

# RELIGION

## Potluck in the Park

Potluck in the Park's 19th annual holiday dinner is free to anyone in need.

The Tuesday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day meal, from noon to 4 p.m., will take place at the YWCA of Greater Portland, 1111 S.W. 10th Ave., between Main and Jefferson.

The menu includes a turkey dinner with all the

trimmings, gifts, and photos with Santa. Pet food and kennels will be available. Guests can also make free phone calls using cell phones provided by volunteers. Local jazz musicians Tom Grant, Patrick Lamb and others will perform throughout the meal.

Guest transportation is also available Call 503-255-7611 or email xmasride@potlckinthepark.org.

## Union Gospel Christmas Meals

Union Gospel Mission, 15 N.W. Third Ave., is preparing to serve more than 700 meals and to give away over 500 gift bags containing gloves, hats, scarves and meal gift card on Christmas Day, Tuesday, Dec. 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event is free and open to anyone in need.

This mission is seeking donations of gloves, hats, and scarves to fill gift bags for those who

attend.

"Most of the people coming to the Christmas meal at the mission are homeless, so a gift of gloves, hats and scarves are something they can really use," said Dave White, the mission's Homeless Services coordinator.

Donations can be dropped off at 3 N.W. Third Ave. or for more information call 503-274-4483.

## In Loving Memory Charles Ray Johnson

Our Lord and Savior called his faithful servant Charles Ray Johnson home on Oct. 31, 2012 when he crossed over the finishing line and passed away in Seattle.

He was born Feb. 22, 1943 to Mr. Edward and Mrs. U.V. Johnson in Clarks, La. Soon thereafter, the Louisiana Central Sawmill burned down and the family moved to Vanport.



In 1948, the family survived the Vanport Flood and relocated to St. Johns Woods in north Portland where he attended New George Elementary. In 1953, the family moved to 706 N.E. Prescott St. and he attended Highland Elementary (now Martin Luther King Elementary). He graduated from Benson High School.

He had a love for people and met many friends. He accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church under the direction of Rev. LL. Ranson.

He served as a sergeant in the United States Army in Germany from 1964 to 1966 and received an Honorable Discharge for his honest and faithful service.

Charles had a love for family, tutoring children, music and singing. He sang with the Monorays, a community group under the direction of Ira "Super Chief" Mumford. He enjoyed roller skating at the Imperial Skating Rink, sports (track was his favorite), bowling, and baseball and going on adventurous excursions to the Oregon and Washington coasts.

He was the loving husband of Mrs. Patricia Johnson.; they were married for 41 years. He was the proud father of Charles Ray Johnson Jr. (Laurencina, daughter in law), and two loving grandchildren of Baltimore, Md.

Charles was a school teacher. He

taught kindergarten through 2nd grade students at TT Minor Elementary School in Seattle. He was also employed as a bus driver for the Seattle Metro Transit System, retiring in 2006 after 20 years of service.

Charles joined the New Walk Christian Church in Kent, Wash. Under the leadership of Pastor Walter Heyman Jr. and First Lady Pastor Evelyn Heyman, he was a devoted church deacon and leader. He was the lead singer in the church choir; faithfully set up the church sanctuary on Wednesdays for Bible study, and Sundays for weekly church services.

He enjoyed reading his Bible daily and participating in devotion services. He also assisted Pastor Heyman in pick-up and weekly food distributions to the needy people in the community.

We will miss you Charles, but one day we will meet you in the "Sweet By And By".

Survivors include his wife Patricia; son Charles, grandchildren Charles Ray Johnson III and Gabrielle Cheryl Johnson; five step-grandchildren; a brother Walter J. Johnson of Portland; sisters Dorothy M. Harris, Juanita Biggs (Herbert, brother-in-law), and Gwendolyn Roundtree of Portland; and a host of cousins, nephews, nieces and friends.

Charles expressed that he had a special place in his heart for his lifetime friends, Minister Vernon Brazzle, Minister Teddy Freeman (Nita) and Mr. Ural Thomas.

Family members who predeceased him were his father and mother; brothers Edward Johnson Jr., Willie B. Johnson and John Louis Johnson; sisters Gloria A. Golden, Betty J. Martin and Audrey E Black.

## Funeral Services

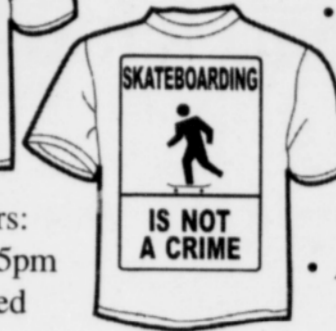
### Lurlene M. Tuttle

Funeral services for Lurlene M. Tuttle will be held on Friday, Dec. 21 at the Life Change Christian Center. A public viewing will be held Thursday, Dec. 20 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Terry Family Funeral Home.

She is survived by her daughters Joyce Tuttle and Jacqueline Robertson.

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