



Charles Matie

Charles W. Matie, (known to all his friends and associates as Slim), a truly dedicated and well known member of the Masonic Fraternity passed away recently on May 18, 2010.

Although Slim was born in Tidiovtte, PA on September 5th 1924, he considered Buffalo his home and he and his family moved here when Slim was nine years old. After completing his education in the Buffalo Schools, he served with distinction in the United States Army, receiving a Purple Heart and an honorable discharge.

Throughout his adult life, Slim has dedicated his leisure time to his community, having served on many local committees. However, in 1963 Slim joined the Masonic Fraternity becoming a member of Mystic Art Lodge #899 and never looked back.

In 1970 he became Master of Mystic Art Lodge, followed in 1984-85 as District Deputy Grand Master, representing the Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York and responsible for 17 lodges in the First Erie District.

Since his initiation in 1963, Slim has joined and held life memberships in many Masonic bodies, including his own Mystic Art Lodge. He was a life member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite-Buffalo, NY Consistory; Ismailia Temple AAONMS of Buffalo; Masonic Past Masters Association; PHD's from Ismailia Temple. Slim held a dual life membership from Fraternal Lodge #625; an honorary member for life of Springville Lodge #351. While Slim was the Committee Chairman in the Western Region of the State of New York on the Leaf Program, Belfast Lodge #229 made him an Honorary Member for Life and he was also made a life member of the Past Masters Association in the district of Alleghany.

At the time of his passing Slim was also a representative from the Masonic Service Bureau to the Erie County Masonic Foundation, Inc., of which he was Chairman of the Board. Slim's other Masonic memberships include Beulah Chapter of the Eastern Star #176; Kenmore Shrine Club; Knights of Mecca; the Yoshi Shrine Club.

In addition to his Blue Lodge activities, Slim was a member of the Royal Arch Masons; Tonawanda Keystone #71; Hamburg Council #91; Lake Erie Commandery #020; Niagara Frontier York Rite College #77; St. Mark's Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; Royal Order of Jesters Buffalo Court #22; a life member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Manwell Clan of the Royal Order of Scotland in Tampa, FL.

Slim enjoyed a very successful business career in Lackawanna as an employee and then proprietor of Standard Auto Parts where he worked for over 50 years. While working at Standard Auto he became a member of the Truck and Bus Maintenance Association of Western New York, an organization he belonged to up until the time of his passing. He was also a life member of the 100 Plus Club of Buffalo, a member of the National Rifle Association, a life member of the American Legion Post #0567 and a life member of the V.F.W. #6247 in Orchard Park, NY.

Slim has stood tall among his peers and in his community for his caring nature and involvement in our area. He was truly an outstanding citizen, and good friend to all who knew him.

Beloved brother of Betty (late Joseph) Hojnowski & the late Joseph (Doris) Matie, Beatrice (late Nicholas) Nagurney & Barbara (late John) Jeppsson. Also survived by many nieces & nephews.

Friends received at the LAKESIDE MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC. 4199 Lake Shore Rd (corner of Camp Rd. & Rt. 5) Hamburg NY 627-2919 Thursday from 4-8 PM where funeral services will be held on Friday at 10 AM. Please make online condolences at www.lakesidefuneralhome.com. Charles A. Castiglia, Director.