# RELIGION

### In Loving Memory

#### Pastor Ervin Wilson Sr.

Pastor Ervin Wilson Sr. was born on Oct. 11, 1925 in Eufaula, Okla., and departed from this life on Feb. 16, 2013. He was reared as the son of Charles and Allie Wilson (natural birth parents unknown), graduated from Dunbar High School in Lubbock, Texas and married his high school sweetheart, Myrtle Moore on May 4, 1942. To this union was born one son, Ervin "Benny" Wilson Jr.



In 1944 Ervin and family moved from Lubbock to Portland, where he worked as a welder in the shipyard. It was also in 1944 that Ervin answered the call to ministry. Later that year, he was inducted into the Army, but because he refused to shed blood (Conscientious Objector), was sentenced to 5 years hard labor. It was through the grace of God and the prayers of the saints that Ervin was released within 18 months.

After surviving the Vanport Flood of 1948, Ervin moved his family from Portland to Eugene in 1951 where they remained before returning to Portland in 1983.

Pastor Wilson dedicated his life to the work of the Lord. In Eugene, he founded the Jerusalem Church of God in Christ, the first of its denomination in Eugene. In 1979, he founded the Greater Peace Church of God In Christ in Portland where he remained as Shepherd until the time of his passing.

In addition to pastoring, previous employments include owner of Wilson's Janitorial Services in Eugene, employee of Eugene Water & Electric Bureau, and bus operator for Laidlaw in Portland.

Pastor Wilson will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving grandfather, and faithful and respected servant of the Lord. He was preceded in death by son Benny. He Left to cherish his memory are wife of 70 years Myrtle; sister, Luevenia Shankle of Eugene; grandchildren, Shannon Grant, Lafaye Floyd, Kenneth Powell-Wilson, and Scott Carr; daughter-in-law, Terry Carr-Wilson; beloved daughter in the Lord, Arleen Wilson; several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews; the Greater Peace Family, saints and friends.

Funeral services were held Feb. 23 at the Walker Temple Church of God in Christ in Portland. To send the family personal messages of condolence, visit Ervin Wilson's online webpage guestbook at terryfamilyfuneralhome.com.

## Dalai Lama to Visit

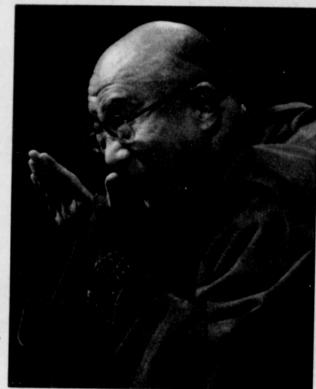
### Spiritual leader known for promotion of peace

University of Portland will welcome His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama to their north Portland campus on May 9 for the first two public events as part of an environmental summit. Maitripa College, the first and only Tibetan Buddhist college in the Pacific Northwest, is host of the summit.

The schedule includes three days of enlightening teachings and conversations with the Dalai Lama, a spiritual leader known for his promotion of peace, and dialogue with distinguished leaders of the Pacific Northwest environmental, scientific, policy and faith communities.

Admission to the public events at the University of Portland on May 9 and at Veterans Memorial Coliseum on May 11 is priced from \$25. For tickets and more information, go to dalailamaportland 2013.net.

In Portland, The Dalai Lama will be joined by religious leaders from the Archdiocese of Portland, Rabbi Michael Z. Cahana of Congregation Beth Israel of Portland, Imam Muhammed Najieb of the Muslim Community Center of Portland,



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and Grandmother Agnes Baker Pilgrim from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz, in the interfaith dialog "Spirituality and the Environment."

Harnessing the energy of the Dalai Lama's visit, Maitripa College will host Green Action Day on Sunday, May 12, from noon to 5 p.m. at Pioneer Courthouse Square.

#### Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church

Spring Revival

Wednesday, March 6 - Friday, March 8, 2013

7:00 P.M. each night

Guest Evangelist: Bishop Garry Tyson



Pastor, Goodwill Missionary Baptist Church Seattle, Washington

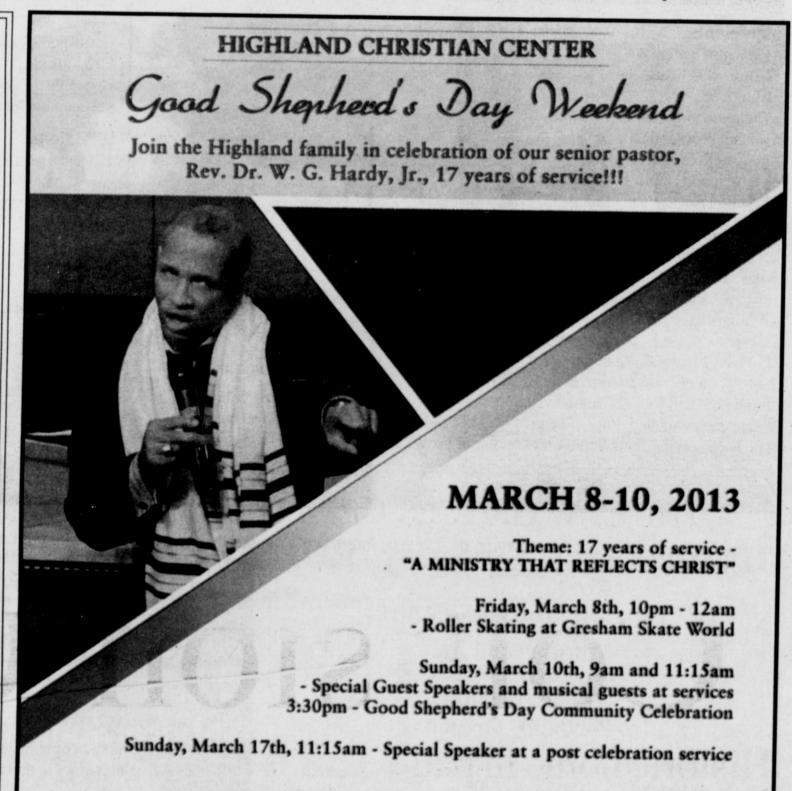
Theme: "There Is A Knock At The Door"
Revelation 3:20

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