



# RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK: **PSALMS Chapter 122**

## BON VO YAGE STEVE!

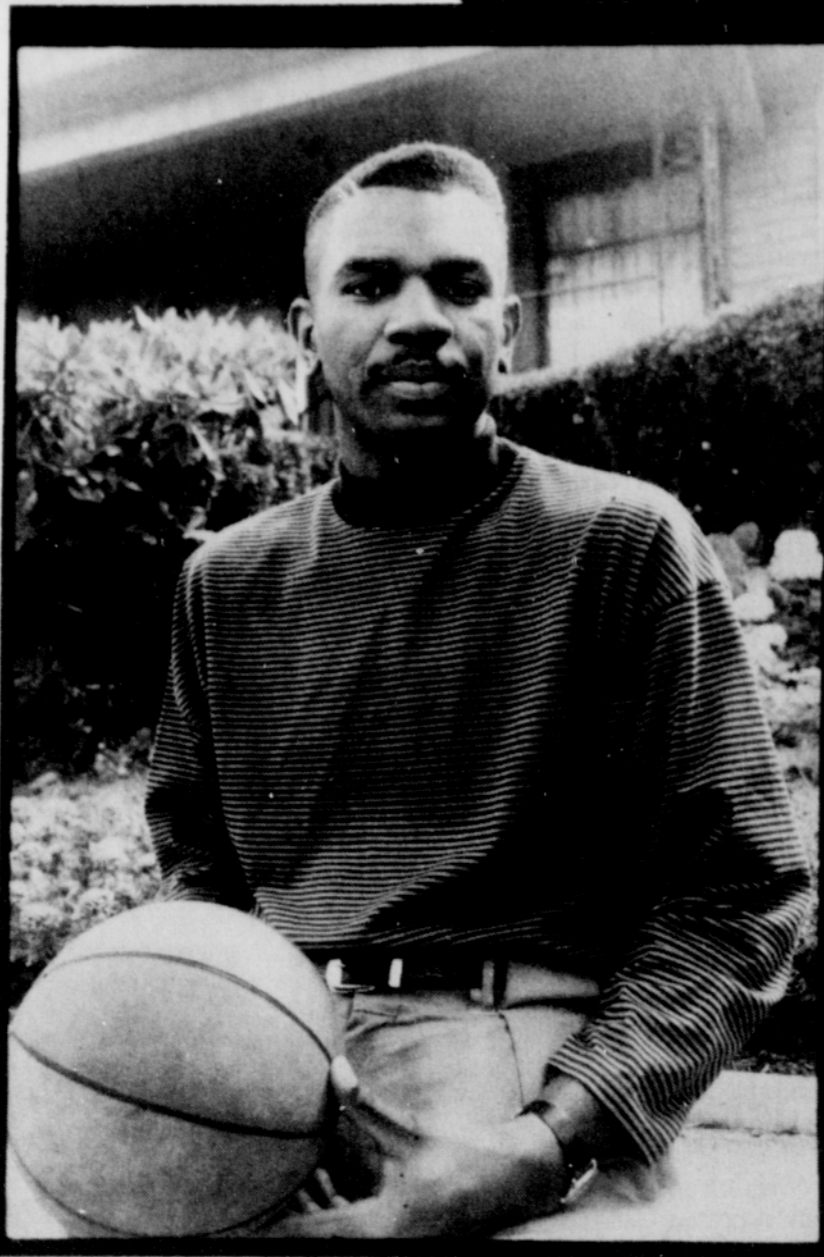
By Mattie Callier-Spears

On August 16th, at 6:45 a.m., Steven Harold Adams boarded an Alaskan Airline airplane headed for Frankfurt, West Germany. The Adams' family and many friends and well-wishers assembled at the Adams' home on Monday, August 14th, to eat Bar-B-Q, sing songs, take pictures, laugh and to just reminisce about basketball days, college, old times with Mr. Walden's Albina Sports Program, church events and some occasions that Steve and his buddies could only enjoy. Every now and then, someone would say something that would cause such an outburst of laughter between one or two people. Everybody would be looking! Then, conversation would resume. Everybody was just having a real good time.

Rev. Leaneil Adams, the pastor of St. Luke COGIC, and Pinkie B. Adams are the proud parents of Steve and three other sons: Larry, Wayne and Ray.

All through Steve's basketball career, the Adams' family has traveled many miles to watch their son (and brother) as he dribbled down the court, dunked the balls and stacked up the points.

Mrs. Pinkie Adams recalls the reason for Steve's quickness on the court, "Steve attended Sabin School and when the bell would ring, at the end of the day, Steve would hit the door running. He wouldn't stop running until he got home. I would ask him why did he have to run so much?" Steve's response was simply, "just because I feel like running all the time." His mother continued by saying, "He ran a lot." As Mrs. Adams recounted the many pictures she has accumulated from the years of articles that have been printed on Steve, "I have a picture of Steve during a game at the University of Idaho. In the picture, Steve is so high up in



the air...It just brought back to mind how my child loved to run."

Steve received an offer to play basketball for the European Basketball association during his time at Western Baptist College in Salem, Oregon. There, Steve broke the all-time scoring record with 1,039 points. The saying goes that "He played like an unstoppable machine." He was overwhelmingly acknowledged by his team mates (the WBC Warriors), the NAIA and the NCCAA leagues. Steve received the Pete Maravich Memorial Award from the NCCAA and from the NAIA, he received recogni-

tion as the District II Player of the Year and First Team All-American. In doing so, Steve became the first Portlander to ever become an NAIA All-American. The last person from Oregon to receive such recognition was Don Hiebentahl. Don was also a student at Western Baptist College, in 1979.

The NAIA District II Division has featured 6 of the 7 All-Americans. The last District II Division All-American was Elgin Baylor, in 1955 out of the college of Idaho.

Rev. Leaneil Adams, Steve's father played a little basketball in High

School in Dermott, Arkansas. His brother Ray, the baby of the bunch, has played for Walla Walla Community College in Walla Walla, Washington and Treasure Valley Community College in Ontario, Oregon, as a point guard. Ray will be attending Southwestern State University this fall, in Marshall, Minnesota, on an athletic scholarship.

Steve will be overseas for 10 months. He was issued a round trip ticket--so that, if he should, for any reason, be unhappy with the climate, the arrangements or whatever--he could return after a 10-day trial.

Also attending Steve's going away party was his long-time friend Ulf Hansson Von Spears, Ulf's wife, of two years, Carrie and Steve's great aunt Mrs. Nettie Brocks.

The North/Northeast Community of Portland, Oregon and the staff of the Portland Observer wish to congratulate STEVEN HAROLD ADAMS for a job well done. His proclivity in the sport of basketball and his love for others shapes us to proclaim an exuberant CONGRATULATIONS!!!

## OBITUARY

Althene DeLois Hines Norwood

Althene DeLois born, February 28, 1947 in Portland, Oregon, was the first child of Alfred Rivers III, and Jeraldine Tripp. She graduated from Jefferson High School, Portland, Oregon in 1965. After high school, she attended Portland Community College, where she studied Criminal Justice. She worked as a secretary for the Police Department, Federal Government and in other offices in the Portland area.

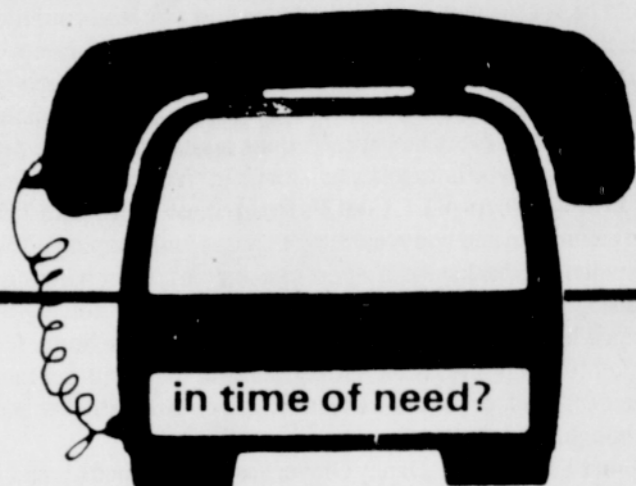
On July 29, 1974, she married Richard Norwood, Sr., to this union two children were born. Along with working outside the home, she was a housewife and mother. Althene was very family oriented and loved everyone dearly. Some of her hobbies included watching sports and cooking.

She leaves to mourn husband, Richard Norwood, Sr., four children,



Anthony Hines, Tamara Hines, Monique Norwood, and Richard Norwood, Jr., mother Jeraldine Tripp, father, Alfred Rivers III, stepfather, Leroy Tripp, two sisters, Emily Baker and Kim Rivers, one brother, Alfred Rivers IV, grandmother Lessie Rivers, grandson Antonio Rivers, granddaughter, Zoe Erickson, aunt Ruby Dixon and a host of relatives and friends.

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This is the second year that the choir has been asked to fellowship with the Goodwill Baptist Church. It

was during this time last year that they were asked to participate in the Senior Choir and the Male Chorus's Annual Day of celebration.

The New Hope Mass Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy Davis, sang at the 11 a.m. worship service and gave a full-gospel concert at 3 p.m.

The mass choir returned to Portland, by cars and a mini van, exhausted and totally drained; but, they were all recounting the times when each member was overcome by the Holy Spirit. "We had a good time", they exclaimed. And so did the congregation of Goodwill and the per-

sons who were in attendance. The concert was a tremendous success.

Rev. Walter Brown continues to serve as the interim pastor of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church until the Lord sends them a full-time minister/pastor.

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