

## **THE ACCOMPLISHED - B. DOUGLAS TOWNSHEND**

### **PERSONAL**

B. Douglas Townshend was born in Nashua, NH in 1934, and has one sister, Lee. On August 19, 1961, he married Theresa M. Patnaude (Teri). They have two sons, Bruce, born in October of 1962, and Kevin, born in November of 1963. He is also a grandfather to four grandchildren, Betiane, 14; Tyler, 12; Jessica, 9; and Blake, 9..

### **EDUCATION**

Doug Townshend attended Lowell Schools and graduated from Lowell High School in 1952. While in Lowell High School, he was a member of the school band, playing trumpet, and sang in his church choir as a bass. He was also a Cadet Officer. Upon graduation, he attended Lowell State Teachers' College, graduating in 1956. He was a member of the Concert Choir and Concert Band all four years. During 1955 and 1956, he was an Officer of MENC.

### **MILITARY**

Immediately following college he was in the U.S. Army from 1957-1959. He was a Chaplain's Assistant assigned to 23<sup>rd</sup> ENGR BN, Hanau, Germany for 18 months. Moving on to Birchtsgarten, Germany, he was the Senior and Junior Choir Director. In 1958, he was chosen to conduct the Protestant men of the chapel in the performance of 2 songs "How Great Thou Art" and "A Mighty Fortress is Our God".

### **TEACHING**

His first professional job was in New Haven, CT as a music teacher for 5 schools. From April 1959 to June 1961, he was the Music Supervisor for the Elementary and Junior High School in Newport, NH. He then taught music, grades kindergarten through 12 in Sunapee, NH. He started and organized school band for the spring concert and for Sunapee High School Graduation in 1961. He returned to Lowell and was a permanent substitute teacher at the Moody School from 1961 to 1962. In 1962, he became the Music Supervisor for the Wilmington School System until 1966. Then came Lowell High School, where he was to stay from 1966 to 1997. Here, Mr. T, as he was known to all, was the Choral Master and Majorette coach. He directed the Concert Chorus, A Cappella Choir, Potpourri Folk Singers, Red Vesters, Show Choir and barbershop quartets, both girls and boys. He also directed 25 Broadway shows at the high school. He retired from teaching on 2/28/97.

## **AFFILIATIONS**

Doug was involved in Demolay from 1949 to 1955, as preceptor for 1 year and Chaplain for 4 years. He was the Chairman of the outing in 1953, and Editor of Chapter newspaper, LOCHORDEM for 3 years. In 1960 he was raised to Master Mason of the Mt. Vernon Lodge #15, Newport NH.

He joined SPEBSQA in Andover from 1970 to 1972 and in Lowell from 1975 to 1981, Portland, ME in 2001, and Sarasota, FL in 2002.

He has been a member of Kora Temple of the Shrine since June 2002

## **SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

Doug Townshend has been involved in many Special Activities. He was the Director/Supervisor of the Recreation Program for Retarded Children from 1968 to 1971. He established the Choral Arts Scholarship Award in 1975 and was the Director of the Eliot Church Choir from 1985 to 2000. He conducted the Lowell Regatta Chorus from 1986 - 1990. He created a Parent Support Group for the Show Choir and Choral Arts in 1990. Doug then went on to establish the B. Douglas Townshend Choral Arts Scholarship Fund. In March of 1997, the Alumni Chorus was founded, pledging support to the scholarship efforts and on January 5, 2001, the Alumni Scholarship Award was established.

For close to 50 years, B. Douglas Townshend has been touching the lives and hearts of young men and women in a most positive manner, leaving them with the love of music and countless fond memories.