, Past Grand Royal Patron of the Order of the Amaranth, Past Master of Brubaker Lodge # 675 and was a member of Kaaba Shrine. He will be remembered as a resourceful, loving, giving man and fine Mason.

Brother Howard is survived by his daughter, Rhonda Townsend; son, Tim Townsend; eight grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; and special friend, Mardell "Marti" Peters. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Marie; sons, Lee Mounsey and Terry Townsend; daughter, Jeanne Herman; granddaughters, Brandy Leigh and Christie Lynn; five brothers and one sister.

Memorials may be made to Kaaba Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.rungemortuary.com.

Brother Howard will be sorely missed in the Valley of Davenport.

Masonic Moment

An added feature to honor our noted Brothers so we don't forget their contributions to Masonry, our country and the world.

Catherine I, Czarina of Russia (1684-1727) She was of Livonian peasant origin, taken prisoner in 1702 and made a serf of Prince Menshikov. She attracted the attention of Peter I (The Great) q.v. who established the first Masonic lodge in Russia. First she was his mistress and advisor. Later married him and succeeded him as empress in 1725-27. Shortly after their marriage in 1712 she obtained permission from Peter to found the Order of St. Catherine, an order of knighthood for women only of which she was grand mistress. It was a quasi-Masonic body.

~ *The Valley Herald* ~

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Fraternally Yours,
Joe Laleman
Secretary/Registrar

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