

Joseph Francis Edwards

Memorial Service

September 24, 2022

at San Pedro Lodge No. 55

Benson Arizona



Masonic Memorial Service
Confered by
Dr. John Lervold
Grand Master
Cryptic Masons of Arizona

Open
Prayer
Masonic Service
Closing Prayer
Call to Family and Friends
Closing



Joseph Francis Edwards

June 7, 1935 ~ August 30, 2022

Obituary

Joseph (Doby) Francis Edwards, age 87, died in his home in Benson, AZ on August 30, 2022.

Born June 7, 1935 in Indianapolis, IN to Gladys Burgin and Joseph Edwards.

His grammar school days were spent at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School in Irvington on the eastside of Indianapolis.

High School at Warren Central in eastern Marion County was followed by a stint with the U.S. Naval Reserve at the end of the Korean War.

Entered Ball State Teachers College at Muncie, IN in the fall of 1954, where he met and married Roberta Louise Morin in 1956, and graduated in 1958 with a Bachelor in Science and Education.

He did his Masters work at Notre Dame University in South Bend, IN.

Taught science at Buena Vista and Bowie High Schools until his retirement on The Whizbang Ranch in Benson, AZ, where he and his wife kept a flock of commercial sheep for his grandchildren's 4-H projects.

Became a Freemason in 1995, receiving the title of Worshipful Master in 1999 and Illustrious Grand Master in 2007.

Joe is survived by his sister Anna and niece Julie, five children; Victoria Anne Edwards-Barger, Elizabeth Jo Edwards, J. Matthew Edwards, Antoinette Lee Wielkie and Margaret Ellen Edwards Graver. Twelve grandchildren; Jessica Acosta, Kyle Edwards, Chelsea Cherry, Drew Pace, Bryce Edwards, Molly Graver, Cole Wielkie, Alex Edwards, Samantha Graver, Wyatt Wielkie, Jacqueline Joy and Belle Crawford. Seventeen great grandchildren; Adam, Dylan, Diego and Liam Saenz. Kaden and Kylie Edwards. McKenzie, Charlotte and Lilly Cherry. Brock Pace. Benjamin and Brett Lyle, Blake Royce. Oliver and Cooper Edwards. Carter Joy and Jupiter Wielkie. Two great great grandchildren; Elijah Malachi and Izaiah Israel Saenz.

Preceded in death by his wife of 66 years, Roberta Louise Morin Edwards (Bobby Lou), his sister Jayne Edwards and his great great granddaughter Rosalina Isabella Saenz.



M.:I.: Joseph Francis Edwards
Grand Master of Cryptic Masons 2007
Masonic History

Blue Lodge

San Pedro Lodge No. 55
Initiated - Entered Apprentice 10/24/1995
Passed - Fellowcraft 01/02/1996
Raised - Master Mason 03/19/1996
Worshipful Master - 12/01/1999 - 11/30/2000
Secretary 2001 - 2003
DDGM 2001 - 2003
Grand Orator - Arizona Grand Lodge 2002-2003



York Rite

Sierra Vista York Rite
Coronado Chapter 20
Exalted 10/28/1996 Excellent High Priest 2001
Adoniram Council 14
Greeted 10/28/1996 Illustrious Master 2006, 2009
Burning Taper Commandery 15
Knighted 10/29/1996 Eminent Commander 2002, 2004

Most Illustrious Grand Master 2007 - 2008

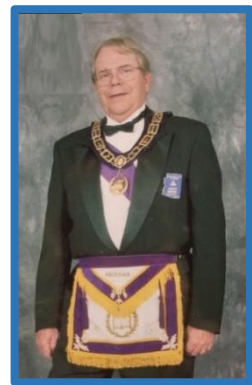
Arizona Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Arizona
Helios York Rite - Bonita Council 9 - Willcox
Tucson Red Cross of Constantine
Installed 2001, Puissant Sovereign 2006
White Rose York Rite College, Knighted in 1998, Governor 2004
Knight of York Grand Cross of Honour - KYGCH - 2007

Scottish Rite

Tucson Scottish Rite 32° - 4/25/1997
Knight Commander of the Court of Honour - KCCH - 2005



Most Illustrious Grand Master
2007 - 2008



Grand Orator
Arizona Grand Lodge
2002-2003