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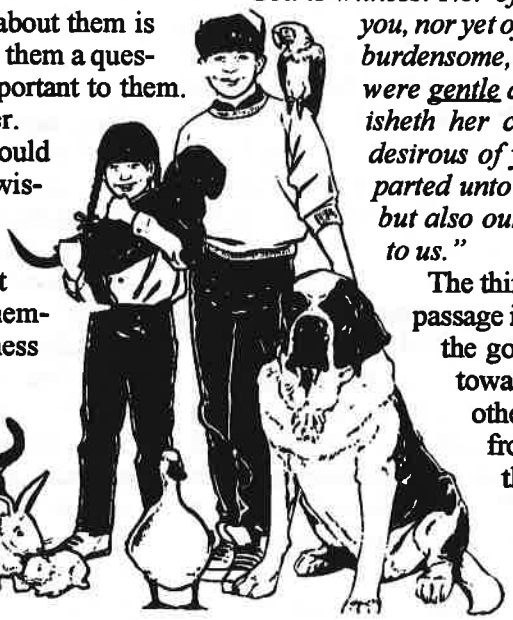
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Gentleness

When I was growing up, the older brothers and sisters were one of the great influences on me. While all the ones from the congregations I grew up in are gone, they are not gone completely. They live on in memory, and a wonderful memory it is.

One of the things I remember most about them is their gentleness. You could always ask them a question, and your question was always important to them. They would always try to find an answer.



We younger brothers and sisters should value the older for many things; their wisdom and maturity, their honesty and integrity, their strength in standing firm for the gospel. But the thing that stands out most about the older in my memory is their approachableness and gentleness to the young, and each other.

This quality is one that is guided by the scriptures. In James 3:17 we read. *"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy."* Notice that these are good qualities all, and all inter-related. We want the scriptures to thus guide us; to the point where the young remember us that way, even before they know this scripture.

Gentleness is one of the fruit of the Spirit listed in Gal. 5:22-23. *"But the fruit of the Spirit* (Paul was contrasting it to the works of the flesh in the previous three verses) *is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."*

The apostles treated the young and young in faith this way. Let's go to I Thes. 2:3-8. *"For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness: Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye are dear to us."*

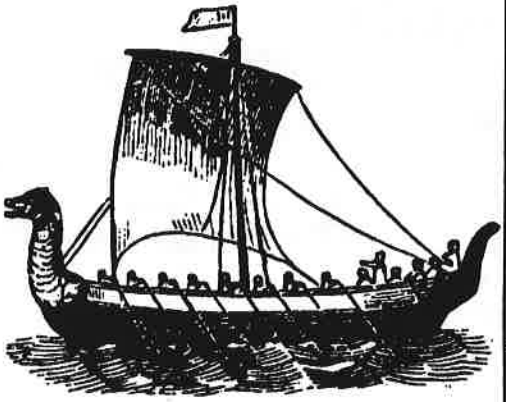
The thing that strikes me most about this passage is that Paul exemplifies strength in the gospel, interwoven with gentleness toward the people. It wasn't one or the other. He wasn't seeking glory, even from them. His stand in the truth of the gospel as he was put in trust with it was unwavering. Yet he did so with gentleness to the people.

In Psa 18:35, David praised God this way. *"Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great."*

Likewise we would have no hope of salvation without the gentleness of God. And most likely, you, like me, were guided in or to the truth of the gospel by the gentleness of Christians. It's an important quality to develop in our lives.

With love,
Bro. Terry Warford
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Des Moines, WA 98198

The Travels of Paul: Third Journey — Troas





Representatives from several of the churches had gone ahead to Troas. Paul and a few others tarried at Philippi for a few days, then sailed on to meet them. It is evident that the ship had encountered some stiff winds, for it took them five days to make the trip of about 150 miles (Acts 20:6); whereas, earlier, the westbound trip took only one day (Acts 16:11).

Their stay at Troas was for seven days, which covered two Sundays (They left the morning after the first day of the week - vs. 7) Just before their departure, as they were gathered together on the first day of the week to break bread, Paul had prolonged his speech until midnight. Whereas we don't know how long Paul normally spoke, this sermon was unusually long, for he "*prolonged*" his speech.

As Paul was preaching, a young man named Eutychus had fallen asleep while sitting in a third story window (vs. 9), and was killed. Luke, the author of Acts, and also a physician, had pronounced the young man as being "dead." Paul went and fell on him, embraced him, and brought him back to life (vs. 10-12). This was the same manner in which Elijah and Elisha had restored a person's life (1 Kings 17:21; 2 Kings 4:34). Paul then declared the lad was alive.

They took a break, ate a meal (this was not the Lord's Supper, for that was earlier), and Paul talked with them until daybreak.

The party of Christians traveling to Jerusalem with the "*collection for the saints*" took a ship headed south, but had a stop at Assos, just around the Peninsula from Troas. Paul decided to travel overland, and meet them there (vs. 13). The sea journey was about 45 miles; overland, 20 miles. It is amazing that after having been up all night, that Paul would choose this route. Perhaps his state of mind (sleepless) explains why he left his cloak and parchments behind, and asked Timothy in a letter to pick them up from the house of Carpus (2 Tim. 4:13).

The ship, after it left Assos, stopped at several ports on the way. Their desire was to be at Jerusalem by the day of Pentecost (vs. 14-16). When they realized their time was running short, they bypassed Ephesus, a place they would otherwise have visited. While they were docked at Miletus, they discovered the ship would be there for a few days, so Paul sent a message to the elders at Ephesus, stating his short stay at Miletus (vs. 17).

These men from Ephesus, having received this message, hurried down to Miletus where they visited with Paul and the other brethren (vs. 18). This shows the love they had for Paul, making a quick journey covering almost 50 miles.

While visiting with them, he told them he didn't know what would happen to him at Jerusalem; for the Holy Spirit had revealed unto him that he would endure bonds and afflictions (vs. 22-23). He believed that he would see these brethren no more (vs. 25).

Whatever happened, he told them his conscience was clear, in that he did not shrink from preaching the entire gospel to them (vs. 26-27). He also warned them, "... *after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them." (vs. 29-30).* Knowing this, Paul said he had worked and admonished them for three years, both night and day (vs. 31). By the time of the writing of John's Revelation, the church at Ephesus had already fallen away (Rev. 2:1-7).

Paul knelt down, and prayed with them all; and before he boarded the ship, they all wept, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him (vs. 36-38), thinking that they would never see him again.

Next issue: Return to Jerusalem.

Written in love of the truth.

Ellis Forsman
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Cards and Letters



Aloha, OR

Greetings to all,

Sister Bonnie's health is slowly improving. She thanks everyone for their prayers.

Brother Steve Silva gave his first lesson this March. He did a great job.

My Dad (Brother J. L. Jared) had to have surgery to repair an artery in his left arm. He punctured a hole while trying to take the siding off the back of the house. Two of my sisters and I finished the job for him. Anyway, his arm is finally looking better. The swelling has gone down, and the color is back to normal.

Brother Gerald Brockman was here for one of our weekly get-togethers. He helped us with our singing. It was wonderful to see him.

Brother Tom and Sister Charlene Broadway were able to come up and visit. Tom gave us a wonderful lesson. We always enjoy seeing Tom and Charlene.

Sheila has to stay off her feet. The baby is growing everyday. The doctor said it's important for her to carry him as long as possible.

Well, that's all for now.

In Christian love,

Doris Jared for the Aloha congregation

Spavinaw, OK

Dear Christian Courier,

I enjoy reading the letters in the Courier. There is a lot of food for thought. I've never written before, but would like to write and let you know that we are Church of Christ, also.

We believe in breaking the bread, and use only one cup. There's three of us, and we meet in our home at 2 p.m.

If anyone is interested in visiting with us, they can contact us at (918) 589-2084, or write to us.

Larry Rollins
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Spavinaw, OK 74366

Bohannan Mt., AR

Hello,

A note to say that all are well at the Bohannan Mt. congregation.

We want to thank everyone for all the prayers and caring for our sick over the winter. Sloan Vanderpool is well now, and doing fine. You may remove his name. Sorry about so long not reporting on the sick and well. Most of our flu has flown. Thank the Lord! Sister Jewel Loney had balloon surgery the middle of March. She's doing a lot better. She's in her middle 80's.

Some of you may remember Brother Edd Goldsmith, formerly of the Wichita, Kansas, congregation. We were much saddened by his sudden passing on March 22, 1996, from a massive stroke. He is survived by his wife, Flora "Daniels" Goldsmith of their home in Oyone, Arkansas; 4 children; grandchildren; and great-grandchildren. We, in the family, will miss him very much.

The Bohannan Mt. Congregation
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Calsbad, NM

Dear Ones in Christ,

I was so sorry to read of Sister Mattie McCay passing away. I'm sure she has gone to be with the Lord. Also so sad that her son-in-law passed away so soon after she did. My sympathy goes out to all her family.

In March, Sister Celesta Johnson and her son Marshall, and Sister Nina Bixler and her son David were here one Sunday. Marshall and David are both members of the church and they just went ahead and led the services and did a fine job. I was so proud of them. They are members of the Aztec congregation.

Since then, Marshall was thrown from a bull and the bull stepped on his leg and broke it. He was in the Albuquerque hospital. I do hope he is doing okay.

We finally had a good rain, which we were so thankful for.

My prayers are for all those who are ill.

With Christian Love,

Eunice Bruce

When you flee temptation, make sure you don't leave a forwarding address.

Glenwood, WA

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The last time we wrote to the Courier Brother Robert McCay had just passed away. Robert has been gone over a year now. We dearly miss that man. Robert with his good humor and friendly ways will always have a warm spot in our heart.

We're sorry so much time has passed since we've written to the Courier.

We're sorry to report Mike Bogue's mother's cancer has spread. Our prayers are with them in their difficult times.

As of this writing, Sister Ellen McCay has left for Texas to visit Brother Errol Forsman, who is fighting cancer. Errol is a good Christian man; our prayers for a complete and speedy recovery are with you.

We've had recent visits from Brother Matthew Shepherd and family, Lynell Forsman, Amy Orendorff and family, and Brother Bill and Sister Veda McCay. Both men (Matt and Bill) brought us excellent lessons.

And, of course, we always appreciate Brother Terry and Sister Suzie visiting with us, and Terry preaching for us each month.

Last month we had a get-together for the youngest of our group, Katelynn McNally. We're not quite sure who is the prouder parent, Julie or Brian. We congratulate and wish them much happiness with little Katelynn.

As we write this letter, it's a beautiful Sunday afternoon. The temperature is in the 70's. We've longed for Spring and warmer days, for it signals a new birth, a new beginning, and an end to the cold gray rainy days of winter; and we look forward to seeing other brothers and sisters as they and we travel around in the summer months.

May the love of God strengthen and keep you in His way.

The Glenwood, WA Church of Christ

Cedaredge, CO

Dear Christian Friends:

Spring is here and Our Delta Camp Meeting is approaching very rapidly. The first week of July will be here before we know it. We are hoping you are making plans to be with us (June 29 to July 8). Our 32nd year.

All of us here at Happy Hallow invite each and every one of you. We are doing great here at Church and all are well at this time.

We have had several visitors since the first of the year and heard some very good and uplifting lessons.

Christina Baker and Marty Guy were united in marriage, March 24th 1996. We wish them much happiness, as they begin their life together. Sister Christina is the grand daughter of Rex and Tiny Mickey, and daughter of Ann Paterson, all of Flora Vista, New Mexico. Brother Rex performed the wedding cermony for Christina and Marty.

Brother Steve and Sister Jill Martin, Hunter and Garret, came over from Silt Colo. to meet with us on Easter Sunday. They meet in their home in Silt each Lords day when they don't come here.

Sister Iva Rogers is in the Horizon Care Center now. Some one picks her up each Lord's day.

Don't forget to put the Delta Camp Meeting on your Calenders!!

If you have any suggestions to help us to better the Camp Meeting please fill free to tell us.

May God Bless you all till we meet again.

In Christian Love.

The Happy Hallow Church of Christ

P.O. Box 663

Cedaredge Co. 81413

P.S. Brother Michael Wilkerson and Pamela Stites were united in Marriage December 30, 1995. Brother and Sister Terry Wilkerson are Mikes parents. Brother Dallas Mickey had the honor of performing the ceromony.

Yuma, AZ

Greetings to all from the congregation here at Yuma.

We have good news this month. Melissa Nelson, daughter of Brother Steve and Sister Debra Nelson, was baptized this past Sunday, April 7th. We were all happy at this occasion, but none so much as her Mom and Dad.

We have quite a lot of illness to report: Sisters Dorothy Williams had surgery, and is at home recuperating. Sister Betty Carlson spent a couple of days in the hospital with a severe bladder infection, and is now home. Sister Betty Jones spent several days in I.C.U., where they were monitoring her heart; she is now home. Sister Zelma Broadway is staying in a rest home, and is physically doing pretty well. Brother Chuck and Sister Bonny Peacock have been caring for her, and have done a wonderful job. Sister Ruth Duncan fell and bruised her ribs, to add to her existing problems. Brother Horace Orendorff is not recuperating from his surgery as well as could be expected. Brother Sonny Boling seems to be doing well from his kidney stone removal.

Brother Frank and Sister Doris Ridlon have returned home after spending the Winter here with us. We will miss them, but will be looking for them in the Fall.

We had dinner after services this past Sunday, and a good visit after.

This about concludes most of the news from Yuma. If any are out our way, come and be with us. All are welcome. Remember us in your prayers; you are in our prayers. Prayers have great strength.

We send our love,

Yuma congregation

Sea-Tac, WA

Dear Ones in Christ,

We have some wonderful news to report to the brotherhood. Amarissa Faith Orendorff was born to Bro. Wayne and Sis. Amy Orendorff early Thursday morning, April 18th. Gabe, Shaya, David and Hanna are excited about their new baby sister. The rest of us are, too.

Bro. Ellis Forsman is going to visit his brother, Errol, in Lorenzo, TX, this week. We continue to pray for Bro. Errol's recovery, if it be the Lord's will.

Bro. Howard and Sis. Nell McCay made a trip to the clinic in Mexico this month. We haven't heard concrete results yet. Since they've been back, they have had several visitors from Selah. Bro. & Sis. Bob & Wilma Farley came for a day, and Bro. & Sis. Gene & Pat McKinney came.

In addition, Bro. & Sis. Leon & Paula Edmondson came for services last Sunday. Also here for services were Bro. & Sis. Earl and Olene Howe, up from Texas to see Amy, the family, and help celebrate Amarissa's arrival.

We also enjoyed the recent visit of Lori Harper and Kelly Shepherd and their kids. Although we missed Eric, Matthew came to pick up Kelly on the weekend. Bro. Ellis took off that week, and his girls put him to work on various projects around the house. He had to go back to work to get some rest.

We really appreciate the letters we have received this month, some from people who have never written before. Keep up the good work. Also appreciated were the financial contributions to help put the paper out.

May God bless all your efforts in serving him.

With love,

The Seattle congregation

A Certain Water

Of all the various preachers
In this free gospel land,
None have had greater trouble,
Than Wesley's zealous band:

About that text of scripture,
Quite old, but ever new,
Where Philip and the eunuch,
Acts 8, *"went down into."*

A good old pious sister,
Strict, zealous, honest soul,
Had some big waves of trouble,
Across her breast to roll.

She read how preacher Philip,
While riding on the way,
Did not invite the eunuch
Up to a bench to pray;

But preached to him the gospel,
Till he received the faith,
Then went down in the water,
As our good Bible saith.

He did not "get religion,"
As Wesley's people do,
Nor was there any labor
To get the mourner through.

When he believed that Jesus
Was truly God's own Son,
He went down in the water,
And the great work was done.

This queer and strange conversation
aroused her pious soul,
For she was only sprinkled
Out of a little bowl!

She called on her good pastor,
The "Rev." Silas Brown,
Who had for mending scriptures
A very great renown.

"My sister this is easy,
I can your fears allay,
If you will give attention
To what I have to say."

"The passage he was reading,
As clear as noonday sun,
(*'So shall he sprinkle nations,'*)
Tells how the work was done."

"That text which you have quoted,"
Good sister Jones replied,
"Is in another chapter."
The preacher sadly sighed.

"Please tell about the river,
Or creek they came unto.
The Book says 'certain water,'
How does that look to you?"

"My dear, deluded sister,
That was a desert land,
And had no creeks or rivers,
Or ponds on every hand."

"Besides, the noble eunuch,
Long journey he was on,
No doubt had in the chariot
A jug or demijohn."

"Ah, yes!" replied the sister,
"That sets the matter right,
I now see this hard question
In quite a different light,"

"You've put a brand new idea
In my poor mental mug,
Both Philip and the eunuch
Went down into — the jug!"

"But, stop — that 'certain water'
The travelers came unto,
It was not in the chariot:
Please, those two words construe."

"Ahem — my precious sister,
That is a problem deep,
And has caused learned sages
To lose a lot of sleep."

"But now a noted scholar,
The greatest of his race,
Has found a grand solution
Of this most trying case."

"He says the 'certain water'
(Grand blessings on his soul!)
Was but a track of camel,
Or just a crawfish hole!"

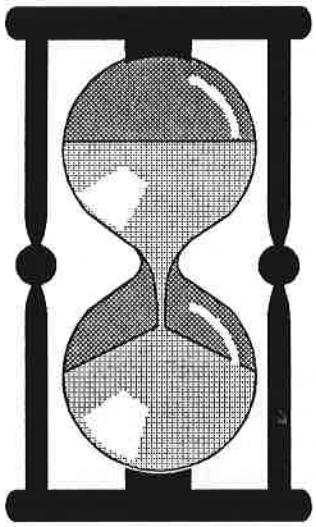
"Ah, that is plain and simple,
(We are such stupid drones!)
I should have learned it sooner,"
Quoth the good Sister Jones.

"No longer waves of trouble
Will o'er my bosom roll,
Both Philip and the eunuch
Went in the crawfish hole!"

— Anonymous

(Sent in by Jeanie Price Knobel, Yakima, WA, who found it among Elza Loveland's things.)

Precious Memories



***It is Written*, May, 1956.** * This issue contained no news from any congregations.

***The Christian Courier*, May, 1966.** * No file copy exists.

***The Christian Courier*, May, 1976.** * Brother N. E. Bergstrom, Gardendale, TX, announced their meeting in June with Brother Lloyd Treat. * Letter from Glenwood, WA, reports that a number of families from Tacoma were meeting regularly with them; Randy Orendorff was baptized on March 21st; Pam Delaney gave premature birth to Jennifer Jean, but the baby died 37 hours later; the funeral was conducted by Brother Carl Hopper; Kep and Wayne Orendorff went to Southern California to visit their parents for spring vacation; Sister Ellen McCay was called to Los Angeles to work for 35 days; Brother Robert McCay made the trip with her. * Letter from Yuma, AZ, invited visitors to stop by; and reported on the deaths of Sister Jewel Jones and Sister Norma Lyons. * Brother Farrell Wilson, Antlers, OK, reported that for the past few months they were worshipping with the congregation at Broken Bow. He also reported that Sister Parks, Brother and Sister Claude Watson, and Brother and Sister George Stubbs had been sick. * Letter from San Pablo, CA, thanked the editors for putting out the paper; encouraged others to attend some of the summer meetings; and reported they were getting some help from Brother Coleman once a month at their services. * Brother Al Way, Bellflower, CA, reported on their recent visitors from Texas, Colorado, Washington, Indiana, and other cities in California. * Brother Lloyd Allgood, Cedaredge, CO, encouraged others to come to the Delta Camp Meeting. * Brother Gerald Buckner, Pleasant View, OK, reported that they were getting together with the Baron congregation in singing once a month. * Brother Mike McCay, Yakima, WA, reported on their April meeting with Brother Sammy Boen. * Also announced were the births of Justin Dean Lamb on April 26th to Brother and Sister Roger and Sharon Lamb of Yakima, WA; and a wedding announcement of Sister Charlotte Wisehart to Brother Mike Brockman on June 26th.

***The Christian Courier*, May, 1986.** * The family of Brother Clause Perigen expressed thanks to all those who were so kind and helpful during his illness and passing. * Brother Terry Warford, Baron, OK, reported on recent visits by Brother Paul Andrews and Brother Walter Ferguson; and invited the brotherhood to come to their meeting in June. * Brother Leroy Mullens, Burkburnett, TX, invited others to meet with them. * Brother Ken Harper, Penn Valley, CA, reported that he enjoyed reading the Courier, especially the recent issue with articles from Brother Howard McCay and Brother Dan Ross. * Letter from Lorenzo, TX, announced their meeting in June with Brother Jerry McCay. * Brother Paul Andrews, Goshen AR, reported that they had many recent visitors; and three recent baptisms on March 30th: Erica Ferguson, Scott Edwards, and Quenton Smith.

Update— Brother Errol Forsman of Lorenzo, TX, has been diagnosed as having lymphatic cancer. His broken arm was caused by a growing cyst which led to the diagnosis. The doctor has ordered complete bedrest, treatment, and permanent retirement from his farming job. The family plans to move to a house in Lorenzo, as the house was part of his job. The family appreciates all your expressions of love as shown through the letters, cards, phone calls, and financial help. Our love and prayers are with this dear Christian and his family.

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Meetings

May 10-12, 1996	Newcastle, TX	Bob Eldredge
May 26-June 2, 1996	Stilwell, OK	Terry Warford & Richard Johnston
June 16-23, 1996	Lorenzo, TX	Mike Geho
June 23-30, 1996	Goshen, AR	Jim Brown
June 29-July 8, 1996	Cedaredge, CO	Camp Meeting
July 7-14, 1996	Yakima, WA	Harry Dye & Ken Williams
Nov. 24-Dec. 1, 1996	Citrus City, AZ	Rex Mickey

Baptisms

Steve Nelson	Yuma, AZ	April 7, 1996
Debra Nelson	Yuma, AZ	April 7, 1996

Births

Amarissa Faith Orendorff to Wayne & Amy Orendorff	Sea-Tac, WA	April 18, 1996	8 lbs., 11 ½ ozs.

Weddings

Michael Wilkerson & Pamela Stites	Cedaredge, CO	Dec. 30, 1995
Marty Guy & Christina Baker	Cedaredge, CO	Mar. 24, 1996

Prayer of Faith for those in need

Shelia (Maloney)	Aloha, OR	Expecting baby - complications
Marshall Johnson	Aztec, NM	Broken leg
Hugo Denny	Baron, OK	Serious heart problems
Sue Wilson	Baron, OK	Sick for some time.
Erelene Chessman	Bellflower, CA	Fighting cancer
Mike Bogue's mother	Glenwood, WA	Fighting cancer
Errol Forsman	Lorenzo, TX	Fighting cancer
Luke Carpenter	Sacramento, CA	Cystic Fibrosis
Jessica Carpenter	Sacramento, CA	Cystic Fibrosis
Kathern Ann	San Pablo, CA	Diabetes
Howard McCay	Sea-Tac, WA	Fighting cancer
Jerry Barker	Stilwell, OK	Leukemia
Dorothy Williams	Yuma, AZ	Surgery
Horace Orendorff	Yuma, AZ	Very ill
Ruth Duncan	Yuma, AZ	Bruised ribs
Zelma Broadway	Yuma, AZ	In a rest home

Passings

Edd Goldsmith	Bohannan Mt., AR	March 22, 1996