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RAYMOND VEST

1914 – 2012



A real champion for the cause of Christ and life in general laid down his battle gear on Friday, Sept. 7, 2012. His record is marked by 98 years of hard work, meaningful service, faithful devotion, tirelessness and good health. What a marvelous thing it is for one to live so long and to pass from this life with nothing but thanksgiving and appreciation for a life of joy and productivity. Raymond Vest was truly a Christian gentleman, dear family member, faithful brother in Christ and a friend to so many. He was genuinely appreciated by all who knew him and will be missed. He has held the distinction of being the oldest member of the New Albany Church of Christ where he worshiped and served for 44 years.

Mr. Raymond was a farmer most of his life while working as a meter reader for Bethlehem Water Assoc. He found pleasure in wood cutting and gardening. He was passionate about helping others who were in need and was a beloved neighbor for those who lived within miles of their modest country home near the intersection of CR 77 & 76 north of New Albany in Hell Creek bottom. He was best known for his sweet spirit, dry sense of humor and his quiet but engaging presence. He was warm and an interesting conversationalist, having such a diversified background, that he could converse with the most common to the educated and speak with intelligence, commanding respect for his judgment and knowledge.

Our dear friend was survived by his sweet wife, Amy Hill Vest, of 75 years; one daughter, Betty Jean Young (Terry) of New Albany; one son, John Robert Vest (Nola) of Brentwood, TN; one sister, Flora Breckinridge of Sherwood, AR; eight grand children; fourteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Jimmy Ray Vest; three sisters; and four brothers.

What a marvelous journey life has been for Mr. Raymond. Having come from and took great pride in his humble background and birth to Robert Lee and Alice Lynch Vest in Atkins, AR almost a century ago. Time and experience only made him better. This gentleman was the very definition of strength. It is told that he could work a young and healthy man down while operating a chain saw wood cutting at the age of 85. His strength was even greater within in terms of character and quality. He had the heart of God and was willing to share it through a life forged by hard work, discipline and godliness.

To his sweet wife and best friend in the world, Ms. Amy, we extend our sympathies, along with our love and concern to Betty, John and the extended family. The question could be asked regarding Raymond Vest that was asked by King David upon the death of Abner: "Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day?"



PRAYER LIST

Rex Lyon, brother of *Bill Lyon*, fell this past week and has two ruptures in his back. He has been moved to a Veterans Nursing Home in MO.

Elaine Hill, grandmother of mother of *Paige Young*, passed away late Mon. night. No arrangements yet.

Kathy Clayton, is at home recovering from gall bladder surgery.

Taterrin Wilson, a fourth grade student at New Albany Elementary is in St. Jude Hospital diagnosed with Hotchkins Lymphoma.

Maylaya Wood, nine month old daughter of a friend of the *Pounders* is undergoing chemo treatments for a brain tumor.

Crystal Bickerstaff, daughter of *J. L. Eaton*, had the stent removed from her kidney last week. She will have kidney surgery Oct 2nd.

Altha Rogers, fell this past week and broke her hip. She is in the Corinth Hospital.

Continual Prayer

Jamie Clemmer, Rosie Wilson, Tauso Branch, Perrin Drummond, Connie Phagan, Mary Alice Holloway, Prebble Foster, Brooks Russell, Jack Dunlap, Larry Averett, John Tierney, Tony Cross, Norman Brown, Al Pless, Hugh Collins, Shane Crofts, Terry & Betty Young

Shut-Ins

Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Belle Cross

Nursing Home/Assisted Living: **Mattie Golden, Amy Vest, Laura Mae Harris**

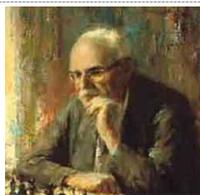
Military List:

David & Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Hamm, Raegan Cole, Derek Bradley, Jesse Stroud



"I BELIEVE"

...that to be wronged is nothing unless you continue to remember it.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



September 20. Patty Jacks
September 22. Tauso Branch
September 22. Jonathan Clayton
September 23. Helen DePriest

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

September 24. Lonnie & Nicki Weaver



BRIDAL SHOWER



There will be a Bridal Shower for *Angela Ashmore*, bride elect of *Adam Little*, Sunday, Sept. 23rd from 2:00-3:30 at the fellowship building. *Angela* and *Adam* are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Calico Mushroom, and Southern Traditions.

THANK YOU

Dear family in Christ,

This last year has been a difficult time for our family; aging parents, moving them to a skilled nursing facility, our own health struggles, and the stress that comes from caring for loved ones. Through it all, you have been there for us. You brought food, you called, you took Terry out to eat and visited with him, you checked on Mama and Daddy. You were with us and provided for us during the loss of our precious Father and Pa. You encouraged, you cared, you loved. Matt. 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven." God has been glorified through you. With grateful appreciation and love,

Betty Young & family & John Vest & family



We would like to thank everybody for their participation in our 50th Wedding Anniversary. All your hard work resulted in a beautiful setting. We were honored to have you there and are so blessed to have so many wonderful Christian friends.

Jerry & Eleta Grimmert

NEW

There is a certain convict that I have been corresponding with for several years down in Texas that recently got a “new” typewriter... He has completely worn out the old one.

It was not very easy to correct his errors on the old machine and the letters he would type were full of typos most of the time. I was taken back by the cost of the new one...\$110...quite a price to pay for anything in prison, and it was very elevating to my own soul to hear how joyful he was at being able to buy it. I wrote him a letter and told him that every once in a while all of us need a little new in our lives.

Makes me wonder...

Why don't we sweep out the old grudges from our lives, rip the pages of regret out of our life book, focus on how much good God has done for us, plant a seed of hopefulness in our neighbors, write a special memory on the wall paper of someone's heart? Replace the fears of tomorrow with the good we can do today. Make a difference where we stand. Do the little things that matter. Hope more, love more, find new ways to serve, get out of ourselves and into the lives of others.

What stirs you? What is your passion? What makes you get up early, go to bed late, work harder, stay longer, risk more, cry less, laugh more? What if there was no way for you to lose? No way to be disappointed, no “on the other hand,” nothing but good consequences at the end of the day?

What if you could “buy” a dream, make a wish come true, be the person you've always known you could be? How hard would it be to put some “new” in your life by changing just one simple thing - your attitude?

What if we looked forward to helping others instead of considering it a chore, that's right a chore, don't think I'm the only one that ever had the thought, “I could be doing something I want to do instead of helping so and so.” I'm not. Neither are you.

What kind of “new” could you and I put in our lives that would give us the joy that this convict feels with a new typewriter? Could it be as simple as looking each day for someone to serve in some way even if it is small? Yep, that would do it for me. I could get up for some “new” in my own life, a change in my attitude, an opportunity to serve others and the good part is those “others” are all around me.

I think perhaps we are so conflicted about what we should be doing and don't do that it makes us all start searching for something different or new to put joy in our lives when all along the “new” is simply to write on our own internal typewriters a “new name” to search each day. I must do better.

Ken Upchurch ~via ~ KneEmail

YOUTH NEWS YOUTH NEWS

- The Jr. Bible Bowl will be held here on Sat. Sept., 22nd at 9:30a.m. We need people to bring canned drinks and breakfast items. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer if you are willing to help.
- Congratulations to our Senior Bible Bowl Team for placing 1st in their first competition this year. We are so proud of them! Keep up the good work.
- The Youth Devo that was scheduled for Sun. Sept. 23rd has been postponed until a later date.

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....	120
Sunday A.M.....	153
Sunday P.M.....	118
Wednesday.....	117
Contribution.....	\$ 3,597.01
Budget.....	\$ 3,567.55

TO SERVE

Scripture.....	Anderson Parks
A.M. Prayer.....	Troy Robertson
Closing Prayer.....	Roger Clayton
P.M. Prayer.....	Steve Todd
Closing.....	Bobby Marques
Wed 9/26.....	Gary Turner
Wed. 9/26.....	Randy Wall
Usher & Lock.....	Bill Botts
Greeter.....	L & N Weaver



PANTRY ITEM

Instant Potatoes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....	9:30
Morning Worship	10:30
Evening Worship.....	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00

ELDERS

Richard Jennings	534-6671
Troy Robertson	534-3491

DEACONS

Bill Botts.....	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton.....	538-8195
Harold Russell	534-4648
Randy Wall	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

MINISTER

Mike King.....	507-0625
Home.....	534-6872
Office	534-4649

At Day's End

Is anybody happier because you passed this way?
Does anybody remember that you spoke to them today?
The day is almost over and its toiling time is through;
Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word to you?

Can you say tonight in parting with the day that's dipping fast,
That you helped a single person of the many that you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did and said;
Does the person whose hopes were fading now with
courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it?
Was it well or sorely spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber,
do you think that God will say
"You have earned one more tomorrow by
The work you did today."

~ author unknown ~

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men."
Galatians 6:10



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