

OBITUARIES

Ronald Lee Blessing

Nov. 22, 1942 – March 13, 2015
Ronald Lee Blessing, 72, of Dallas died Friday in Salem.

He was born in Joliet, Ill., to Lewis James Blessing and Matilda Franke-Blessing.

Ron grew up in Joliet and graduated from Joliet High. He continued his education at the Caterpillar Tractor Engineer Program and Cedar Rapids Community College.

Ron married his wife of 50 years, Gerrie K. Gorman, on June 28, 1964, at the Methodist Church in Kellerton, Iowa.

Ron worked for Caterpillar Tractor in Joliet as a welding and design engineer. He was an engineering supervisor at Harnischfeger Cranes and Koehring Manufacturing. The family settled in Dallas in 1973, where Ron was a supervisor at Towmotor in Dallas and instructed welding at Chemekeeta Community College. In 1980, he invented the beveled edge machine and counter top design. He owned and operated Beveled Edge Machine Inc. from 1980 until he retired in 2002. He went on to invent and secure many patents and designs throughout the growth of his

business. Throughout the years, Ron was an investor and developer of various commercial real estate projects in Polk County.

Ron enjoyed traveling, hunting, fishing, playing blackjack, and time with his family. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Lewis J. Blessing Jr. and Harold Cleverger, and sister, Carol (Richard) Clift.

Survivors include his wife, Gerrie; daughters, Mickey Jo (Scott) Reynolds, Terrie Jo (Michael) McDonald, Toni Jo (Paul) Blessing-Heronemus; brother, Gary (Toni) Blessing; sister, Janice Russell; three grandchildren; and extended family.

Celebration of Ron's life is Friday at 11 a.m. at the Evangelical Bible Church in Dallas. Private family graveside service will be at Salt Creek Cemetery. Visitation is today (Wednesday) and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center.

Contributions are suggested to the Falls City Fire Department in care of Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center, which handled arrangements. To send an online condolence: www.dallastribute.com.

Katherine Jackson

Sept. 19, 1925 – March 8, 2015

Services for Katherine Jackson, 89, will be Thursday at 2 p.m. at the Falls City Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

Sherrie R. Reeves

Dec. 2, 1949 – March 12, 2015

Sherrie R. Reeves, 65, of Dallas died Thursday in Salem due to complications from chemotherapy. She was born in Corvallis to Doris and Darrel White.

She grew up in Corvallis and married Jerry Reeves on March 30, 1968. They had two children and lived in Dallas until moving to Monterrey, Mexico, in 1987. She then moved to Ohio for a short time and then to Houston. She returned to Dallas in 1996 following her divorce.

Sherrie worked as a legal secretary for the law office of Shetterly, Irick and Ozias for more than 30 years. While there she "trained" many new lawyers and law clerks on how the legal system works in real life.

She was extremely close to her sister and best friend, Sharon Messal. They took a cruise together, and made many other great memories together.

Sherrie enjoyed dining out, reading, keeping a beautiful, colorful yard, and cooking. Every hummingbird in Dallas knew they could count on a good feeding at her feeder, no matter the time of year. She enjoyed hosting both Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners for

Betty Harne-Pugh

Aug. 30, 1935 – March 13, 2015

Betty Harne-Pugh, 79, of Dallas died Friday. She was born in Nimrod, Minn., to Paul and Hilda Westra.

Betty married her high school sweetheart, Roger Harne (deceased) in June of 1953 in Wolf Point, Mont. Together they raised three children in Montana.

Betty worked for the Montana City School District in Montana City and Whites Electric in Great Falls, Mont. Shortly after Roger's death, Betty moved from Great Falls to Dallas to be closer to family.

Betty was a longtime member of the Church of

Peggy Sue Stoner Freeman

May 19, 1933 – March 7, 2015

Peggy Sue Stoner Freeman, 81, of Monmouth died March 7 of heart failure. She was born to Clarence and Opal Polk Stoner in Keene, Texas. Peggy met Bruce Keeler Freeman while living in Alameda, Calif., and they were married on Aug. 27, 1952. She attended Golden State College. Peggy worked for many years as a clerk for the Civil

Division of the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department in Modesto, Calif.

Peggy enjoyed being a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary along with Bruce, and she held a number of staff positions. She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority and Adah Chapter Order of the Eastern Star. She enjoyed house boating with Bruce, attending her children's school plays and midget ice hockey games, board games, crafts, reading, and jigsaw puzzles. She always had animals and loved her dogs like family.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Bruce. Survivors include her daughter, Liz Freeman Floyd; son, Scott Freeman; three grandchildren; and one great-grandson. Contributions are suggested to the Shriners Hospital. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements. To send an online condolence: www.dallastribute.com.

Nigel Walter Page

Jan. 12, 1927 – March 15, 2015

Service for Nigel Walter Page, 88, is Saturday at 11 a.m. at Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center. Private interment will be at Yamhill County Cemetery. Dallas Mortuary Tribute Center handled arrangements.

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DALLAS

Calvary Chapel Dallas www.calvarydallas.org Currently meeting for worship and verse by verse Bible teaching at 628 SE Jefferson St. Worship service begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday school is available from youth ministry and below to nursery. Wednesday evening cafe-style Old Testament study starting at 6:30 pm. Come join us for a relaxed study around a cup of coffee or drink. Mens prayer is Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Womens Bible studies are scheduled also, call for times. The Pastor/Teacher is Larry King. Come join us and be a part of God's family here in Dallas. For more information call 503-831-1074.

Church of Christ - North Kings Valley Hwy. Sunday Class 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 5:30 p.m. Thursday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. We are a Bible Based Church. Visitors welcome. For information call 503-420-4010. If no answer, please leave a message and we'll return your call as soon as possible.

Dallas Alliance Church - 775 E. Ellendale, Dallas, 503-623-2265, Email office@dallasalliance.org. Lead Pastor Jim Jamieson; Youth/Children's Pastor Lance Baker, and Worship/Men's Ministry Pastor Travis Reed; Every Sunday: classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m., (Nursery provided for a.m. services); Tuesdays: Youth Night 7:00 p.m. in Ediger Hall; Wednesdays: Adult Prayer Meeting 1:00 p.m.; Choir practice 6:45 p.m. Call for info on current Bible Studies. Web: dallasalliance.org.

Dallas Church - PO Box 462, Dallas, OR 97338, 503-623-2711. Worship Gatherings: Sundays 10am. Meeting at 450 SE Washington St., Dallas OR 97338. Atmosphere is relaxed, families & children welcome, come as you are, current music & relevant teaching about Jesus. Pastor: Ben Bauman. www.dallaschurch.org

Dallas Foursquare Church—Located at 976 SW Hayter St. on the corner of Washington and Hayter. Worship Service: Sundays at 10am. Youth Group: Sundays 6pm to 8pm. Pastor: Darrin Hausler. We are a multi-generational church with a heart for our community. Our mission is to Love God and Love People to Extend His Kingdom. For more info call us at 503-623-8277 or visit us online at dallasfour.com.

Evangelical Bible Church - 1175 S.E. Howe, Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Jerry Franz, Visitation Pastor Allan Wiebe, Youth Pastor Nathan Ensz. Sunday: Worship *8:00 a.m.; *10:45 a.m.; *6:00 p.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; High School Youth Group 7:15 p.m.; Thursday: Jr. High Youth Group - 7:00 p.m.; 2nd & 4th Tuesday: MOPS *9:00 a.m.; Wednesday: AWANA - 6:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Bible Studies *9:15 a.m. (women); *7:00 p.m. (men & women) *Nursery care provided.

Faith Evangelical Free Church - 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas, 503-623-8034; Senior Pastor Al Perkins, Associate Pastor Ed Sutter, Worship Pastor Ted Kitzmiller, Youth Pastor Aaron Swank, Children's Director Debbie Davies. Sunday School 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday High School Youth Group 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Jr. High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Please call or visit our website for information about our meetings. www.faithfreechurch.org

First Baptist Church - 245 S.W. Church St., Dallas, 503-623-5189; Church Office Hours: Mon, Tues, Fri. 9 am - 4 pm and Wed 5 pm - 7 pm; Pastor Rick Bratton; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6-7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome!

First Christian Church - Joyfully Worshipping & Serving 1079 S.E. Jefferson Street, Dallas, 503-623-2569. Pastor Darren Anderson. "Live Wire Worship" with Praise Team - 8:30 a.m., Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School - 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. (Nursery provided), Men's Bible Study - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Christian Women's Fellowship - 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 pm (Sept through June). Please call church office for information about other meetings.

First Presbyterian Church - 879 S.W. Levens Street, Dallas, 503-623-3397. Pastor Sandy Larson invites you to come and share with us. Worship 10:30 a.m.; Adult Sunday School 9:00 am; Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Tues. 7:00 a.m.; Handicapped accessible. Bloodbank 4th Monday of even numbered months. Indoor Play Park.

Grace Community Church - 598 E. Ellendale Ave. PO Box 69, Dallas, 503-623-4961. Senior Pastor-Dave Bertolini, Pastor of Worship & Discipleship-Ryan Bucher, Pastor of Youth & Young Adults-Ben Pottloff. Sunday Worship: 1st Service-9:00 a.m. with Kids, Youth, & Adult Sunday School running concurrently. 2nd Worship Service-10:45 a.m. with Kids Worship running concurrently. Nursery provided during both services. Office open Tuesday-Friday for office hours visit our website at www.graceindallas.org. All are welcome!

Living Hope City Church - 1156 SE Holman, Dallas. Family Worship 10:30 am. www.livinghopecitychurch.org Equipping Center & Offices 186 SE Mill St., Dallas. For more information call 503-623-6890.

Living Word Faith Fellowship - 830 SE Shelton Street, Dallas, 503-623-9062. Pastor Joan Siewert. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Worship 7:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting Thursday 6:00 p.m. Children's Sunday service 10:00 a.m., nursery provided. Men's fellowship second Saturday of month breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Murphy's Restaurant, Dallas. Pastor Lavern Siewert in charge of men's fellowship. Call for additional information. Website: www.proclaimhim.org

Salt Creek Baptist Church - 15075 Salt Creek Road, Dallas, 503-623-2976. Senior Pastor David Curtis. Pastor of Student Ministries, Russ Richmond. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship 10:50 a.m. Nursery provided for worship services. Classes for all ages. Wednesday King's Kids 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Middle School & Senior High Youth 6:30 p.m. Please call for information about other meetings.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church - 589 SW Birch, P.O. Box 450, Dallas 97338-0450. 503-623-5872. Services on Saturday: 9:30 A.M. Sabbath School Bible Study for all age groups. 10:50 A.M. Worship Service. Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 to Noon. Pastor: Lary Brown

St. Thomas Episcopal Church - 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas (at the corner of Levens & Cherry) 503-623-8522. Email: stthomasdallas@gmail.com 10:00 a.m. Worship with Holy Eucharist. Sunday School and Nursery Care available during worship. Sundays 1:30-3:00 all ages FREE singing lessons. St. Thomas Episcopal Church 1486 SW Levens Dallas. Call Rebecca 503-559-5205 with questions. The Episcopal Church and St Thomas Welcomes you —please join us.

Trinity Lutheran Church - 320 SE Fir Villa Rd, Dallas, 503-623-2233. Pastor - David Pederson. Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Kids Church during 10:00 a.m. Worship. Youth Group HS/MS 11:30 a.m. Sundays. Free Medical Clinic 1st & 4th Saturday of each month. www.dallaslc.org. Catch us on Facebook.

United Methodist Church - A church with Open Hearts, Open Minds & Open Doors. 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas, 503-623-2481. Pastor-Rev. Quinton Kimbrow. Worship Service 10:55 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Child-care available. Handicap access. All are welcome! Email: dallasumc@questofice.net Website: www.sites.umcdallas.com

Valley Life Center (Assemblies of God) - 1795 S.E. Miller Ave., Dallas, 503-623-4116. Pastor Chris Barker, Children's Director, Crystal Barker, Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m. Please call for more information or visit our website at www.valleylifecenter.com

Falls City Christian Church 233 S. Main Street, Falls City, Oregon 97344, 503-787-3104 Sunday Service: 10 am; Website: www.falls-citycc.com

Falls City United Methodist Church - 242 N. Main Street, Falls City, 503-851-3213. Pastor Rebecca Strader. Morning worship Sunday 9:20 am. All denominations are welcome. www.falls-cityumc.org

Mountain Gospel Fellowship - 303 N. Main, Falls City, 503-787-8037. Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship Service 11:00 a.m., Wed. Dinner 6:15 p.m. Everyone welcome just as you are. Join Us!

Seventh-Day Adventist Church - 205 N. Main, Falls City 97344, 503-787-3907. Pastor Lary Brown. Sabbath School Sat. 9:30 am-10:40 am; Worship Service 11 am. Community Service Center (Food Bank) third Wed. of each month, noon-3pm.

Buena Vista Community Church - 11355 Church St., Buena Vista. Independence. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship 11 a.m.

First Baptist Church - A warm, friendly church that cares about you! Located at 1505 Monmouth St., Independence (across from Central High School); 503-838-1001. Senior Pastor Michael Parks. **Sundays:** Worship Service 11 am **Wednesdays:** AWANA 7 pm (during the school year). **Thursdays:** Youth Group 6:15pm. Join us for small groups and life groups throughout the week. *First Baptist Church has ministries for children, youth, adults, families and seniors, throughout the week. Check us out at www.independencfirstbaptist.com*

Life Center Foursquare Church - 437 D Street, Independence, OR Phone: 503-838-6507. Pastor Larry Gratreack. Worship Service and Sunday School starts at 10:30 a.m. Men's studies /Women's studies /Home Fellowships available throughout the week. Call for more information. You are welcome! Find us on Facebook.

St. Patrick Parish, Catholic - 1275 E St., Independence. 503-838-5801. Father Henry Guillen Vega Masses Sat., vigil 5 p.m.; Sunday 9:30 a.m. (English), 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. (Spanish); Weekdays Mon, Tues, Wed, & Thurs. 9am, Saturday 7 p.m. (Spanish). Evergreen Nursing Home; Holy Days 9 a.m. (Eng) & 7 p.m. (Eng/Span). Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 3:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment. Religious Education: RCIA Mon 7:00-8:30 p.m.; Mid-High & High School Grades Mon 7:00-8:30p.m.; Grades 1-4 Tues. 7:00-8:30 p.m. WOU Campus Ministry: Mass Sun. 5:00 p.m. at 315 N. Knox St., Monmouth followed by a social hour.

Church is a conservative, contemporary, charismatic Biblical Church. At Christ the King we learn: the truths of the Bible, how to live Biblical truths, how to please God, and how to be a blessing to all people. Come and join us as we learn and grow together. Everyone is welcome. Wally Wildman, senior pastor. For more information call 503-623-2262. www.ctkmonmouth.com

Christ's Church Methodist and Presbyterian United - Come care and share with us. 412 Clay Street West, Monmouth, 503-838-1724. Pastor Rebecca Strader. Worship Service 11 a.m. Call for information on small groups.

Church of Christ - 127 N. Heffley St., Monmouth, 503-838-2360. Minister - Dan Brewer, Youth Minister - Jon Siegrist. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:45 a.m., Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m., Wednesday Service 6 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church - 200 Monmouth-Independence Hwy., Monmouth (the church with the lighted cross on the "S" curve). School Year Schedule: Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:00 am; Divine Service of Holy Communion 10:30 am. Pastor Dallas C.R. Dubke. www.FaithLutheranMonmouth.org; 503-838-3459. Everyone is welcome!

Heart to Heart Church - 191 N. Monmouth Ave., Monmouth (across street from WOU). Pastor Jim Miller. email: Jim@h2hchurch.com. Sunday School for children and adults 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Prayer & Praise 6:00 p.m.; Seekers Night - Monday 6:00 p.m.; Children & Adult Bible Study - Wednesday 7:00 p.m.; Seven Cities Worship Service Friday 8 p.m.; Everybody welcome. Information: church 503-838-0537. www.h2hchurch.com

Monmouth Christian Church - 959 Church Street W, Monmouth, OR 97361; Office: (503) 838-1145; Fax: (503) 838-1162; Email: mcc@mymcc.cc; Website: mymcc.cc; Lead Pastor: Sean Bitzer; Pastors: Ulysses Vela, Mary Weinbender, & Seth Halligan; Sunday Worship Service: 10 am, English & Spanish; children's programming for birth to 6th grades also available. Momentum (7th & 8th Grades) meet Tuesdays 6:30-8:00 pm MCC; Join us this Sunday in person or live online at www.mymcc.tv.

New LIFE Ministries - we're growing in Polk County! CHILDREN'S CHURCH NOW AVAILABLE! We are a God-loving, Bible-believing, non-denominational church body. This church is a little different, in that it's not just a church service, but is all about being a "service church". We strive to seek out and serve the needs of the community. It is our hope that God will use us to make a difference. Come join us! We meet at Ash Creek School, 1360 N 16th Street, Monmouth every Sunday morning at 10:00-11:00 am. Our minister is Marion Seick. Feel free to call us at (503) 871-5207. Please come visit and worship with us this Sunday!"

Praise Assembly 189 Monmouth Ave, Monmouth, 503-837-0300. www.praiseline.net. Sunday Services & Children's Services 9:30 am & 11 am. Combined Service starting June 16. Tuesday evening Celebrate Recovery meeting at 6:30 pm.

St. Hilda's Episcopal Church 245 Main St. W., Monmouth, 503-838-6087, sthildaschurch.org Sunday Eucharist - 10:00 am followed by Fellowship. Children's Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:00 am. Wednesday Worship at 8:00 am and 7:00 pm. Nursery care provided. Call for periodic small groups and celebrations. All are welcome!

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