



## Herbert Melvin Works Jr.

May 13, 1931 - May 7, 2017

Herbert (Herb) M. Works, Jr., closed his eyes on Sunday, May 7, and went home to his Father, seven days short of his 86th birthday.

He was born on May 13, 1931, to Herbert M. Works, Sr. and Josephine J. Works in Hanford, California.

After graduation from Hanford Union High School, he earned a degree in small business management from College of the Sequoias and went to work with his father in the Hanford Hardware Store, where he had played as a boy and worked as a teenager.

In June of 1952 he married Marilyn V. Smith, also of Hanford, and remained happily married almost 65 years.

He spent May 1953-May 1955 in the Navy as a Yeoman Seaman, afterward returning to Hanford and the hardware store.

In September 1958 Herb, his wife, and two daughters moved to Eugene, where a third daughter was born.

A man of intellect, faith, and love, Herb attended Northwest Christian College, earning a Bachelor of Theology degree. A Masters degree in history from the

University of Oregon followed, and later a Doctor of Missiology from Fuller Theological Seminary. He was ordained to the Christian ministry in 1960.

He held pastorates in the Irving Christian Church in Eugene, and in the Harrisburg Christian Church in Harrisburg.

He went on to teach 17 years at Northwest Christian College and was 15 years a missionary recruiter and field consultant for Christian Missionary Fellowship, Indianapolis, Indiana.

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After retirement, he and his wife taught three years in a Christian college in Birmingham, England, as missionaries. They moved back to Indianapolis for retirement and in 2015 returned to Oregon, living in Corvallis.

Herb is survived by his wife, Marilynn, and daughters Laura (Ken Bush), Colleen, and Beth; grandchildren Kalan Guiley, Stephanie Bush, Andrew Bush, Micaela Works, Felicia Adamson, Summer Adamson, and Samuel Adamson; and three great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be at 2:30 p.m. on May 21, 2017, at McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis.

Further Celebrations of Life will be held at Hazel Dell Christian Church in Carmel, Indiana, and at Hanford Christian Church in Hanford, California, where Herb will be interred.

Memorial gifts can be directed to Grace Center Adult Day Services in Corvallis, Christian Missionary Fellowship in Indianapolis, Indiana, or an Alzheimer's organization.



# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 21. 2:30 PM (PT)

McHenry Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

DE

“ It was a real joy and blessing to have studied under Herb Works. His love for the Lord and his passion for reaching people was truly inspiring. I remember sitting in an advanced missions class in a classroom of the Administration Building at NCC as though it was recent, though in reality it was over 40 years ago. My "aha moment" was coming to the realization that Jesus loved the derelict in the gutter just as much as He loves me. Herb had a way of communicating that helped us really "get it," even when it should have been obvious. The last time I heard him speak was at Winema and the subject was on love. That theme was evident in his life and came out strong in the tributes given on Sunday at his memorial. It was what he lived and shared freely and we have been blessed by it. Thank you Marilyn for your partnership and sharing Herb and your family and home. May God bless you with comfort and peace and joy in the Lord.

*Doug Edwards  
NCC Class of 1975*

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**Doug Edwards** - May 22, 2017 at 11:20 AM

AN

“ It was the early 70's on the third floor of the administration building in a narrow room packed with fellow students enthusiastic to make a difference in our world -- and more specifically, the world abroad. The flame kindled; the fire growing. Many of these students went on to a life-time of missionary service. I won't list the name because I would leave someone out. It was contagious. Herb Works had a way of inspiring us. He was like a coach, sitting on the edge of his desk, telling us we could do it. He told us stories of some of the 18th and 19th century missionaries, like Carey and Taylor. But missions was changing in the 20th century and he explained how this was going to revolutionize missions. And after class some of us would meet and we planned a trip to Urbana. I hope that in the years since I left his classroom, that the passion he instilled within each of us has had an impact even to some small degree in my family, the churches we have served and the international students we have hosted. We can all honor his memory by being more aware of mission work in the world today, (ie, attend Week of Missions), going on mission trips, supporting financially those who are serving, and praying that the Lord send more workers into His harvest. Herb Works lived that out.

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Anita Nott - May 21, 2017 at 02:14 AM

GK

“Marilyn, with your help Herb has made this world a better place through his influence, first in his immediate family and then in all of his "kids" who serve Christ throughout the world. It was a privilege for me to be a colleague for a time at NCC and a joy to see how many students he encouraged and motivated towards mission. When he left I was sorry to see him go because I knew what we were losing but it became clear that his field of influence was larger with the CMF. The biblical person I think of in connection with Herb is Barnabas who had a heart for missions and was known as a "son of encouragement."

Frances and I were remembering our visits at Winema and one in particular when we shared our common interest in reading. Now, every time I pick up a book by Anne Perry (and I have read many) I think of Herb because of his enthusiasm for her writing. He has enriched our lives in more ways than one. Peace be with you.

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**George M Knox** - May 16, 2017 at 03:46 PM

JF

“ I have many fond memories of the entire Works family, and especially of Colleen (first grader) walking Heather (kindergartener) 11 blocks to Condon Elementary School the first week of school in September of 1961.

*I have a major conflict, so cannot attend Herb's memorial service. My condolences to all of you.*

*Love,*

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**Jo-Anne Flanders** - May 15, 2017 at 10:04 PM

DS

“ I always felt that I received the best undergraduate education anyone could hope for at Northwest Christian College. Alger Fitch gave me a heart for ministry. Bill Richardson gave me a heart for scholarship. And Herb Works gave me a heart for the world. Herb opened my eyes to how great and grand the world really is, with all of its fascinating cultures. Seeing the world as God does is at the heart of missions. I've used what Herb gave me on numerous short-term missions trips to Samoa and in promoting missions awareness in the local church for nearly 40 years. How can I adequately express my appreciation, except to continue the heartbeat of what Herb gave to us?

*D. H. Shearer  
NCC, Class of 1978*

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**D. H. Shearer** - May 11, 2017 at 08:16 PM

GW

“ Greetings Marilyn and family.

*When Judy and I had our 1st "date" at NCC Winter formal in early 1972, Herb offered to marry us on the spot. He has been influential in our lives. When we were trying to discern if God was calling us to Africa, I called Herb, and asked him if he thought we were right for missionary service. His answer astounded me then, and it still does today. He said, "I've been praying for you to make this decision for 14 years, and my secretary has been praying for you for 7 years, and she doesn't even know you." "Yes", he said, and we signed up with CMF, where we still serve to this day. He helped to send so many to missions around the world.*

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**Gary Woods** - May 10, 2017 at 09:15 PM

RP

“ Ronald W. Parrish lit a candle in memory of Herbert Melvin Works Jr.



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**Ronald W. Parrish** - May 10, 2017 at 04:58 PM

DB

“ One of my favorite professors. Challenged an entire college to consider missions as a 'viable option' for our lives. His passion to reach 'unreached peoples' was contagious and infected an entire campus with a stirring desire to be salt and light for Christ and his church. I can remember being on the student 'missions team' that would go from church to church and help evaluate the mission programs and give ideas on how to improve their mission programs.

*In 1975 I spent the summer in Japan touring from mission site to mission site. I was hoping to prepare for a life of ministering in Japan. God prevented that dream - but Herb would always challenge 'his kids' to always be mission minded. The churches that I have served have always made mission work a foundation of church life.*

*The church I now serve has allowed me three trips to southern Chile - remote islands where the 'outcasts' live. We have established a church, built a building, and then supported their efforts to build a congregation. Where there was nothing there is now a church where 50 from a fishing village gather to praise Jesus as Lord. Herb was a part of that work ...*

*My favorite class memory ... on Valentine's Day I dressed up in red and when Herb turned to write on the chalkboard I drew a suction cup arrow and bow from hiding and hit him square between the shoulders ... and ran! He ran after me down two flights of stairs ... we laughed and laughed. Yes, a godly man. A great prof. A dear friend. God bless.*

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David Bruce - May 09, 2017 at 06:53 PM