

Family

Deaths

Alice Marie Ostmeyer

Alice Marie Ostmeyer, 95, Colby, died Monday, Aug. 9, 2010, at her home. She was born Nov. 30, 1914, in St. Marys, the daughter of Peter and Margaret (Bixenman) Stephens.

On May 21, 1935, she married Fred Anthony Ostmeyer in Angelus. They lived for many years in Grinnell.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed playing bridge and working in her garden.

She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Colby, the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Grinnell, St. Mary's Altar Society, Daughters of Isabella and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary in Grinnell.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband in 1997, a son, Weir Ostmeyer; seven brothers, Bert, Carl, Harold, Andrew, Pete, Joe and Don Stephens; and four sisters, Helen Baalman, Marge Koster, and infants Berniece and Donna Stephens.

Survivors include two daughters, Marilyn (Don) Surmeier, Colby; and Phyllis (Dennis) Scheetz, Monument; a daughter-in-law, Lori Ostmeyer, Oakley; a sister, Stella Kruse, Littleton, Colo.; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services were Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010, at the church in Grinnell, with burial in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Grinnell.

Lloyd E. Jones

Lloyd E. Jones, 69, North Liberty, Iowa, brother of Oscar Jones and Harold (Grace) Jones of Colby, died Saturday, Aug. 7, 2010, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Iowa City, Iowa.

He was born June 3, 1941, in Colby, the son of John E. and Mary E. (Pegram) Jones and the youngest of 10 children in the family.

He attended Colby Public Schools, and from 1962 to 1968 served in the Army, including a tour in Vietnam.

On Aug. 5, 1965, he married Erika Adler in Berlin. After his return from Vietnam, they moved to

North Liberty. He worked for Hawkeye Food Systems in nearby Coralville, Iowa for 30 years, and was a member of the American Legion.

Preceding him in death were his parents; three brothers, Allen Jones, Melvin Jones and Billy Jones; and a sister, Irene Cruise.

Survivors also include his wife, of the home, two sons, John Jones, North Liberty; and Michael (Sarah) Jones, Pacific, Mo.; and three sisters, Helen (Cleve) Thompson, Bellflower, Calif.; Mary Foster, Cotter, Ark.; and Viola Svoboda, Arvada, Colo.

No services are planned. Lensing Funeral Service, Iowa City, is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.lensingfuneral.com.



Lloyd Jones

Religious impulse felt by everyone

I am interested in things that are universal, those things that transcend particular cultures and can be found in all humans regardless of their historic epoch or cultural setting.

In previous columns, I have talked about two of these things that appear to be universal. The first is our basic sense of right and wrong. The second is the corresponding sense that we have all failed to live up to this innate moral standard. This produces guilt. I also briefly touched on a third universal, which I refer to as the religious impulse.

Pick out any culture you want to in any epoch of history and you will find people worshipping something. Even if you look at an officially atheistic society, like the Soviet Union or Communist China, you will find people worshipping — if not God then the state, if not Jesus then Lenin, Stalin or Mao, or perhaps nature, or science. John Calvin was surely correct when he observed that the human heart is an idol factory.

But when we take a look at what humans worship, and why they do it, we find that religion seems to be a response to the first universals we discussed, our moral sense and the guilt we feel as a result of knowing that we fail to live up to even our own standards of right and wrong. It would seem that there is a longing to gain atonement, to fix that which is broken. But with so many different groups claiming to have the answer, how can anyone determine which one if any of them is correct?

Actually, it is not as difficult as it may seem, because philosophi-



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cally speaking there are only two religions. The first is religion of human works. It holds that whatever the reward envisioned, whatever the sin may be, it can be atoned for through human effort and good works. In short, this theory says that we can save ourselves.

The secular Humanist Manifesto II states this philosophy about as well as it can be stated, "No deity will save us; we must save ourselves." The authors prided themselves in being nontheistic and nonsupernaturalists. But their creed mirrors the same basic creed that has undergirded almost all of the world's religions, that we can somehow please whatever gods there be, or gain whatever good there is to be gained through our own human efforts. So whether theistic or nontheistic, the majority of the world's religions are works-centered and humanistic.

In contrast to the religion of human works, Biblical Christianity says, "We cannot save ourselves, only the Deity can save us." It is interesting to note that only Chris-

tianity says this. It is the only religion that says we need a savior, and the only religion that offers one.

Other religions offer enlightened masters, gurus, teachers, priests or prophets, but what Peter said to the Sanhedrin in his day is still the true today, "There is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."

It should not bother anyone that Christians say there is salvation in no one but Jesus, because no other religion even says we need salvation, or at least we do not need a

salvation that requires a savior because, as the Humanist Manifesto declares, if we do need salvation we can save ourselves.

So the religious impulse can result in one of two responses. One can opt for some sort of supernatural or nonsupernatural form of humanism, or one can recognize that he or she needs a savior. The first requires a certain amount of pride; the second requires a great deal of humility. The first is faith in oneself; the second is faith in God. Philosophically speaking, those are the only two choices.

Mark Carlton is pastor of the Colby Berean Church. You can reach him at pastormark@colby-berean.com or 462-2763.

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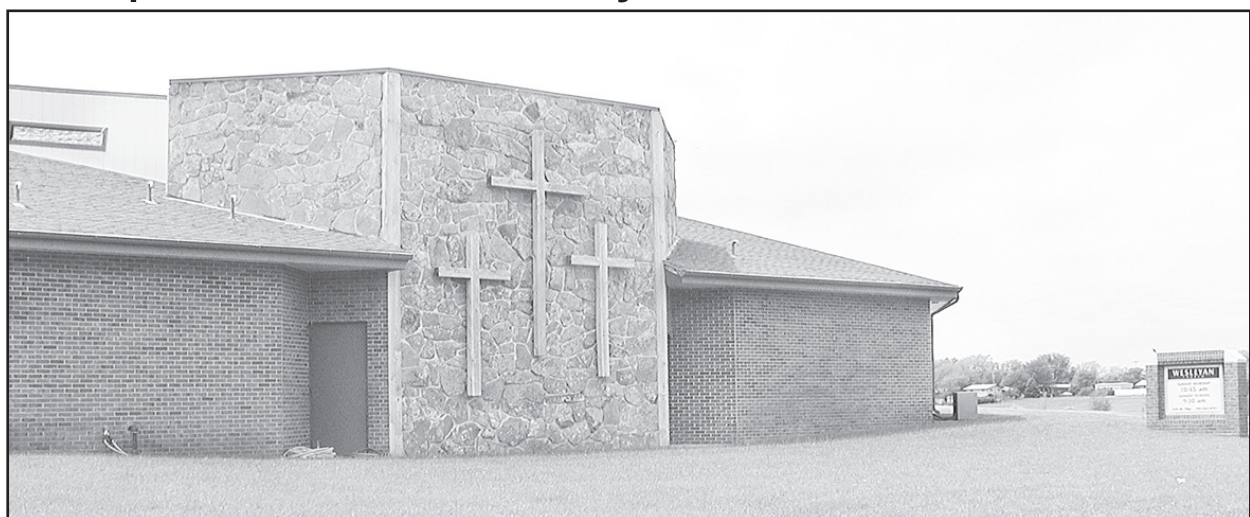
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BEREAN CHURCH, 1000 S. Franklin, 785-460-2763, www.colbyberean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. and Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Pastor Mark Carlton, Senior Pastor and Pastor Jason Purdy, Youth Pastor. Middle School Group Wednesday 7 p.m. at the Attic and High School Youth Group Sunday 6 p.m. at the Attic. AWANA Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the church.

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