

Robert Charles Williams

1933 - 2021



Better known to us as Brother Bob Williams. He passed to the Grand Lodge above on Thursday 7th January 2021 aged 87 after a short illness in the Weston Super Mare hospital. He is survived by his wife Brenda, who herself is very unwell and three children, Steven, Vanessa and Russell together with grandchildren and great grandchildren. He was born on the 21st July 1933 in Streatham London where he spent his early years.



During the second world war, as a 6-year-old child, he was evacuated to Stogumber in Somerset. He had many pleasant memories of his time spent on a local farm. After completing national service in the RAF, he was employed and worked in the furniture trade before a long career in the carpet and flooring trade. He moved to Bristol in the early 1960's. In 1971 he founded Mendip Carpets. He opened a shop located in



the Nailsea high street and it proved to be a very successful venture. When he retired his eldest son, Steven took on the business and recently sold it and retired himself.

In the 1960's Bob was a keen footballer and played for Nailsea. He donated the very first "White footballs" when the newly installed floodlights were installed at the Grove playing fields.

Bob was a very prominent and respected local businessman. He became an important and active member of the Nailsea Lions Club. It was through this organisation that he met Phillip Cleverdon, a member of Estune Lodge, who was also an active member of Rotary and Lions. In November 1993 he joined Estune Lodge having been proposed by Jonathan Skeeles, a local Pharmacist, and seconded by Phillip Cleverdon. Bob was initiated, passed and raised as a Master Mason in April 1994. Bob was a colourful character always full of jokes and fun to be with. He also did his bit for charitable events over many years and certainly helped with promoting the Nailsea Masonic Hall by providing all the carpeting and flooring and organising the "Big Band Night" social event.



Bob started his progression as inner guard in 2008 and worked his way through all the offices to occupy the WM's chair in 2013. And what a year that was, culminating in a sell out Ladies weekend away in a hotel in the New Forest. Oh! What a night we had!

In September 2015 Bob took on the important office as Almoner for Estune Lodge, an office he held until his death this year. He discharged his duties for over five years with aplomb and was well liked by all our widows. In October 2005 Bob became a founder member of the Sir Isaac Newton Lodge meeting in the Nailsea Masonic Hall. He had the active office of Junior Warden in 2019/20

and was looking forward to becoming master. In April 2018 he was honoured with the Provincial rank of Past Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.



His funeral was for family and close friends and was held at the 12th century St Bridget's church, Chelvey, where he was finally interred. His cortege consisted a magnificent horse and carriage, a fitting last ride through the town where he was a man well respected by the local community. Bob was a larger-than-life character who enjoyed and lived life to the full. We will all miss him.

