

RELIGION

In Loving Memory George Lee Burris Sr.

George Lee Burris Sr. was born Jan. 15, 1944 to Curtis Burris and Maggie Stapleton-Burris, in Fayette, Mo. He was the fifth of their nine children. In 1953 the family moved to Springfield Ill., where they became strongly rooted and settled. Many generations of the Burris family still live in Springfield, which is commonly referred to as the family's hometown.

He attended Withrow Elementary School and George Washington Jr. High in Springfield. At the age of 15, he discontinued his education to stay home and assist with raising his three younger brothers.

At the age of 16, he married Sharon Jones and together they had three sons. At 19, he met his current wife Barbara, and in 1964 they moved to Great Falls, Mont. where they married and grew their family with two daughters. While in Montana he worked as a cook at the Air Force base and later

at Columbia Hospital. In 1970, they loaded all their belongings in a 12-foot U-Haul trailer, put their daughters in the car and made the scariest drive of their lives through the LoLo pass of Montana as they relocated to Portland.

He took a job as a cook at Good Samaritan Hospital, and in 1974, he started working for Portland Public Schools in the maintenance department where he worked for 28 years before retiring in 2002. While in Portland, the family grew to include two more children.

George had a number of different hobbies. In the early 70's he became a part-time chicken farmer, raising 300 chickens on a small farm off Dixie Mountain Road. It was this hobby that created his nickname and CB handle "Chicken George". He spent many years talking on his CB radio



with his opening line of, "The Chicken's in the barn yard."

The Burris' loved RV'ing and camping. George and Barbara were members of the Ebony Rose RV Club. They enjoyed many outings with

club members, including trips to Yellowstone National Park, beaches, and numerous local and national rallies. RV'ing and camping fit perfectly with his favorite past time of fishing. George Burris loved fishing. He had so many favorite fishing holes. One of his favorite places to fish was the Powder River in Richland, Ore., but for the most part, his favorite fishing hole was the one where the fish were biting. The past few years included many breakfasts with the ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Club.

George leaves behind his wife Barbara of 48 years, sons George Jr. (wife Sheri) of Vancouver, Larry of

Decatur, Ill., Andre (wife Ellen) of Decatur, and Llord (wife Kawanna) of Portland; daughters Margaret of Portland, Brina of Portland, and Fran Williams of Houston Texas; 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren; sisters Helen Dickerson of Springfield, Mary Gilbert of Springfield, and Barbara Hollins of Apple

Valley, Calif.; brothers Curtis Burris of Portland, and John Burris of Tacoma.

Preceding him in death were his parents; sister Cordillia Goodwin, and brothers Lloyd Burris and James Burris.

Arrangements by Terry Family Funeral Home.

Clergy and Community Breakfast

Annual event supports breast cancer awareness

The Second Annual Worship in Pink Clergy and Community Breakfast hosted by Legacy Health will be held on June 14 at the Legacy Emanuel Medical Center Atrium, 501 N. Graham St. The event will begin at 7:30 a.m. Doors open at 7 a.m.

The goal of Worship in Pink is to partner with interfaith congregations and community organizations to provide breast cancer awareness and education to under-screened women in our communities, and increase the number of women receiving mammograms.



Bishop A. R. Obey

Last year, ambassadors from 33 interfaith congregations participated in orientations and trainings, receiving education, materials and resources for planning presentations and/or events for their congregations.

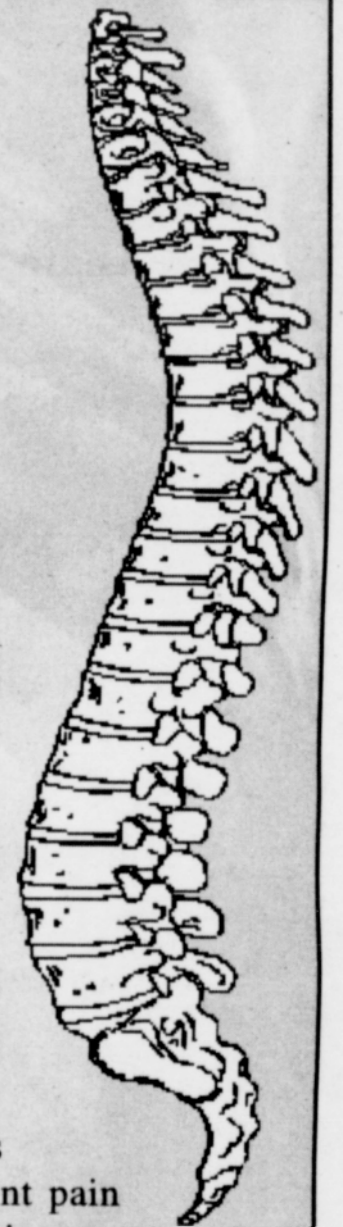
Bishop A.R. Obey, Senior Pastor of New Life Baptist Church in Lacey, Wash. will be the keynote speaker for the breakfast. Bishop Obey has been the pastor of New Life Baptist Church for over 17 years and a minister for over 41 years.

Reservations are required by Monday, June 4. Contact Kathy Kendrix at 503-735-1475 or email kathyk@empowermentgroupworld.com

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