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Obituaries

Willie I. Davis

A funeral was held Monday, Sept. 25, 2000, in New Hope Missionary Baptist Church for Willie I. Davis, who died Sept. 20 at age 84.

Mr. Davis was born July 31, 1916, in Moscow, Ark., and moved to Portland in the early 1940s.

He was a laborer for Hoffman Construction for about 25 years, retiring in 1978, and a member of the church. In 1951, he married Arlene McGee.

Survivors include his wife; son, Willie J.; and two grandchildren.

Interment will be in Sunset Hills Memorial Park.

Arrangements are by Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes.

James Davis Jr.

A funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 22, 2000, in True Vine Missionary Baptist Church for James Davis Jr., who died Sept. 17 of cancer at age 67.

Mr. Davis was born Aug. 16, 1933, in Wharton, Texas, and grew up in Merced, Calif. During the Korean War, he served in the U.S. Air Force in Okinawa.

He moved to Los Angeles in the late 1950s and was a tire rereader for Firestone until retiring in 1986. He lived in Portland for the past 11 years. In 1959, he married Bonnie Ewell; she died in 1987. He married Lucy E. Clewis in 1989.

Survivors include his wife; daughter, Sheila A.; sons, Jimmy R., Reginald D. and Kevin C.; sisters, Rosie Perkins, Bertha McMurray and Lillie Jones; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Interment will be in Willamette National Cemetery. Arrangements are by Killingsworth Little Chapel of the Chimes.

Ethel V. Fleming

A funeral service was held Sept. 21 for Ethel V. Fleming at the Little Chapel of the Chimes, a.m. Ethel V. Fleming was born in Akrow, Ohio and died 9/14/00 at the age of 76 in Portland, Oregon.

Emanuel Hospital employed Mrs. Fleming as a Nurse practitioner where she retired in 1984.

She was a member of Lifeline Christian Church and she also enjoyed sewing, and gardening.

Survivors of Ethel V. Fleming husband Leroy Fleming of Portland, Cary Lee son of Cleveland, Ohio; Leroy Fleming Jr. son of Portland; Audrey Taylor daughter of Portland; Kathie Turner daughter of Portland; Robin Glover daughter of Portland; Larawda Fleming daughter of Portland; Fred Lee brother of Piza Italy;



"It took who I was where I've come from to make me who I am. My life has been a journey and it has always been easy. The song 'Jesus Is a Friend of Mine' tells my testimony. I don't think I could have this far if I didn't believe in Jesus." ---Aaron Neville

Neville debuts *Devotion*

Growing up in the Calliope Housing Project in New Orleans, Aaron Neville seemed torn between two very different worlds. There were the tough years spent growing up in the talented Neville family, gifted but unknown, scraping by in the Southern Louisiana of 40's and 50's.

Then when limited recognition eventually came to a young Aaron through the hit single "Tell It Like It Is," the notoriety was short-lived, and none of the money seemed to find its way back to the singer. He was still scraping to get by and provide for his family as a freight handler, longshoreman, ditch digger, or steel mill worker—whatever it took to pay the bills. But he never quit singing. In fact, he couldn't quit singing.

You might say Aaron Neville's distinctive, floating, iconic voice was already the stuff of legend—

even when he was just singing in out-of-the-way venues on his off nights, or wandering the streets harmonizing with his three brothers.

Now as four-time Grammy winner with 25+ million albums sold, numerous #1 hits, unending critical accolades, material success, and million of devoted fans around the world, Aaron Neville seems light years from where he began. And yet, in some ways, he hasn't traveled all that far.

His new EMI Gospel debut, *Devotion*, comes as an evocative, stirring collection of spirituals, hymns, and original songs of testimony and thanksgiving that lay bare the deeper sources of peace and yearning evident in all of Aaron's music, even from the earliest days. Co-produced by Aaron and longtime collaborator Steve Lindsey (Neville Brothers, Peter Gabriel, Leonard Cohen), and

with special guest appearances by stellar CCM artists like Avalon and Rachel Lampa, *Devotion* reaches far and wide to paint a backdrop for Aaron's entire life.

"Jesus Loves Me is really the center of the record," Aaron explains.

The recognition of God's provision in a turbulent world served as Aaron's inspiration to include a graceful remake of *Bridge Over Troubled Water* on his new project. Coupled with the personal testimony expressed in the spoken poetry of *Jesus Is a Friend of Mine*, *Bridge Over Troubled Water* provides a compelling insight into Aaron's faith experience.

"I hope these songs touch the hearts and soul of other people the way they touched mine," Aaron offers in summation. "I've been waiting to share them for long time."

Organ Dedication Concerts Continue

Organist Lee Garrett, Professor of Music and Organist at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, will present a concert at First Presbyterian Church of Portland on Sunday, October 8 at 1:00 p.m. This concert, third in a series of inaugural concerts for the church's new Jaeckel pipe organ, is a benefit for the 2001 Adult mission trip Northern India.

Dr. Garrett served as consultant to First Presbyterian's Organ Committee when the Jaeckel organ was chosen, and is donating his performance fee to India Mission Trip Fund. This trip will consist of a diverse group of adults and youth from the church's congregation. They will travel to old Delhi, bringing health supplies for St. Stephen's Hospital and Community Health Programs there. Leader of the trip is Dr. Ginny Feldman who spent

five months on a medical mission to India in 1999.

The program includes music from a variety of styles and periods, showing off the organ's many possibilities for color contrasts. Bach famous 'Passacaglia' will be heard, along with a 19th century passacaglia by American composer Daniel Pinkham with accompaniment of other instruments and prerecorded sounds. Works by Durufle, Messiaen, and Widor will also be presented.

Ticket for this Organ Dedication Concert are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students.

They are available from First Presbyterian Church, 1200 SW Alder, 97205, or from all Fastixx locations.

Contact Person: Lyn Loewi or Geri Miller 228-7331

Parenting Help Offered

We're Here... We Care the faith community of North/northeast Portland is offering a Free seminar on its Unifying Parents parenting classes on Thursday October 5, 2000 from 6:30 till 8:30 p.m. at Ainsworth United Church of Christ located at 2947 NE Ainsworth Portland.

If you are a parent, grandparent,

expecting or a want to be a parent this is the class for you.

This seminar will give you an overview of the twenty-week course and how it can help with challenges you face rearing children in today's society.

For more information contact We're Here... We Care 493-3136.

Dialogue for Neighborhood Leaders

An "Interracial Community Dialogue for Neighborhood Leaders" will take place over a six-week period during the months of October and November. The dialogues will begin Tuesday, October 17. The workshop will take place each Tuesday evening through November 20, 2000 from 7 PM to 9 PM City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave., in the Pettugrove Room. The event is co-sponsored by the City of Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement, metropolitan Human Rights Center and Oregon Uniting.

The dialogues, developed by Oregon Uniting provide an opportunity for participants to have an honest conversation on race, reconciliation and responsibility in a safe and supportive environment. Participants will work together toward common understanding on race as one step in building inclusive and diverse neighborhood associations. The Office of Neighborhood Involvement shares these objectives of interracial dialogue with Oregon uniting:

Building lasting relationships through honest dialogue and ongoing interaction.

Promoting interracial understanding and respect.

Building trust and cooperation across racial and cultural lines.

Facilitating the development of a just, unified vision of the community.

Planning specific actions to move towards this vision.

"The dialogue gives me an opportunity to share my opinions and experiences," says past dialogue participant Erik Hanamura. "It gives me a chance to improve myself by listening and learning from other people."

Oregon Uniting is multi-racial coalition of community, government, and religious groups founded in 1997 as part of a national initiative calling for actions to end racial division. Oregon uniting organizes interracial dialogues by pairing diverse civic, business and service organizations, churches, youth and community groups. Dialogues follow a 12-hour curriculum and are led by a bi-racial team of trained volunteer facilitators. Ideally each dialogue group consists of eight to twelve racially diverse participants. City Hall is wheelchair accessible. Take bus or MAX service to the downtown mall. The workshop is free and open to all but you must register in advance. For more information, contact Brian Hoop at 823-3075 or Joleen Jensen-Classen at 823-3203. TTY contact is 823-6868.



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