

In Memoriam



The portrait of the Very Rev. Ernest MacEachern painted after his death and hung in the Parish Hall, a gift from the Episcopal Churchwomen. At the left, Mrs. Catherine Cain, then president of the Episcopal Churchwomen, and Mrs. Ruth MacEachern.

Following the sudden and tragic death of the Rev. Ernest MacEachern the Episcopal Churchwomen commissioned Lurabell Colburn to paint his portrait and the completed work was hung in the Parish Hall.

It was felt that special honor was due him not only for his many years of service to Grace Church during which the Parish Hall was built and later a four-room addition to house the ever growing Church School and the largest confirmation classes in the history of the church which built the membership to unprecedented numbers but also his many services to the community. These included active participation in the Masonic Lodge in which he received the 32nd degree in 1958; with the Order of the Eastern Star, Fidelity Chapter, which he served as

Worthy Patron, together with his wife, Ruth, Worthy Matron and later as District Grand Lecturer of Cattaraugus District; as a trustee of Western New York Children's Home and as an active fireman with the Randolph Fire Company.

His highest honor however, which was, as well, a high honor for Grace Church, was to be named Dean of the Cattaraugus County Deanery serving in 1964 and 1965.

It has been said that God does not want us to do extraordinary things; He wants us to do ordinary things extraordinarily well. We can believe that Ernest MacEachern did so many ordinary things so extraordinarily well that he became an extraordinary man and in the doing earned the respect and love of all who knew him.