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Obituaries

In loving memory of

Mrs. Verna Wilson

Sunrise October 5, 1919 — Sunset December 21, 1999

Mrs. Verna Wilson was born in Mineral Springs on October 5, 1919, she was a Home Maker.

Verna leave to cherish her memory:
Wanda Smith Daughter Portland, OR
Cleasther Davis Daughter Portland, OR
Zoleta Banks Daughter Portland, OR
Melvenia Allotey Daughter Portland, OR
Earleane Perry Daughter Portland, OR
Gilbert Davis Son Bakersfield, CA
Ronald Davis Son Colorado Springs, CO
Ralph Lee Davis Son Anchorage, AK.

In loving memory of

Tinnie Mae Warren

Maiden Name Allen

Sunrise November 9, 1908 — Sunset January 5, 2000

Tinnie Mae Warren was born in Linden Texas on November 9, 1908, she moved to Portland in 1955, and worked for the Goodwill Industries until 1965. Tinnie loved traveling , serving, meeting people, and she belonged to Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church.

Tinnie Mae leaves cherish her memory:
Marie Dunn Daughter Portland, OR
Johnnie Warren Son Portland, OR
Ruth Dawson Daughter Portland, OR
Alfreedia Brown Daughter Portland, OR
Eula Allen and Inez Allen Sisters Portland, OR
Louvenia Irvin & Katherine Mosby Sisters LA California
Vinola Birdsong Sister Linden, TX
Norman Allen Brother Dallas, TX
Christine Palmore Adopted Daughter Portland, OR
Georgia Allen Step Sister Portland, OR

In loving memory of

Arneda Battle Givens

Sunrise April 23, 1912 — Sunset December 21, 1999

And

Wilburt Murlin Givens (Gipp)

Sunrise January 21, 1938 — Sunset January 4, 2000

Arneda Battle Givens was the first child born to the loving union of Eally Battle and Mary Gregors Battle in Wellston, Oklahoma on April 23, 1912. Armeda attended Douglas Grammar School in Fallis, OK & Dunbar High School in Wellston, OK and completed business classes at Yakima Valley College in Yakima, Washington.

In 1930, she united with Bethlehem Baptist Church in Fallis, Oklahoma, Rev. Brown was her Pastor. She often shared with family members her experience when she received Christ. She said, "The Holy Spirit Jesus that had come into her life. She was a great woman of faith and believed God. She wrote in her autobiography that her favorite song is "I'm Going To Trust In The Lord" and her favorite hymn is "Guide Me Oh Thou Great Jehovah." She served in the Church at Fallis as Secretary of the Sunday School.

Arneda united in marriage to Princy Givens (who preceded her in death) at Fallis, Oklahoma in 1933 by Rev. G.E. Smith. Later they moved from Oklahoma to Chandler, Arizona in 1935. There she united with the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Rev. E.R. James, Pastor. She was active in Sunday School and the Church. Later, they moved to Phoenix, Arizona where she united with the St. John Baptist Church, Rev. L.J. Dunbar, Pastor. She was a teacher in the Sunday school and served as Secretary of the Church for 14 years. Her other services included President of the District Jr. Woman's Auxiliary for 3 years, Secretary of the Zion District Association for 7 years.

In 1965, Arneda & family moved to Yakima, Washington where she united with the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church. In 1969 the family moved to Portland, Oregon where she joined New Hop Baptist Church. Later, she united with St. Paul Baptist Church in 1972 under the Pastorate of Rev. John Holiday. Rev. Holiday resigned and moved away and Rev. James C.E. Faulkner was called to Pastor. Here at the St. Paul Baptist Church she continued her faithful work and witness, teaching in the Sunday School, Treasurer of the Church, Chairperson of the Deaconess and Mother's Board and Chairperson of the Dorcus Circle of the Missionary Department. Additionally, she also served in the Union District Association, Missionary II Auxiliary, Finance Secretary and District Sunday School Congress.

At the time of press deadline there was no information on Wilburt Murlin Givens, but hour hearts go out to the Givens family who lost their loving Mon and Brother during the Holiday Season, and at the beginning of the New Millenium.

15th Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards honors birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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"The Fifteenth Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards," honoring excellence in Gospel music, was held at the Atlanta Civic Center on January 8, 2000, in Atlanta, Georgia, for the second consecutive year. This celestial tribute features a talented congregation of stars from Gospel music and television.

An exciting two hour special, this glorious musical event centered around Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday.

The "Fifteenth Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards" is scheduled to air nationwide from January 14 to February 6, 2000.

The global community has been greatly influenced and impacted by Gospel music. This new millennium extravaganza salute to the finest in Gospel music with a phenomenal line-up of celebrity talent set to perform and present. Gospel legend Bobby Jones, Gospel artist Donnie McClurkin and Gospel diva Vicki Winans hosted the 2000 Stellar Gospel Music Awards. They were joined on stage with incredible performances by Yolanda Adams, Richard Smallwood & Vision, Gospel Gangstaz, Kim Burrell, Lamar Campbell & Spirit of Praise, Five Young Men, Krik Whalum featuring Paul Jackson Jr., Mighty Clouds of Joy, Nancey Jackson, Mississippi Mass Choir and New Direction.

This year's star-studded presenters were Kirk Franklin, Dottie Peoples, Gladys Knight, Spiritual Pieces, Ametria, Dawkins & Dawkins and Luther Barnes.

Also included in this year's celebrity line-up was Mathew St. Patrick ("All My Children"), Terri J. Vaughn ("The Steve Harvey Show"), Elise Neal ("The Hughleys"), Trina McGee-Davis ("Boy Meets World"), Dennis Haysbert ("Now & Again"), inspirational author and speaker lyanla Vanzant and Edafe Blackmon ("For Your Love").

In celebration of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday holiday, Central City Product9oins presents "The Fifteenth Annual Stellar Gospel Music Awards", a two-hour television tribute and awards show honoring contributions from the African-American Gospel music industry.

Gladys Knight will be one of the hosts of the upcoming award show.

Annual Inner Peace Retreat welcomes Bishop De Roo

The annual Inner Peace Retreat will be held on Saturday, February 5 at St. Pius X parish (1280 NW Saltzman Road) in Cedar Mill. The retreat will run from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. the Inner Peace Retreat is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Portland's Office of Justice and Peace, and is hosted this year by the Social Ministry Council of St. Pius X parish. The presenters for this year's retreat will be Bishop Remi De Roo, retired Bishop of Victoria, Canada, and Pearl Gervais. The morning session will focus on "Sources of Inner Peace," and the afternoon session will consider "Outer Justice Actions" as inner peace becomes alive in public life.

Bishop Remi De Roo was born and raised in Swan Lake, Manitoba. He was ordained a priest in 1950, and received a Sacred Theology Doctorate in 1952 from the Angelicum University in Rome. He was named Bishop of Victoria in 1962, and attended the Second Vatican Council as the youngest bishop in attendance. He has served on several committees of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, including the CCCB Social Affairs Commission form 1973 – 1987, and again from 1991 – 1995. He served a chairman of this Commission form 1980 – 1985, and served on the Vatican Commission for Culture.

Bishop De Roo has contributed to numerous publications on a variety of topics including spirituality, prayer, theology, ethics, peace, health care, and agriculture and the economy.

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