

RELIGION

'Vancouver Avenue' Chronicles Lives

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dividuals. The Vancouver Avenue Church was founded in 1944 in Vancouver, with approximately 25 African American members holding services in a one-room World War II housing project. Under the ministerial leadership of native Louisianan, Rev. Dr. O.B. Williams, the church moved to its current location at 3138

N. Vancouver Ave. and grew to include some 1,300-plus parishioners. A historical highlight to the book is a written capsule about the local African American community by long-time local historian and former city of Portland Commissioner Dick Bogle. Oregonian writer and local historian John Terry also contributed a written history piece about the Central Meth-

odist Church, a late 1800s Scandinavian congregation that once inhabited the current edifice of Vancouver Avenue Church. The edifice is historical both by its architecture and for the church's contributions to the community. It was built in 1909 when the area was known as the city of Albina. The building which turns 100 in September is one of the last remaining religious

structures with such long-time African-American roots in north and northeast Portland. During the 1960s, Vancouver Avenue was the central gathering site during the civil rights movement. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King once visited the church. The book also sheds historical light on the several local African American civic organizations that church members have been associated with,

such as the Prince Hall Masons, Eastern Star, the LINKS, the Association of Colored Women's Clubs and the Urban League of Portland. For 65 years, the Vancouver Avenue Church has been a place of spiritual refuge, rejoicing and renewal, a symbol of love, hope, community and charity. Often referred to as the "Place with a Heart-felt Welcome!" the church continues

to forge forward in Christ under the pastoral leadership of Rev. J.W. Matt Hennessee. Orders for a copy of the collector's limited edition book can be reserved by submitting \$65, plus \$13.50 for shipping and handling to The Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, 3138 N. Vancouver Ave., care of The History Book Office, Portland, OR 97227. For more information, call the church at 503-282-9496.

Smokey Norful Gospel Album Debuts No. 1

Grammy award winning artist Smokie Norful's new CD release Smokie Norful Live, debuted at #1 on the Billboard Top Gospel Album chart -- his second #1 CD debut and third #1 record. Recorded live in front of a standing room audience at The Cannon Center in Memphis, the 10-track CD was produced by Norful and Jason Tyson, and includes guest performances by Tony Award winning artist, Heather Headley and Stellar Award winner Tye Tribbett. "Smokie's hard work, talent and commitment to the ministry shine through on his new album," states Ken Pennell, President of EMI Gospel. In a recent "Critics' Choice" review, New York Times music critic Ben Ratliff writes that Norful is "a smooth but powerful singer in the Donny Hathaway mold."



Smokie Norful leads the Billboard Top Gospel chart with his latest CD release 'Smokie, Norful Live.'

Spring Revival at AME Zion

Community A. M. E. Zion Church, 3605 E. 13th St., in Vancouver, invites the public to attend its spring revival, 'A Healing Touch,' at 7 p.m. nightly, beginning Wednesday, April 22 through Friday, April 24. Rev. Keith I. Harris of Jackson Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church in Hempstead, N.Y., will serve as guest evangelist. For more information, contact Rev. Robert F. Kemp at 360-693-4566. For transportation, call the Van Transportation Ministry at 360-281-6679.

Dear Deanna!

A good friend and I became lovers and our friendship was ruined in the process. I had high hopes that our friendship was strong enough to bear any storm. Before we started dating I was with someone else sexually. I became pregnant and thought I was certain who the father was. We were all shocked when the paternity test indicated a third man in my life. I am torn inside, have lost my best friend and become a single parent. How can I at least get my friendship back? --Tammie; Richmond, Va.

Ask Deanna!



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recreational sex and loose morals. Your friendship was lost the moment you became intimate and completely killed with your pregnancy. Right now your focus is required to raise your child and get yourself together. If your friendship is meant to be then your pal will return. If not, learn from your silly mistakes, grow up and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

My girlfriend of two years destroyed me. I learned that the entire time we were dating she was seeing someone else. For a year she has been trying to pressure me into marriage but I wasn't ready. She ended her relationship with me and a few weeks later announced she was getting married. I see the things she wanted and I'm willing to look like a fool to get her back. She tells me that I blew my chances. I feel desperate and want to know is there anything I can do to get her back? --Sean; Memphis, Tenn.

her. You can look like a fool if you want but if she cheated on you with another man once, she'll do it again but next time things may be worse. You shouldn't allow a woman to have this kind of power. Get yourself together, hold your head up and work through your pain and wait for the lady that's meant for you.

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Dear Sean:

Instead of being a pathetic beggar, open your eyes and see that your girlfriend was a cheating two-timer. She played games with two men and chose the one that would marry

Dear Tammie:

You have made a mess of your life and blazed a trail of destruction. You should be embarrassed and ashamed of yourself with your

Mother, Grandmother Remembered



Annie Jenkins

Funeral services for Annie Jenkins were held Tuesday at Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church. She was born Aug. 22, 1927 in Jonesboro, La. Her mother Sarah, father Charlie Robinson and brother Ernest Robinson preceded her in death. She attended Franklin Parish High School in Winnsboro, La., but had to quit school to take care of her ill mother. She continued her education at Franklin Parish Training School where she received her C.N.A. degree. In 1941, she met Elmos Lee Jenkins. They married July 9, 1948. He preceded her in death in 1978. Their relationship was all about love and respect for each other. The Lord blessed their marriage and the couple held the threads to hold their family together. She was so loved and respected by everyone who knew her. She loved to fish even though sometimes the fish didn't bite. She loved the outdoors and spent quality time with her family, gardening, reading her bible and ministering to individuals. Her love for people was her ministry. She would open her door to help anyone. She received the Lord at an early age and was baptized at St. John Baptist Church in Winnsboro. She faithfully attended and served as church mother for St. Mark Baptist Church. In her time of illness, God's mercy and grace allowed her to reach her 81st birthday. Only God knew her appointed time and called her home on April 16, 2009 at 6:45 a.m., and said, "Well done my good and faithful servant. Annie leaves to cherish her love, life and legacy, her sons, Robert Lee Robinson and wife Willie Jean of Joliet, Ill., Willie L. Robinson and wife Gwen of Portland, LeRoy Robinson and wife Joanne of Houston, Texas; Elmos Lee Jenkins, Charles Jenkins, Bobby Jenkins and Rusty J. Jenkins and wife Barbara, all of Portland; her daughters, Mary S. Jenkins, Martha L. Jenkins, Clara A. Jenkins and Pamela Jenkins, all of Portland; 21 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and special friends. Arrangements by Terry Family Funeral Home.

Obituaries

In Loving Memory

Jimmie Green

Jimmie Green passed away on April 2, 2009, after a courageously battling congestive heart failure.



He was born in Ratio, Ark on Aug 18, 1923 to Harrison and Annie Mae Green. He joined the Navy in 1941 and served proudly on the USS Hydra. After World War II, he went to work for the VA hospital and worked there until he retired in 1983. He joined the U.S. Army Reserves in the 1950's and served honorably until he retired in 1981.

Jimmie met and married Almeta Cole in 1948 and they were married for 41 years. He was preceded in death by his wife Almeta, daughter Sheila Green and son Stephen Cole.

He is survived by daughters Gail Green of San Dimas, Calif.; Donna Green Nickelberry and son-law Nolan Nickelberry of Seattle; Debra G. Roper and son-in-law Gary Roper of Portland; and son Phillip Green and daughter-in-law Cynthia Green of Seattle; grandchildren LaTonya Anderson, Marcus Green, Shevon Johnson, Gary Roper Jr., Bryan and Nolan Nickelberry, and Danielle Roper; and 2 great grandchildren, Kielon and Alexander Anderson. He also leaves behind his sister Jessie Tate of Portland; his Aunt Margaret Brooks of San Diego and a whole host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Jimmie lived a very good life after his retirement; he enjoyed gardening, traveling and being with his family and friends. He served on several boards, the City of Portland Council on Aging, the Portland Urban League and the Council on Aging. He served as a volunteer at Urban League Multi-Cultural Senior Center.

The family requests that remembrances can be made to Urban League Multi-Cultural Senior Center, 5325 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland.

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