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Obituary

Ruth M. Johnson

October 16, 1913 to November 12, 1997
Services were held at Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes on November 15, 1997 for Ruth M. Johnson. Interment at Pine Grove Cemetery in Hood River, OR.
Ruth was born October 16, 1913 in Kalama, WA.
She worked as a billing clerk in the trucking industry retiring at age 65.
Survivors:
John Johnson Husband Portland, OR
Gary Johnson Son Escondido, CA
Carmen Sorg Daughter Portland, OR
Pamela Sue Cole Daughter Portland, OR
Arthur J. Johnson Brother Tigard, OR
Carl R. Johnson Brother Vancouver, WA
A host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Willie Walter

January 1, 1915 to November 17, 1997
Services were held for Willie Walter on November 21, 1997 at Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes and procession and concluding services were held at Rose City Cemetery.
Willie was born in Singer, LA.
Willie worked as a Chipper/Grinder for Pacific Steel Co. until retiring in 1971, he was there for 25 years.
Survivors:
Hampton Walter Son Portland, OR
Deborah Elliott Daughter Portland, OR
Clara Price Daughter Portland, OR
Sadie Bingham Daughter Portland, OR
and a host of other relatives and friends.
Preceded in death by his wife; Leana Walter and one daughter Dalphine Walter.

Gospel Greats Tour 80 Cities

Two of gospel music's hottest groups, Men Of Standard and The Williams Brothers, will perform on the massive Power '98 Tour that will blanket America.

Seldom have two groups had such a positive, major impact on gospel music--and the five-month tour will continue that trend.

The power '98 Tour will showcase the best gospel music with concerts in 80 U.S. cities. It will kick off Jan. 14, 1998 in Charleston, S.C. and close May 10, 1998 in Houston, Texas.

The itinerary runs from Los Angeles' Universal Theatre to Philadelphia's famed Academy of Music, from New York's Beacon Theatre to Seattle's Key Arena, and from Nashville's Grand Ole Opry to Peoria. More dates will be added in the coming months. Rehearsal will be in Detroit Jan. 4 to 11.

The careers of both Men of Standard and The Williams Brothers have caught fire in 1997. Each are nominated for a flurry of Stellar Awards, which are gospel music's highest annual awards, and both groups have earned other major honors.

The tour, which will be presented by ALW & Walt "Baby" Love, will showcase eight artists. Others also featured will be Fred Hammond & Radical For Christ, Hexekiah Walker & The Love Fellowship Crusade Choir, Dottie Peoples & The Peoples Choice Chorale, Vickie Winans, Karen Clark-Sheard and Marvin Sapp.

Men Of Standard - (L to R) Michael Bacon, Bryan Pierce, Lowell Pye, Isaac Carree.

Men of Standard and The Williams Brothers' new Billboard-charted hit albums, respectively, are the namesake disc Men of Standard on Malaco's Muscle Shoals Sound Gospel (MSSG) label and the new Still Standing on the Williams family's own Blackberry label, which Malaco distributes.

The Gospel Greats Tour 80 Cities will be in Portland, OR at the Civic Auditorium on April 8, 1998.

Religion Today

"If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven."

Matthew 19:21

Eleanor Boyer's house is paid for. She has her pension. And no, even though her 1968 Chevy Malibu is in the shop, she doesn't need a new car.

What could she possibly want with the $11.8 million she won this month in the state lottery?

"God takes care of me," declared Ms. Boyer, a 73-year-old, never-married retiree who prides herself on her self-reliance and her unshakable faith.

Ms. Boyer decided to make her newfound wealth a gift to everyone but herself, donating the $8 million or so, after taxes, to her church and her town.

Although the donation stunned the congregation at Church of the Immaculate Conception and a community where the locals are kind enough to nod and smile at strangers, theologians said Ms. Boyer's gift should not surprise Christians who have faith.

"We are constantly being called during the course of life to let go and to trust in God," said Monsignor David Lee of the Buffalo diocese. "In her heart, she is answering the call, to share what we have with those who are in need."

But one of her pastors, Brian Nolan, said even the most giving souls don't necessarily give it all.

"Your faith doesn't teach you to give all your wealth away," Nolan said. "There's just a deep spirit there."

A week after reporters from around the nation descended on her modest, immaculate Cape Cod home, Ms. Boyer appeared bored by the questions.

"I always said if I won I'd give half of it to the church," she said, shrugging in her faux fur hat and trench coat as she waited for a neighbor to drive her to a meeting with the church's financial adviser.

Ms. Boyer has spent a lifetime of giving and praying, rising at 5:30 each day to pray at home, then at 7 a.m. Mass. She taught catechism classes and helped count collection money over the years for the 2,800-family congregation.

She also nurtured those beyond her church family, taking early retirement from a chemical company where she worked as a buyer to nurse her sick mother for seven years.

On her block, next-door neighbor Dave Allena says, "she's the one that shovels everybody's sidewalk" when it snows.

Allena says he and other neighbors have had to persuade Ms. Boyer not to give every cent of her winnings to others because of the high taxes charged to first-time millionaires in New Jersey.

"She gives too much away, she's not going to be able to pay her tax liability," he said. "So they're going to come and take her house."

But many organizations in this town of 12,000 about 50 miles west of New York City are celebrating a windfall, including the town's rescue squad, the volunteer fire department, and Great Expectations, a clinic where up to six homeless, pregnant women find shelter.

"It's a dream come true," said clinic director Peg Wright of the donation. She says she wants to pay for a discharge plan that oversees the women's progress for a year after giving birth.

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"In Thee, O Lord, Do I Put my trust: Let me never be put to confusion"
Psalm 71:1

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