

Past International President John L. Stickley Passes Away



Past International President John L. Stickley, who served in Lionism's highest office during 1956-57, passed away June 5.

The association was represented at funeral services by International President William L. Woolard, a long-time friend and fellow club member of Lion Stickley in the Charlotte (Central), North Carolina, Lions Club.

Past President Stickley's dedication to serving others began in 1937 when he joined the Central Lions. He was a life member of the club at the time of his death.

He served as a district governor in 1950, earning the 100% District Governor award. During 1951-53, he served as an international director, and at the association's 39th annual convention in Miami in 1956, was elected international president.

During his presidential year, he traveled more than 250,000 miles visiting his fellow Lions, and was decorated by several governments for his devotion to his fellow man.

Lion Stickley was active in many community activities. He served as deacon of the Meyers Park Baptist Church, was active in scouting, served as president of the board of directors of Wingate College and was a member of the Salvation Army advisory board in Charlotte.

In 1956, Lion Stickley was named Man of the Year in his community.

He spent his career in the textile industry, achieving international prominence as the head of the John L. Stickley and Company sales agency, which specialized in yarns and raw materials.

Past International Stickley is survived by his wife, Jennie, three children, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

