

# News

## Obituary: James Ray Burns

February 2, 1944 - April 11, 2018

James Ray Burns was born February 2, 1944 to Mary McCully and Ecker Burns in Portland, Oregon.



James Ray Burns

Dapre Sr. & Shannon Gaston of Portland, Oregon. Two brothers: Danny Ray Lewis of Burien, Washington; Glenn Lionell Lewis of Portland, Oregon.

Ray met Helen Jones in high school and they were married April 8, 1966.

Brought to this union was Darrell Ray Burns, Damon Burns and Galen Burns.

Ray met Marilyn Joyce Gaston and brought to this union Michael Ray Gaston and Dapre Gaston Sr.

Ray worked as a box maker. He loved the Lord, he loved to fish and he enjoyed card games and dog races. He loved life and he loved his family.

On Wednesday, April 11, 2018 our Lord and Savior saw that Ray was tired and sent an angel to bring him home.

Ray was preceded in death by parents Mary McCully and Ecker Burns, Step father Walter Lewis. Brother: Don A. Burns. Sister: Shawn-tella Lewis.

Ray leaves to cherish his memory his wife Helen Burns. Five Children: Darrell Ray Burns of Los Angeles, California; Damon Burns of Portland, Oregon; Galen Burns of Portland, Oregon; Michael Ray & Janelle Gaston of Portland, Oregon;

Two sisters: Patrica Diana & Roosevelt Lewis of Renton, Washington; YuLinda Marie & Wayne Highsmith of Portland, Oregon. Grand children: Darrell A. Burns, Ashley Unique Burns, Ki'marra Fields, Savannah Burns, Devyn Burns, Jordyn Burns, Nakiyah Burns, Niccole Burns, Galen Burns Jr, Galante Burns, Tamia Gaston, Dapre Gaston Jr., Dashawn Gaston, Davon Gaston, Damarion Gaston, Michale Jeray Gaston, Janeice Gaston, Marilyn Gaston. Great Grandchildren: Azani White, JaVion Gaston-Bedinger and a host of nieces, nephews, friends, relatives, in-laws and loved ones who will cherish his memory always.

We thank God for Ray. We have loved him and we will miss him everyday. He will be in our hearts forever.

Memorial service will be held Saturday, May 26, 2018, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Genesis Community Fellowship, 5425 NE 27th Ave, Portland, OR 97211.

## Immigration Crackdown Shifts to Employers

### Focus on employers comes after surge of deportation arrests starting right after Trump took office

By Elliot Spagat  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Immigration officials have sharply increased audits of companies to verify that their employees are authorized to work in the country, signaling the Trump administration's crackdown on illegal immigration is reaching deeper into the workplace to create a "culture of compliance" among employers who rely on immigrant labor.

Expansive plans also have been drafted for a long-term push to scrutinize employers' hiring practices more closely.

Under a 1986 federal law, companies must verify their employees are authorized to work in the United States by reviewing their documents and verifying to the government the employees' identity and work authorization. If employers are found to hire someone without proper documents, the employers may be subject to administrative fines and, in some cases, criminal prosecution.

The recent focus on employers comes after a surge of deportation arrests of workers that started immediately after Trump took office in January 2017. The crackdown is likely to please immigration hawks among Trump's supporters but may alienate industries and companies that rely on immigrant labor.

There were 2,282 employer audits opened between Oct. 1 and May 4, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said Monday, nearly a 60 percent jump from the 1,360 audits opened between October 2016 and September 2017. Many of those reviews were



In this Jan. 10, 2018, file photo U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents gather before serving a employment audit notice at a 7-Eleven convenience store in Los Angeles. Immigration officials have sharply increased audits of companies to verify that their employees are authorized to work in the country, signaling the Trump administration's crackdown on illegal immigration is reaching deeper into the workplace to create a "culture of compliance" among employers who rely on immigrant labor.

launched following the January ICE audits and employee interviews at about 100 7-Eleven franchises in 17 states.

There were 594 employers arrested on criminal immigration charges from Oct. 1 to May 4, up from 139 during the previous fiscal year, and 610 civil immigration charges during the same period, compared to 172 in the preceding 12-months.

Derek Benner, head of ICE's Homeland Security Investigations unit, told The Associated Press that another nationwide wave of audits planned this summer would push the total "well over" 5,000 by Sept 30. ICE audits peaked at 3,127 in 2013. The agency has developed a plan to open as many as 15,000 audits a year, subject to funding and support for the plan from other areas of the administration, Benner said.

The proposal calls for creation of an Employer Compliance Inspection Center to perform employer audits at a single location instead of at regional offices around the country, Benner said. Electronically scanning the documents will help flag suspicious activity, and the most egregious cases will be farmed out to re-

gional offices for more investigation. Audit notices will be served electronically or by certified mail, instead of in person.

Benner said that putting up to 250 auditors in one center with the right technology and a team of attorneys to quickly levy fines would enable his agency to audit between 10,000 and 15,000 companies annually.

The proposal aims to create a "reasonable expectation" among employers that they will be audited, Benner said.

"This is kind of our vision of creating this culture of compliance," he said. "I think it's a game-changer."

Tamar Jacoby, president of ImmigrationWorks USA, a group that represents small- and medium-size businesses, said the "rising tide of enforcement" can hurt companies in tight labor markets and industries, like construction, and threatens to ensnare employers who follow the law but are presented with fraudulent documents by their workers.

"It's just very hard to find workers willing to take some of these jobs," Jacoby said.

In October, Thomas Homan, See ICE on page 9

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