

obituaries

Patsy Eloise Van Vleet

Patsy Eloise Van Vleet, 69, a Goodland nurse, died Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at Goodland Regional Medical Center. She was born March 24, 1938, at the family home north of Kanorado, the daughter of Lawrence and Beulah (Hawks) McClung. She attended elementary school at Ruleton and graduated from Goodland High School in 1956. She earned an associate's degree from Colby Community College and a licensed practical nurse certificate and worked many years at the Goodland hospital. On Oct. 1, 1955, she married Ronald Andrew Van Vleet at the First Christian Church in Goodland. She was a member of the church, the Business and Professional



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Women, the Northwest Kansas Medical Foundation board and the Slim and Trim Club of Kanorado, and had helped coordinate the annual Love Benefit for the Goodland Elks Lodge. Preceding her in death were her father and a sister, Marcia Smith. Survivors include her mother, Goodland; her husband; three sons, Rodney (Marilyn) Van Vleet of Kearney, Neb., Dean (Karen) Van Vleet of Larned and Daniel Van Vleet of Springfield, Mo.; two daughters, Gail Keen (Rod Lindsten) and Lora (Mike) Lake, both of

Goodland; three brothers, Larry (Vivian) McClung and Darwin (Nita) McClung of Goodland, and Mickey (Connie) McClung of Topeka; a sister, Janice Duell of Overland Park; 13 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Services will be at 2 p.m. today, Friday, June 22, 2007, at the church with the Rev. Ted Amos officiating and burial in the Goodland Cemetery. Visitation was scheduled for 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Koons Chapel in Goodland and one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorials may be made to the Patsy Van Vleet Memorial or to the Northwest Kansas Medical Foundation in care of the funeral home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.

Lena M. Highland

Lena M. Highland, 78, Englewood, Colo., who grew up in Goodland, died Sunday, June 17, 2007, at Swedish Medical Center in Englewood. She was born Sept. 16, 1928, in Galt, Mo., the daughter of Harvey and Marie (Brassfield) Harper. Her family moved to Goodland when she was 2, and she grew up and attended schools here. On Jan. 24, 1947, she married Ted Highland of Colby.



Highland

Preceding her in death were her parents; two brothers, Paul and Carl Harper; and two sisters, Lois Stouffer and Bettie Bebb. Survivors include her husband; two sons, Loyal (Joyce) Highland and Rolan (Angie) Highland of Denver; a daughter, Ernestine (Rod

McDaniel of Longmont, Colo.; a brother, Melvin Harper of Norton; and five sisters, Joyce (Ed) Dean of Oberlin, Carol Tupper and Lucy (Ron) Ackerman of Goodland, Erma (John) Alger of Dodge City and Lynda (David) Hawks of Yreka, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 23, 2007, at the Horan and McConaty Funeral Services in Centennial, Colo.

Harold John Steinbach

The Rev. Harold John Steinbach, 84, former pastor of the Goodland United Methodist Church, died Saturday, June 16, 2007, at his home in Wichita. He was born Oct. 8, 1922, at the family home in the Ebenezer Community east of Clay Center, the son of Fred and Elizabeth (Heilman) Steinbach. He became a member of the Ebenezer Methodist Church on Aug. 26, 1934. He loved farm life and wanted to continue in the family tradition but, during an annual revival at the church, he experienced a conversion. Mr. Steinbach attended Clay County Community High School, served three years in the Army and graduated from Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina in 1950. Then he attended Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., and graduated from Drew Theological

Seminary in Madison, N.J., in 1953. In 1948, he was assigned as a student pastor to the Zion Methodist Church near Upland. The church hadn't had a pastor in 12 years, and the building was in need of repair. The day before the church was to be reopened, Mr. Steinbach and church members removed wallpaper hanging from the ceiling and poison ivy which had grown through a window all the way to the pulpit. On May 27, 1953, he married Velma Marie Mugler at the Ebenezer Methodist Church with the Revs. Virgil Hayse and Paul Mugler officiating. The couple had three children. Their first full-time appointment was at Wilson and Dorrance, where a new parsonage was built. Other Methodist appointments included Greensburg and Good-

land, where new churches were built; Mulvane, where the sanctuary and basement were renovated; and West Side in Wichita until their retirement in 1990. During his 42-year ministry, Mr. Steinbach counted 562 funerals and 382 weddings. Preceding him in death were his wife in 1995; two brothers, Milton in 1994 and Clarence in 1997; and a sister, Clarence's twin, at birth. Survivors include a daughter, Sharon Steinbach Shaub of Wichita; two sons, Stephen (Gina) Steinbach of Lawrence and Mark Steinbach of Providence, R.I.; and six grandchildren. Memorial services were Thursday, June 21, 2007, at the church in Wichita. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Asbury Seminary in care of DeVors Flanagan-Hunt Mortuary, 201 S. Hydraulic, Wichita, Kan. 67211.

DO YOU WANT TO BE SAVED?

Only one time in the entire Bible, is the question asked. "What must I do to be saved?" (Acts 16:30). In the next verse (Acts 16:31) the question is answered, **"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house"**

Remember:

Hell's Hot
Life's Short
Death's Sure
Eternity's Long
and, "There Ain't No Exits in Hell."

NO MAN KNOWS, HOW SOON IT IS TOO LATE

"Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain." Exodus 20:7

Anyway that you use God's Name, the Lord's Name, Jesus' Name, other than in a Holy manner, is taking His Name in vain.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

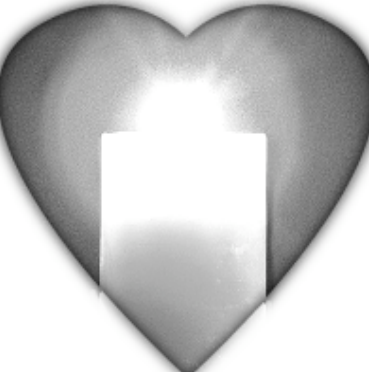
Acts 2:21 and Romans 10:13 indicate that "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." In the next verse, Romans 10:14 it says "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?" Believing precedes calling upon The name of the Lord. Jesus himself said in John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life: **no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.**" God reaffirms this truth in I Timothy 2:5 saying "For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus." When someone says "repeat this prayer after me to be saved" it is making people feel like they have to "do" something to be saved, other than **believing**. If someone is asked to say a prayer to be saved, the person who says the prayer is still on his way to hell, after repeating the prayer, if he hasn't believed in his heart. Nowhere in the Bible is it found that a person has to pray a prayer to be saved. God does not hear a prayer unless you go to God in the name of Jesus Christ. **The Only Mediator between God and man.** Jesus Christ is not your Mediator unless he is your Lord and Savior. So according to God, the steps are, first you **believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior**. By **believing** as Acts 16:31 indicates you are **saved!** Acts 16:30,31 is the only time in the Bible where the question is asked, "what must I **do** to be saved? God answering through Paul said, "**Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." By being saved, Jesus Christ is your Lord, Savior and Mediator between God and yourself. Now you can pray to God because you have the Mediator, Jesus Christ.

I believe that when a person "prays" to God, without being saved, his prayer goes no higher than the ceiling, and God probably says, "Who do you think you are, to think that you can come to Me, without coming to Me in the only possible way that I have set out in My Word? For you come to Me, through My Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the One and Only Mediator between you and Me." You don't just pull Jesus Christ out of the air, and say today I want You to get me to God, be my go-between for God! It doesn't work that way. Jesus Christ is either your Lord and Savior, making Him your Mediator, or, if Jesus Christ is not your Lord and Savior, He is not your Mediator. I believe it is very important to stress that you are saved by **believing only**. John 3:16, probably the most quoted verse in the Bible, says that, "whosoever **believeth** in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Again, this passage clearly prescribes believing, not repeating a prayer. In John 3:4, Nicodemus asks Jesus, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" He was asking this in regard to Jesus' statement in John 3:3, that a man needs to be born again. Jesus' answer in John 3:5 and following is "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." Nowhere does Jesus say, pray to be saved, it is **always believe**.

Years ago, I heard Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse say "I'm deeply offended when I hear a prayer that does not end with the idea that God must be approached only the Name and the Being of the Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 1:13 says "In whom (Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye **believed**, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise." Romans 10:9 tells us "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt **believe**, in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart man **believeth** (first) unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession (next) is made unto salvation." How many people have gone to hell or are going to hell by putting their trust in the ungodly "pray the sinners prayer" or repeat this prayer after me", instead of **believing** John 3:36: "He that **believeth** on the son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

Luke 23:39-43 tells us "And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. ⁴⁰But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. ⁴²And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. ⁴³And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." In these verses in Luke, we see that a man was saved by believing only. The malefactor did not, and was not instructed by Jesus, to pray, to receive salvation. He said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. **You don't fool Jesus.** Jesus **knew** that this man **believed** in Him; that this man **believed** that this Jesus that he was talking with was the Lord, The Messiah, the Only Begotten Son of God, the Savior, and in believing the man was saved. Now if you think that you have to pray first, repeat first, or **anything** first, before believing, why did Jesus tell him "today thou shalt be with Me in paradise?" OR if there is a need to do for anything to go along with **believing**, why didn't Jesus tell him what that was? Jesus doesn't make mistakes! God's Word is true. You don't (really you can't), add to or take away from God's Word, and it be true. Just leave His Word alone, and do what God said, **believe**. Psalm 119:89 "For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven." Revelations 22:18,19 ¹⁸For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things. God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: ¹⁹And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book." Take your Bible and check the references that we contained herein - nothing added to and nothing taken away; and when you hear "the plan of salvation" from anyone, get your Bible out and see if it is God speaking or "someone's" idea. I can't see "ten steps" to salvation, I can see only one step: **believe**. The malefactor on the cross had but one step, and he took it. You, I, we all have "one step," **believe**. Please take it, and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation.

*All Scripture references are from The King James Version, (Cambridge: Cambridge: Cambridge) 1769.



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