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BOWERMAN, DAVID WARD L. (Dave)

Independence MO

b. 08-13-1929 / d. 05-16-2011

Pasco-Kennewick WA Congregation

David Ward L Bowerman, a minister of the gospel for over sixty years, returned to his Heavenly Father in the late hours of May 16, 2011, at his home after a lengthy illness, with his beloved wife and children by his side.

Dave, as he was universally known, was born on a farm in rural Shellbrook, Saskatchewan, on August 13, 1929, to Edward L. Roy Bowerman and Laura Anderson Bowerman, the fifth of six children. His youth was spent in that area, receiving his education in a one-room schoolhouse. After high school, Dave traveled with two of his brothers across western Canada, doing mostly farm and lumber mill work.

In 1947, while attending a church youth camp at Sylvan Lake, Alberta, Dave formally met and began dating the young lady who would become his bride of nearly sixty-one years, Myrtle Anholt of Edmonton, Alberta. The couple was united in marriage in Edmonton on June 10, 1950. The couple would eventually be blessed with five children – four sons and one daughter.

About a year after marrying, Dave and Myrt, as she was known to family and friends, emigrated from Canada to the U.S. with their eldest child. They first settled in Pasco, WA, where two of his brothers lived. They later moved to Omaha, NE, for a short time and finally arrived in Independence, MO, where the family lived for the next several years. Dave spent most of those years working in marketing and sales with such companies as Lever Brothers and Prudential Insurance.

However, in 1959, after the urging of a long-time RLDS Church friend and mentor, Dave, Myrt and their children accepted full-time ministerial appointment and moved back to the Omaha-Council Bluffs area where they would live for the next seven years. Over time, Dave's ministerial assignments would bring his family and him back to Kansas City; followed by Tulsa, OK; finally returning to the Independence area where Dave and Myrt have resided since 1983.

Dave retired from full-time RLDS church appointment in 1991, having faithfully served the church for 32 years. He did not, however, retire, choosing instead to help facilitate the organization of the Remnant Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints where he continued active preaching and bringing ministry until his declining health prevented him from doing so.

Dave is preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Edna and Olive; and two brothers, Steve and Ted.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle, at the home; four sons: Donald and wife, Tina, of Council Bluffs, IA; Grant and wife, Jane, of Blue Springs, MO; Van of Columbia, MO; and Reginald and wife, Lesa, of Shakopee, MN; and one daughter, Patricia Jobe, and husband, Robert, of Delaware, OK. He is also survived by his brother, Glenn Bowerman, of Independence, MO. Dave leaves



nine grandchildren: Chad, Rachel, Sarah, David, William, Leah, Matthew, Shannon, Sean, and one great-grandchild, Anna; several cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws and countless friends to mourn his passing.

Visitation will be held 5:00-8:00 p.m., Thursday, May 19, 2011 at Speaks Suburban Chapel, 18020 E. 39th Street, Independence, MO 64055. A private family graveside service will be held. A memorial service will be held at 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 20 at The Gathering Place, 2820 S. 291 Hwy (west frontage road) in Independence.

The family suggests contributions to John Knox Village Hospice, 400 N.W. Murray Road, Lees Summit, MO 64081 or The Gathering Place, c/o the Remnant Church General Headquarters, 700 W. Lexington Ave., Independence, MO 64050. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.speakschapel.com.

Examiner.net, Independence-Blue Springs-Grain Valley, MO, May 18, 2011, Obituary:

DAVIES, ROBERT RICHARD (Bob)

Independence MO

b. 04-23-1918 / d.10-05-2011

Coeur d'Alene ID Congregation

Robert (Bob) Richard Davies, 93, of Independence, MO, passed away Wednesday, October 5, 2011. He was born Tuesday, April 23, 1918, in Belvedere, IL, to Ira William and Angeline Rose (Bronson) Davies, and was raised in Coeur d'Alene, ID.

In 1926, he was baptized into the RLDS Church. He was ordained to the office of priest in 1940 by Roy Cheville and was pleased to perform the sacrament of marriage for many of his family members.

From 1940-1941, he attended Graceland College, where he met and married the love of his life, June Lewis Davies on February 25, 1942. He served in the United States Navy during the WWII. Bob then returned to Graceland where he received his AA degree in 1946. He was the first

student ever to letter in golf at Graceland. He then went on to the University of Iowa where in 1947 he received his B.S. degree. In 1950, he moved to Denver and completed a physical therapy degree from the University of Colorado. His journey then led him to the University of Denver where he completed a Master's degree in administration.

Bob was a very active individual. He played semi-pro baseball in Iowa City for the Town City Cardinals, as well as coaching football, basketball, and track at Lamoni High School. He taught Jr. High and elementary P.E. in Denver, CO, for many years. He was an avid fly fisherman and sportsman. He will be remembered, by many, as a person who absolutely loved people and was the life of the party. He and his wife June traveled extensively through Europe, Egypt, Israel and 49 of the 50 states. In 1985, Bob and June returned to Independence, MO, where they lived until their passing.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, June Lorene Davies; and one brother, John (Jack) B. Hedal.

He is survived by his three daughters, April Lynnette Davies, Beverly Jo Bono (Mark), Vicki Lorene Bell (Kirk); two sons, David Richard Davies (Mary), Andrew Goldberg (Barbara); eight grandchildren, Heather Meador (Ken), Ethan Michael, Dawn Spencer and (Joe), Anita Harvey (Erik), Krista Murtha (Jack), Jonathan Davies (Alicia), Amy Miller (Brian), Matthew Mogg (Rebecca); six great-grandchildren, Jordann, Chase and Tori Meador, Aubrey Spencer, Raymond Harvey, Avalee Davies; two sisters, Kay Wise, Barbara Fernelious; and two brothers, Richard B. Davies, and Ralph Davies.

A visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 9, 2011, at Speaks Suburban Chapel, 18020 E. 39th St., Independence, MO.

Services will be at 10:00 a.m., Monday, at the Suburban Chapel. A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Monday at Rose Hill



Cemetery, Lamoni, IA.

Arrangements by Speaks Suburban Chapel, (816) 373-3600. Online condolences and memories may be left for the family at www.speakschapel.com.

Examiner.net, Independence, MO, October 6, 2011

ERLANDSON, EVAN DALE

Olympia WA

b. 02-24-1922 / d. 02-04-2011

Spokane Valley WA Congregation

Evan Dale Erlandson died February 4, 2011 at Olympia, WA, where he had lived, near his son, for several months. He was born February 24, 1922, in Spokane, Spokane County, WA, the son of Edgar Caspare Erlandson and Ethel Mildred (Cail) Erlandson, and was married November 9, 1947, to Betty Lou Mikesell.

He was very musical, like his mother, and enjoyed playing the organ, guitar and ukulele.

Evan retired from employment with Kaiser Aluminum in Mead, WA.

Evan was preceded in death by his wife, Betty. He is survived by one son, James (Jim) Erlandson of Olympia.

A graveside service was held Sunday, July 10, 2011, 2:00 p.m., at Riverside Memorial Park, followed by potluck picnic at Bowl and Pitcher, 3:00 p.m., Spokane, WA.

LEHMAN, FLOYD DANIEL

Coeur d'Alene ID

b. ___-___-1935 / d. 01-19-2003

Coeur d'Alene ID Congregation

An open house for Floyd Daniel Lehman, 68, will be Saturday, January 25, 2003, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the family home at 6313 W. Pinegrove Drive in Coeur d'Alene, ID. Yates Funeral Home in Coeur d'Alene is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Lehman, who was born in Genesee, MI, died Sunday, January 19.

He married Carmen Greenwood in 1957 and was a longtime resident of Coeur d'Alene.

Mr. Lehman had worked as an armored-car driver for over 26 years. He attended the Community of Christ church and was involved in activities there. Mr. Lehman was also a ham radio operator and worked with disaster services and the Kidney Transplant Support Group.

Survivors include his wife, Carmen; two sons, Paul Lehman of Waldorf, MD, and Brian Lehman of Coeur d'Alene; two daughters, Karen Hanks of Coeur d'Alene and Karla Branson of Post Falls, ID; a brother, Myron Thompson of Millington, MI; four sisters, Marge Sohlden of Flint, MI, Sue Churchill of Akron, MI, Loren Davenport of Otter Lake, MI, and Beth Estep of Mount Morris, MI; four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

The Spokesman-Review, Spokane, WA/Coeur d'Alene, ID, Friday, January 24, 2003, page D5 - Idaho Chronicle Obituaries

LOVE, DONALD JAMES

Mansfield WA

b. 10-31-1921 / d. 07-08-2011

Bridgeport WA Congregation / Brewster-Mansfield WA Congregation

Donald James Love, 89 of Mansfield, WA, died on July 8, 2011, at the Harmony House Health Care Center in Brewster, WA, after a struggle with cancer. He was born October 31, 1921, outside of Mansfield in the home where he lived until his recent passing.

His parents, Joseph Homer Love and Louisa Catherine Love, operated the family farm for a number of years prior to the time that his mother passed away and his father retired. Donald and his brother, Joseph, expanded the farm that supported both brothers' families. At one time they operated a John Deere Tractor 24 hours a day to make it possible to grow the farm. Joseph eventually relocated to Missouri to start other farm operations.



Donald graduated from Mansfield High School in 1939, and maintained a lifetime of friendships in this close-knit community. It was not unusual when one farmer became sick that others would pitch in to help. Donald was very proud of his friends. Not once but twice, they showed up to help him complete a wheat harvest after he suffered a heart attack and later when he underwent a bypass surgery, which left him unable to finish the harvest.

Donald was a lifelong member of the Community of Christ. He took great pride in serving the Lord and would read the Bible after coming in from a long day in the fields. He was baptized in 1932, ordained a priest in 1951, and called to be an elder in 1961. He served a number of years as the pastor of his church in Bridgeport, WA.

Donald was also active in his community and served as a Cub Scout Leader for a number of years. He was a long-time member of the Mansfield Grange and belonged to the Washington Wheat Grower's and Cattleman's Associations. While Donald was very active in his community, there was nothing that he loved more to do than spend time with his wife, children and grandchildren.

Donald met Anna Louise Dietrich in Chelan, WA, and they were married on March 3, 1946. He frequently referred to her as "Blue Eyes" – the love of his life. To everyone in the family, Donald was known as "DJ." Donald and Louise raised their four children on the family farm in Mansfield. He continued farming into his mid 80s until his health required that he retire.

Donald is survived by his wife, Anna Louise Love of Mansfield; his son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Brenda Love of San Jose, CA; son, Stephen James Love of Mansfield and daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Don Whitman of Wenatchee, WA, and Donita and Dave Bernstein of Wenatchee. He is also survived by six grandchildren.

A celebration of his life will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, 2011, at the Community of

Christ, which is located at 690 North Baker Street in East Wenatchee, with internment at 4:00 p.m. at the Mansfield Cemetery.

Friends are welcome to join the family at the reception dinner which will be held at the Mansfield Grange. A public viewing time will be held at Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home, Monday July 18, 2011, from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mansfield Ambulance Association. Arrangements will be made by Precht Rose Chapel of Chelan.

The Wenatchee World, Sunday, July 17, 2011

MYERS, ERMA AGNES (Sills)

Ferndale WA

b. 02-15-1913 / d. 03-02-2011

Spokane WA Branch

Erma Agnes (Sills) Myers, age 98, passed away March 2, 2011, in Ferndale, Whatcom County, WA. She was born February 15, 1913, in Tonasket, WA, the daughter of Lake F. and Hattie P. Sills.

She graduated from Hillyard High School in Spokane, WA. She married Clyde F. Myers on April 25, 1931, and lived in Spokane, on a farm in Spangle, and back to Spokane. For the past 12 years she has lived with her daughter, Judith, in Ferndale, WA.

Erma loved flowers, and her beautiful gardens tempted many to stop and take pictures. She was a seamstress and an avid quilter until a few years ago.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1990, and her brothers, Bert Sills and Louis Sills.

She is survived by her children, Donna Goulding of Saco, ME, James Myers of Daytona Beach, FL, Judith Miller of Ferndale, WA, and Steven Myers of Dayton, WA; a sister, Opal Kuonen of Spokane, WA; 12 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

Erma will be greatly missed by her family and all



who knew her and loved her.

Funeral arrangements are being finalized with Hazen & Jaeger Funeral Home, 1306 N. Monroe St. in Spokane.

The Spokesman-Review, Spokane, WA, Sunday, March 13, 2011

SCHAEFER, ROY H.

Independence MO

b. 08-20-1932 / d. 03-30-2011

World Church

ROY H. SCHAEFER

Roy H. Schaefer, 78, of Independence, MO, passed away Wednesday, March 30, 2011. Roy was born August 20, 1932, in Brooklyn, New York, to Henry W. and Helen (Ziegler) Schaefer. When he was ten years of age, the family moved to Independence, MO, where he resided for the remainder of his life.

Roy was a graduate of William Chrisman High School, Graceland College, and UMKC School of Dentistry. He also received his Master's in Public Health from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. After graduating from dental school, he served two years in the U.S. Air Force where he was stationed in Anchorage, AK. Upon returning to Independence he practiced dentistry for ten years.

In 1969, he became a full-time minister for the Community of Christ (Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints). As Commissioner of Health Ministries for the church, he organized multiple medical and dental relief missions to the countries of Haiti and Honduras. He later served in the Council of Twelve Apostles. This role led him to minister throughout the U.S. and many foreign countries.

Roy loved his community and took an active role in many service organizations. Among them were the Community Service League, Habitat for Humanity and Ministerial Alliance. He also served as a member of the Harry S. Truman Public Service Award Commission.

Dr. Schaefer is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn (Keiper) Schaefer; son David A. Schaefer and wife Melissa; daughter Nan L. Kohler and husband Christopher; by his beloved granddaughter Danielle Schaefer; cousin Elsie (Schaefer) Hight and husband Tom.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.speakschapel.com (Arr: Carson-Speaks Chapel 252-7900) Carson-Speaks Funeral Home, 1501 S. Lexington Avenue, Independence, MO 64052, 816-252-7900

An informal gathering to celebrate Roy's life will be held from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 3, 2011, at the Stone Church, 1012 W. Lexington Avenue, Independence, MO 64050. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Outreach International or the charity of your choice.

Kansas City Star, April 1, 2011

**COMMUNITY ACTIVIST ROY SCHAEFER
MOURNED BY FRIENDS:
DENTIST REMAINED ACTIVE IN CAUSES
AFTER HIS RETIREMENT**

The future family physician and the future dentist met each other as young boys growing up in Brooklyn, N.Y., attending the New York City borough's branch of the then named Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Seventy-five years later, Dr. Don Potts says he knew his lifelong friend, the minister and community activist Dr. Roy H. Schaefer, longer than anyone still living in Eastern Jackson County. An Independence resident since age 10, Schaefer died March 30 at age 78.

Schaefer, a retired dentist, worked in multiple capacities within Community of Christ and was honorably released from the church's Council of Twelve in 1988. He moved to Independence first, and when Potts later moved to the city where their church has its headquarters, the two friends became reacquainted.

Throughout the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s, Potts and Schaefer traveled to Haiti on multiple occasions,



providing medical care to citizens in need. They made a documentary movie during the second trip, Potts said, to show their church what was taking place in Haiti.

In 1969, Schaefer became a full-time minister for Community of Christ and served as commissioner of Health Ministries for the church.

“At first, he was actually my dentist. His office was in the same office as my medical building, but the best times we had were on our trips to Haiti,” Potts said. “He was such a compassionate person that whatever we did, his main concern was for the people there and what could be done on a long-term basis.”

In recent years, Schaefer also worked on the fluoride in city water issue and served on many community and social-justice organizations, including the city’s Human Relations Commission. Schaefer allowed less financially stable citizens to see Handel’s “Messiah” at Community of Christ, offered his ministry to those who were incarcerated and worked for the Missouri Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

“To associate the name of Roy H. Schaefer with the word ‘retired’ is a little like associating the term of ‘dentistry’ with ‘painless,’” the Community of Christ’s website says in its description of Schaefer as a recipient of the 2010 Community of Christ International Human Rights Award for Service to Humanity.

Schaefer won multiple awards for his work, including the Independence Ministerial Alliance’s Spirit of Service Award in 2006 and Outreach International’s Distinguished Service Award. Schaefer, along with Charles Neff and William T. Higdon, helped found Outreach Incorporated, the predecessor to the nonprofit human development agency Outreach International.

“He was probably a prophetic voice for those in need and was a strong advocate for social justice,” said the Rev. Pat Miller, immediate past president of the Independence Ministerial Alliance.

Potts described Schaefer, a 1950 William Chrisman High School graduate, as quiet and humble, “but what he said made a lot of difference. I think his life was more of a sermon than his speaking was.”

“He just put everything else above himself,” Potts said. “It was very hard to say no him because he was so involved with so many things and was so devoted to the people of the community. He was someone that anybody could look up to.”

Independence Mayor Don Reimal lived near Schaefer in the McCoy neighborhood. Schaefer took an active role with Community Services League, Habitat for Humanity and the Harry S. Truman Public Service Award Commission. City Council members briefly remembered Schaefer’s contributions to Independence at Monday night’s study session.

“He was a citizen who took his responsibilities of seeing Independence as a better place to live very seriously,” Reimal said. “You could always count on Roy if you needed someone to be on a committee or work on the different issues in the community – Roy would be there, willing to help. He was somebody you could call and talk to if you had something you needed to think about and needed another opinion on.”

The Examiner, Examiner.net, Independence-Blue Springs-Grain Valley, MO, April 15, 2011 by Adrienne DeWeese.

WHITING, RAYMOND ALLEN

Iola KS

b. 03-18-1932 / d. 10-04-2011

World Church / Spokane WA District

Raymond (Ray) Allen Whiting, age 79, passed away at his home on October 4, 2011. He was born in Independence, MO, on March 18, 1932.

He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Jeanie; children Gary, David, Kathy Greve, Tammy Marnell, Rick Murphy, Cindy Dismang, and Chris Murphy; and siblings Harlin, Barbara Riffle, and Leonard. He enjoyed 15 grandchildren and 7



great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rod and Greta; his first wife, Carol Nancy (Denton) Whiting; and grandchildren, Mitia Murphy and Brad Whiting.

He will always be remembered for his devotion as a husband. As a father, he was active and caring in the lives of his children and grandchildren. Those who worked with him remember his skill, diligence and friendship.

Ray was first of all a disciple of Jesus Christ. He served the Lord in various capacities as a minister and as a living witness of the new life Jesus gives to those who live by faith. This included an appointment as missionary to the Western Montana District and Spokane WA District of the RLDS Church in 1960.

He worked as a physician assistant in southeast Kansas for over twenty years in primary care clinics, emergency rooms, and surgery. He also operated a locksmith shop for many years. His life experience included service in the United States Navy during the Korean war, building chain-link fences, and selling and servicing x-ray equipment. He had a multitude of skills and loved working with his hands and serving others.

His life has influenced many people for good over the years. We thank God for his life and the rich flavor of Christ by which his life has enriched those who knew and loved him.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 7, 2011, at the Community of Christ in Iola. Memorials in his name may be made to the church and may be left with the funeral home.

The Wichita Eagle, Oct 6, 2011 / *The Iola Register*, Iola, KS, online edition, October 10, 2011

WHITING, RAYMOND DUANE (Bud)
Auburn WA
b. 08-19-1931 / d. 03-03-2011
Spokane WA Branch / Richland WA

Congregation

Raymond Duane (Bud) Whiting died March 3, 2011, after many months of battling pancreatic cancer. He was born August 19, 1931, in Spokane, WA, to Lloyd A. and Lillian O. (Stene) Whiting.

Ray attended Lewis and Clark High School before moving with his family to Richland, WA, where he graduated from Columbia High School in 1950.

He attended Graceland University in Lamoni, IA, before entering the army and serving in the Korean War as part of the 7th Armored Division Special Training Center at Camp Roberts, CA. Upon his honorable discharge, Ray attended the University of Washington and graduated in the spring of 1957. He was recruited by the Boeing Company and worked in its finance department.

Ray married Virginia A. Rasmussen in 1957 and together they built their home and raised their two sons, (Miles) Scott and Bryan Lloyd until Virginia's untimely death in 1972.

Ray retired from Boeing in 1990 and promptly met D. Joanne Dahl. They formed a loving partnership to share their lives. Together they traveled throughout the United States and Canada and spent many happy hours cruising to foreign ports and traveling extensively in Europe.

Ray loved to fish and caught many steelhead and salmon on the Cowlitz and Columbia Rivers.

He was a member of the Boeing Company Management Association for 30 years, the Auburn 1808 Elks, and a past member of Tacoma Mountaineers Club and Auburn Eagles Club.

Ray is survived by his two sons, Scott (Lori) and Bryan (Stephanie); his partner Joanne Dahl; and his six beloved grandchildren; his brother Gary K. Whiting; sister Kathleen M. Madsen; and nine nieces and nephews.

Ray was predeceased in death by his parents, Lloyd A. Whiting and Lillian O Whiting; sister,



Dolores M. Hyde; and his wife, Virginia A Rasmussen.

Private funeral services have been arranged with interment at the Auburn Mountain View Cemetery.

Tri-City Herald, Pasco-Kennewick-Richland, WA, Sunday, March 27, 2011 / *Seattle Times*, March 27, 2011

WINTERS, THELMA FLORENCE (Mikesell)

Spokane WA

b. 04-26-1934 / d. 10-13-2011

Spokane Valley WA Congregation

Thelma Florence (Mikesell) Winters passed away October 13, 2011, surrounded by her family – her husband, the love of her life for 59 years, Wayne Norman Winters, and daughters Debbie Weber-Winters, Jan Mirus (Mitch), Anita Cooper (Mike) and Ginny Winters. She had suffered during her last years from Parkinson's disease.

She was born April 26, 1934, in Pocatello, ID, the daughter of Jeff and Florence Mikesell.

She attended Edison Grade School, Libby Junior High, and Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane, WA. Thelma graduated in 1952 from Harper (Oregon) High School. She went to Spokane Community College and became an LPN, graduating at the top of her class.

Thelma was baptized on June 14, 1942, in the old Spokane Branch of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at Third & Smith in Spokane, WA. She later married Wayne Winters on August 17, 1952, at the same location.

She was very involved in her church as a leader in women and youth ministries, over the years, and volunteered to work with special needs children. She worked alongside her husband in managing the Valleyford egg farm and others.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers Ernest (Edith), Jeff Jr. and Jim Mikesell (Wilma); sisters Betty Erlandson (Evan), and Della Binder (Eddie).

She is also survived by her sister, Leslie Wood (Boyd). She was the loving grandmother of Justin Weber (Laura), Thane Weber (Jennifer), Amy Brittain (Chris), Ryan Mirus (Lacy Jo), Melissa Mirus, Michelle and Grant Cooper, Peter Mangum, Candy Winters, and great-grandchildren Jade and Katie Weber. She leaves numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 pm on October 22, 2011 at the Community of Christ Church 11515 E Broadway, Spokane Valley, WA.