

Obituaries

David Richard DeMayo

David Richard DeMayo of Heppner was born February 20, 1948, in Geneva, NY, the son of Kenneth and Beverly (Clust) DeMayo. He went to be with his Lord on December 15, 2020 in Heppner at the age of 72, after injuries stemming from a Parkinson's related fall.

David Richard DeMayo

Dave spent his childhood in Painted Post, NY where he graduated from high school in 1966. He then enlisted in the U.S. Navy and saw the world, seeing action in Vietnam. His home base was in Hawaii, with many R & R times spent in Hong Kong and in the Philippines. He had fond memories of times spent in Hong Kong where he sponsored a boy at a Roof Top school. He was honorably discharged after four years of active duty.

Upon reentry to the civilian world, he pursued his education. He attended Monroe Community College, then travelled to the Missouri Ozarks to attend Baptist Bible College, where he met and married his wife of 47 years, Neva Cheyenne Randall. After receiving a BA in Theology, he attended Missouri State in Springfield, attaining a BS in Geology. He graduated with honors and is a member of PHI KAPPA PHI.

He also was a member of the Pershing Rifle Club, as a part of his ROTC commitment. This launched phase two of his military career, which comprised 16 years of active duty with the U.S. Army as a part of its Engineer Corps. This career allowed him to experience more of his own country, being assigned to Forts Leonard Wood (MO), Bragg (NC), Belvoir (VA), and Wainwright (AK). He also had a three-year tour in Wildficken, W. Germany, and was a recruiting commander in Boise, ID. While in the military he did graduate studies at Ohio State University, and Webster, where he received his Master's in public administration. He retired with the

Raymond "Ray" William O'Neal

Raymond "Ray" William O'Neal, 84, of Heppner, Oregon passed away Sunday, December 13, 2020 in Prineville surrounded by his family. There will be a military memorial service held at a later date. To light a candle for Ray or to leave an online condolence for the family, please go to www.whisperingpinesfuneralhome.com.

Raymond O'Neal

Ray was born to Raymond Willis and Francis Thelma (Brummett) O'Neal in Clovis, NM on August 23, 1936. The family moved to Idaho where two of Ray's sisters were born; Cenona and Ada. Then they moved on to Kinzua, OR and another sister, Darlene, was born.

Ray left school in his junior year and joined the US Navy. He served on the USS York Town in Guam as CSSN O'Neal, he was on the 7th fleet assigned to the USS York Town. He met Bettylou Nancy La Count on a blind date when he was in the US Navy and married her on November 17, 1956 in Mt. Vernon, WA.

After he was out of the US Navy, Ray and Betty moved to Kinzua, OR to begin their lives together. Ray and Betty had four children: Jim, Rick, Susan and Donna. Ray did mill work,

rank of O4E (Major with prior enlisted time).

As a civilian he first settled in Boise, ID, working for five years with MICRON Technology. Being the restless person he was, it was time to move on. He decided to put his master's degree to use finding employment as a City Manager, first in Vale, OR for five years, then in Heppner for another five years.

The troubles in Iraq triggered yet a phase three of Dave's military career. At the age of 60 he was called up to active duty in 2008 as a part of Iraqi Freedom. He used his skills to help rebuild a war-torn country, helping to rebuild schools, hospitals and roads, as well as teaching them how to set up good city governments in their region. He learned to speak Arabic while there.

David's hobbies included rock-hounding, birdwatching, reading, and Bible Study, especially the Old Testament. He was preceded in death by his father, Kenneth DeMayo, mother, Beverly Burnside, and a beloved stepfather, Robert Burnside, as well as several cats who meant the world to him. He is survived by his wife Neva, brothers Steve DeMayo (Rochester NY), Robert Burnside (Rochester), and Scott Burnside (Watkins Glen, NY), three nephews, one niece, and Max the cat.

David was laid to rest at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery on Saturday, December 19, 2020. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at www.sweeneymortuary.com.

Memorials may be sent to local Humane Society organizations, or to Lutheran World Relief, P.O. Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21298-9832.

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Ray's hobbies included working on vehicles, gardening, bowling and hauling his grandkids here and there. Ray is preceded in death by an infant son, his daughter Susan (Dwayne McClain, two grandchildren: Jimmy and Michael McClain, his parents, two sisters and their spouses.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Betty; two sons, Jim (Roxanne) O'Neal of Duvall, WA, Rick (Kathy) O'Neal of Prineville, OR; daughter, Donna (Jason) Maben of Heppner, OR; grandsons, David, Jamie and Aaron O'Neal, Joshua (Jamie) O'Neal, Caleb (Jolene) O'Neal, Casey (Katie) Maben, Treston (Sam) Maben; granddaughters, Tiffany (Jim) Fewell, Laci (Jason) Bell and Sydney (Alan Blackman) Maben and 11 great grandchildren.

Memorial Contributions may be made in Ray's memory to St. Charles Hospice through Whispering Pines Funeral Home, 3168 NE 3rd Street, Prineville, OR 97754.

Holy family: Model for the modern families to imitate

By Fr. Thankachan Joseph

For the Church, celebrations do not end with Christmas. The day after Christmas is the Feast of the Holy family because Christmas is a family feast, and the Holy Family of Mary, Joseph, and Jesus is the example for all of us to follow. Jesus is a beautiful example to children of how to be obedient to our parents. Mary teaches us to be a caring mother, spouse, and sister. St. Joseph is always spoken of in the Bible as a just man, and he became a good father. (This year is a special year for the Catholic Church, as the Holy Father has declared this as the year of St. Joseph, marking the 150th anniversary of declaring him the patron of the Universal Church.)

In the book of Genesis (15:1-6, 21:1-3), we see Abraham being blessed by the Lord for his obedience to God. Abraham simply believed that his ancestries would be like the sand of the sea and the stars of the sky, God would multiply his descendants, even though he was advanced in age, as was his wife Sarah. But they had unquestioning belief in God. Their lives should become an example for all of us at this particular time of pandemic.

St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians (3:12-17) describes how we should live as Christians and in particular how we should live in the community and in our families. We are called to be saints: compassionate, concerned, accepting, accommodating, and forgiving of one another. Differences, dissimilarities, and misunderstandings are certain to happen, but we should be the first to forgive and reconcile, not standing on our rights, dignity, and position, but being always the first to make a move, to give in and not keep a record of wrongs. These are the values that build a family as a home of acceptance. St. Paul reminds his listeners of the attire that we should be wearing as family members. "Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love." That will erase and settle all the differences in a family and unite members of the family.

The Gospels describe attributes of Joseph and Mary and the Holy Family to reflect upon:

The tough time they lived in: Joseph and Mary lived during the time of king Herod, who was a selfish and cruel king. He sought to kill Jesus because he could not see anyone higher than him. So, Joseph taking his wife Mary and the child, fled in the night to Egypt. After the death of Herod, they came back to Israel, but Joseph feared living in Judea under the king, Archelaus, for he had killed three thousand citizens who had gathered in Jerusalem for the feast of the Azymes, and there was no guarantee he would not repeat it again. So, Joseph moved straight to Galilee and finally reached Nazareth, where he made his home. This shows the good and caring character of St Joseph, a model for all husbands and fathers.

Couple in Communion with the Lord: Joseph's

ordinary life began with the struggle for his daily bread. He set up his carpentry and worked day in and day out. Mary also worked without sparing herself in order to keep her house in good condition and to help Joseph. She turned the millstone, carried water. She washed, cooked, swept, and sewed. And Jesus, the son of God made flesh, as he grew began helping his father and mother. Although Mary and Joseph were busy with their daily work, both of them found time to be with the Lord. I am sure we are all busy with our daily activities. Do we find time to be with the Lord as this couple did? With numerous tasks of the day, they never failed at communion with God. Their works and prayer went side by side.

Forgiving Couples: This Holy family was the poorest, most modest, most silent family in that miserable village of Nazareth. In Nazareth there was a group of people who looked up to Joseph and Mary's as a model family. But there was another group who sneered at them. They gathered to gossip about the pregnancy of Mary. But Joseph, a strong descendent of David, would just shake his head. If the argument became heated, Mary's eyes could brim with tears of pity. And Jesus would later advise his followers to forgive, "not once but seventy times seven." Many of our existing family issues could be exterminated or alleviated if our married couples have the mind and heart of Joseph and Mary.

Couple Spent Time Together: The Holy family was not spared from the problems and difficulties of day-to-day life. They used to come together every day to eat, to work, to plan, to execute, and to evaluate. But their love, prayer, devotion, commitment in life and work kept them united. They, in the midst of troubles, showed signs of encouragement, smiled at those who looked at them despairingly and prayed for them. They exemplify how we can mold our family. (Children have come and shared with me that they were not getting sufficient attention, love, and concern from their parents. They have said they want to be born again as some electronic gadgets because their parents spend more time with those than with the family.)

The home of Nazareth reminds us that families have the responsibility of teaching their children the Faith and to model virtues. Jesus had excellent parents, Mary the best mom and Joseph a just and prudent man. The baby Jesus of Bethlehem invites every one of us today to always be obedient to our parents and to live as he lived. Parents today can learn from Joseph and Mary how to teach their children to grow in obedience and respect. As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, they show us how to be a family capable of being open to God's will, capable of being loving and happy, capable of communicating more often and having more time for face-to-face family interaction, capable of bringing Christ into the lives of others. May you and your family find your love, peace, and joy that the baby of Bethlehem brought to this world.



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