**OBITUARY, Ivor George ROBERTS February 1937 – December 2018 (a compilation).**

**A farmer, Ivor was, nevertheless, committed to Freemsonry after being initiated in to Vivary Lodge in 1976, becoming Wm of several lodges including Queen’s College Lodge 6988 which he joined in 1977 (Wm 1989 and 2006). He was Exalted in to St George’s Chapter in 1978; was a founder member of Somerset Farmers Lodge 1986; appointed to active rank of ProvincialAGDC in 1993 and to Grand Rank as PAGDC in 1996. In his latter years he suffered ill health with Parkinson’s, eventually requiring care 24/7.**

**Born in 1937, educated at Queen’s College 1946-52, Ivor farmed all his life at Wick Farm, Norton Fitzwarren. His funeral was held at the village Church of St Giles, Bradford on Tone, packed with 250 people including many from Queen’s Lodge, accompanied by their wives. His grandsons, Tom (OQ 1996-2009) and Henry (1997-2011) participated in the service while his brother, Martyn (1955-59) gave the eulogy. While at Queen’s, Ivor showed his prowess as a versatile sportsman. Through most of his life he was supported by Gill, his wife of 58 years – his teenage sweetheart! Ivor leaves his widow, Gill, two sons, Christopher and Philip and a daughter, Susanna.**

**WBro Peter Thomas (1957-64) spoke movingly at Queen’s installation meeting on 16th March 2019 about WBro Ivor’s life and extensive involvement with freemasonry generally, recalling with great affection their travels together for over 30 years to a variety of lodges. They grew up on adjoining farms. WBro Peter said that as DC, Ivor disliked the use of books at either rehearsals or meetings reliably offering that quiet prompt himself when necessary. A well respected Brother who you could ‘bounce a problem off’, receiving a gentle response which was not always what you wanted to hear which, on reflection, was probably right!**

**WBro Peter said Ivor would have been humbled by the large gathering at his funeral, especially the guard of honour of freemasons outside the church on the way to the graveside; he asked those at the meeting to rise in respect of departed merit to reflect on their own personal thoughts and memories of a fine man who never lost sight of the fact that his family and business had to come first before his love of freemasonry. RBB. March 2019.**