

# RETIREE CONNECTION

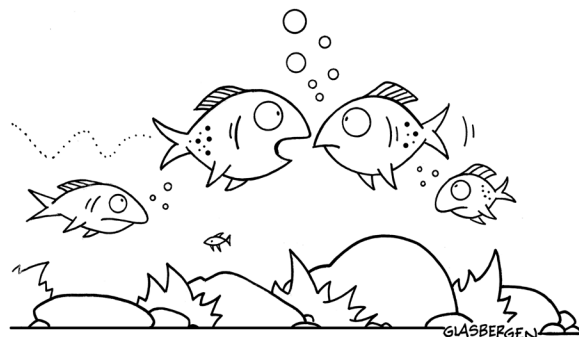
Greetings from your Servant Solutions family! We continue to be honored to walk alongside you in this meaningful season of life—knowing full well that “retirement” is often just a new expression of your calling.

In this issue, we’re pleased to share a special reflection from Ewald E. Wolfram, who faithfully served as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Pensions from 1962 to 1974. His words, drawn from a treasured past piece, remain deeply relevant today.

Whether you are mentoring, volunteering, preaching occasionally, or simply offering encouragement to others, your role in God’s Kingdom is still vital—and we’re here to support you every step of the way.

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“Where is that retirement income stream I keep hearing about?”



## COMING DOWN THE MOUNTAIN

BY E. E. WOLFRAM

Mount Everest had just been conquered by two men. It was the first time any human being had ever set foot on top of this—earth’s highest peak. Tensing Norkey and Edmund Hillary bowed their heads in prayer on this great occasion

and prayed, asking God to help them get down alive. Tensing remarks in his book that more mountain climbers are hurt or killed on the way down than climbing up.

I had not known this about the risk of coming down a mountain. I thought much about it. Other mountain peaks came to my mind. Then I remembered the many casualties I had seen who never made it down “alive” from their mountain peaks.

We have many books and instructors telling us how to succeed. How to work with others in getting ahead. How to discipline oneself in making a truly worthwhile contribution in life.

But, there is very little help that shows us how

to come down the other side of the mountain of success. Where do we go from the peak if our health breaks, if our strength is affected by reason of age, if circumstances have changed and we must come down from our high places? Can we make it down alive? How we come down indicates what type of motive we had going up.

I have seen some who never made it down alive from their peaks of positions as trustees, Sunday school teachers, superintendents, youth leaders, choir directors, treasurers, or other responsibilities. The sweet spirit of cooperation, enthusiasm, support, attendance, loyalty and goodwill was broken. Some would just be numb. Others became negative and critical. They could see the church as a fine congregation only from their pedestals. Once they were off of them, everything seemed to look different.

We all must look deeply and honestly into our hearts as we serve God in the church. Our talents, personalities or agreeable people may place us on pedestals by elections or popular acclaim. Paul had found the secret of security at all times as expressed

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# WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

## FROM JULY 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 2025

for those celebrating their 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ years

### 75th

Clifford & Ernestine Mc Daniel Jr 8/27/1950

### 74th

Hans Gerhard G & Helen M Steinke 11/3/1951

### 73rd

Clifford W & Ruth L Mc Donald 8/2/1952

Galen E & Mary V Courtright 12/13/1952

### 72nd

Douglas E & Ruth A Welch 7/8/1953

Paul & Lois J Floyd Sr 7/23/1953

Charles W & Bernell W Sandlin 11/26/1953

Ronald T & Marlene A Swanson 12/19/1953

### 71st

Donald E & Patricia L Mink 8/15/1954

### 70th

S Gene & Ruth J Morton 8/6/1955

Merrill D & Jo Ann Smith 8/7/1955

Ronald M & Alta C Jack 8/20/1955

Philip S & Barbara L Bruzzese 10/15/1955

Stanley W & Mary L Weisbrod 10/29/1955

### 69th

Wesley L & Rebecca A Rouse 7/14/1956

Janice L & Lawrence Olick 8/10/1956

C Daniel & M Lee Harden 8/11/1956

Myron M & Myra C Myers 8/17/1956

Robert L & JoAnn Boyd 8/19/1956

Joyce J & Leroy E Lakey 8/26/1956

Leon R & Linda N Newton 8/26/1956

Darlene & Robert N Esau 12/2/1956

James R & Nancy L Bradford 12/8/1956

### 68th

Richard J & Floretta V Latham 9/8/1957

James R A & Maggie L. Culp 9/21/1957

Betty L & Roy F Murry 10/26/1957

Karl & Adele Kaefer 12/13/1957

### 67th

N Eugene & Marjorie J Moses 7/13/1958

Phillip E & Betty J Moon 8/2/1958

Clifford & Shirley J Black Jr 8/31/1958

Thomas F & Jean R Tufts 9/13/1958

Bessie M & John A Parsons 10/18/1958

### 66th

Bernard A & Bonnie F Wingo 7/25/1959

James I & Judy Marshall 7/26/1959

Frank A & Judith A Curtis 9/6/1959

David C & Georgetta Stephenson 11/6/1959

Thomas C & Joanne K Malbone 11/14/1959

### 65th

Luz C & Carol J Gonzales 7/17/1960

Robert L & Glenna S Fulton 8/14/1960

Tom J & Phyllis Herringshaw 8/18/1960

Matthew R & Judith E Boyles 8/27/1960

James W & Judith G Bradley 9/3/1960

Billy A & Mary Lou Davis 9/4/1960

Maxine C & Donald J Mc Call 10/15/1960

### 64th

Ralph T & Judy D Shipley 7/1/1961

Jerry C & Janette Grubbs 8/6/1961

Kathleen G & Jonathan E Sandy 8/12/1961

Barbara J & John W White 8/26/1961

P Roger Brewer & Karen J Brewer 9/2/1961

B Ralph & Margaret A Toon 9/2/1961

Fredrick H & Kay M Shively 9/9/1961

Robert L & Shirley A Younts 12/17/1961

Ronald E & Barbara J Holder 12/28/1961

### 63rd

Edmund L & Nancy L Koch 7/27/1962

Ruben D & Virginia L. Schwieger 8/5/1962

David E & Marilyn A. Reynolds 8/25/1962

Gordon F & Lillian M Ramey 8/31/1962

R David & Della L New 9/8/1962

David R & Dorothy G Stevens 9/8/1962

Rufus L Boyer & Arlene E Boyer 9/22/1962

J Harold & M Virginia Harness 11/23/1962

Gerald W & Shirley I Hilton 11/24/1962

Donald D & Judy H Simmons 11/28/1962

Caroline S & Jack L Smith 12/28/1962

### 62nd

Merlin R & Shirley M Mosher 7/20/1963

L Carolyn & Gerald R Miller 8/17/1963

Gerald W & Carolyn M Yoder 8/17/1963

Marshall K & Joyce E Christensen 9/1/1963

Robert I & Carolyn Joyce Williams 11/9/1963

Susan E & Gerald Cahee 11/28/1963

Barron & Georgia L Damon Sr 12/26/1963

### 61st

Joan K & Walter S Boyle 7/7/1964

Roy S & Shirley J Ratcliff 8/15/1964

Samuel K & Sandra F Bruce 8/21/1964

George E & Linda J. Ansell 8/22/1964

George R & Patricia K. Skramstad 9/4/1964

David E & Mildred J Strong 9/5/1964

Colin G & Marilyn Mc Daniel 9/6/1964

Maurice E & Neila K Overturf 9/11/1964

Judith A & David E Burbank 9/26/1964

Roger D & Florence M Mills 10/18/1964

Mildred A & John Page 12/26/1964

Kendall M & Donna Hendrickson 12/27/1964

### 60th

Edward L & Lois M Richards 7/1/1965

Claude L & Janice J Robold 7/18/1965

Kenneth J & Judith M Mishler 7/24/1965

L Dennis & Lula B Creech 7/29/1965

Streeter S & Nancy M Stuart Jr 7/31/1965

Thomas R & Brenda J Warner 8/1/1965

Ruthie D & Robbie Williams 8/21/1965

Dallas E & Linda L Fast 8/27/1965

David C & Karon A Shultz 8/28/1965

M Wayne & Ethel M Absher 9/10/1965

Geneva & John Allen Mc Farland 9/12/1965

Raymond C & Cheryl Warner 9/18/1965

Elwyn K & Elaine K Mac Donald 10/2/1965

Janice S & Dale Reber 10/16/1965

Irv A & Shirley R Brendlinger 12/17/1965

Loyd L & F Sally Jury 12/24/1965

### 55th

Glenda K Ham & Thomas E Ham 7/10/1970

Christopher L & Deborah L Hindal 7/11/1970

Terry L & Sue A Neal 7/24/1970

Charles C & Sybil Collymore 7/25/1970

Paul C & Susan L Stokes 7/25/1970

Aeohla P & Carl G Whetsel 7/25/1970

P Tim & Susan J Woodward 8/7/1970

David L & Debbie Sebastian 8/8/1970

Randall W & Pamela Spence 8/8/1970

Johnny L & Paula C Snyder 8/14/1970

James D & Pamela J Duncan 8/22/1970

Alan L Phillips & Sharon L Phillips 8/22/1970

Carol D & Woodford J Frazier 9/26/1970

Juanita R & Edward E Swift 10/5/1970

Steven P & Brenda S Hency 10/17/1970

Arturo & Clara Cabrejo 11/7/1970

Richard B & Connie D Watson 12/22/1970

Ronald W & Jacqueline J Maurer 12/30/1970

Daniel A & Marlene S Fortney 12/31/1970

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in Philippians 4:11-13. He could abound or be abased and never lose his true perspective. He never suffered from either the big head or the sorehead. On the peaks of life he was God's humble servant. In the valleys of difficulties he carried the inner dignity of a child of God. In Christ there is an equalizer which helps us to be real persons regardless of outward circumstances.

People who show themselves big when they have been put into small places soon rise up again. As we look about us we see many who have come down alive. What a blessing they are to us. In fact, they have grown in strength and usefulness by letting God work things out. Jesus was just as faithful when all forsook Him as when the multitudes followed Him. It is not only the Spirit of God that places us in the body of Christ, but our own spirits and attitudes have much to do with what place the Spirit can find for us. This calls for true victory of heart. Just to act calm while smoldering within will not do.

This has often been the dividing line between those who have made a happy adjustment in retirement and those who have not. If one has fed his soul too much from the praise of pedestal service, he will go hungry when he has to come off and down. If one has served out of love for others in Christ's name, he will still find opportunities to do so even though he is no longer in the front line of attention. Let us remember that God is the same on our Mountain of Transfiguration as in the valley of shadow. The mountain peaks and valleys do not change God. They do tend to affect us, however.

Let us be wise enough to know that others must take our places sooner or later. No position is permanent. Let us anticipate the time when we will step down or aside to let others follow who probably will do better than we ever did. The church is a place for humble service, seeking the good of others. When church activities are used for personal pedestals of self or pride, it makes the real witness for Christ next to impossible. If we keep our feet on the eternal rock of Christ-likeness in spirit and actions, we will always have a firm footing regardless of how others momentarily treat us.

Sudden illness, congregational voting, change of pastors, better talents, or even harmful remarks need not shift us into neutral or throw us off the track. Keep yourself girded with the towel of service on the peaks and in the valleys. If you are in circumstances where you think you are not permitted to do your best, be careful to continue to be your best. This will open new doors faster than complaining and seeking to prove you are right.

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the Lord." (Psalm 121:1-2, RSV).* The hills are challenging and inspiring, but our true inner strength and drive must come from the Lord who made both the peaks and the valleys. There is a beautiful settlement of saints in the valley who can look back to the wonderful mountain peaks with fond sacred memories. They are still alive, useful and ready for any other peaks because they can take them or leave them and live.

—E. E. Wolfram

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES CONTINUED...

### 50th

T Glen & Robin Kirby 7/5/1975

Charles R & Francine L Mitchell 7/5/1975

Eddy R & Patricia A Howard 7/12/1975

Mara L Marsman & Carl R Marsman 7/18/1975

Linda S Pittock & Dale S Pittock 7/19/1975

Molli A & Douglas E Craddock 7/26/1975

Sheila L & Dennis Charles Franklin 8/2/1975

Steven D & Teresa Gillihan 8/8/1975

Sharon L & Daniel V Masters 8/8/1975

C Ray & Dana S Owens Jr 8/9/1975

David I & Connie Shrout 8/10/1975

Roy M & Shirley Culver 8/23/1975

Fred M & Debra Coey 9/25/1975

William D & Connie D Campbell 10/11/1975

Stephanie L & Keith C Eggleston 10/11/1975

Emery Lindsay & Willie P Lindsay 10/17/1975

Pamela K & Stephen J Roberts 11/22/1975

Richard L & Cheryl A Willowby 11/29/1975

Joseph Taylor & Juanita G Taylor 12/19/1975

Valerie L & Donald R Hallenbeck 12/20/1975

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(REPORTED TO US JANUARY 2025 THROUGH EARLY JUNE 2025)

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|---------------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|----------------------|----|
| Anderson, Edwin           | 82  | Duvall, Ruie       | 99  | Miles, Betty       | 77  | Shriver, Clayton     | 91 |
| Ausbun, Gary              | 90  | Everingham, Job    | 65  | Moore, Janie       | 97  | Shuert, Mary         | 86 |
| Ball, Grace Jane          | 97  | Hazel, Carl        | 89  | Mottinger, William | 90  | Skinner, Glenn       | 93 |
| Benson, Howard            | 97  | Houser, Tina       | 68  | Mugford, Jeff      | 67  | Smith, Edna          | 92 |
| Berry, Rebecca            | 93  | Jacobs, E Myrlene  | 83  | Mulkins, Lloyd     | 79  | Stapleton, Maxine    | 96 |
| Bradley, Carol            | 86  | Jones, Thelma      | 98  | Nielsen, Phyllis   | 89  | Swann, Virginia      | 90 |
| Bryant, Betty             | 100 | Justice, Charles   | 94  | Phipps, Carl       | 83  | Swart, Ohmer         | 94 |
| Bunting, Thomas           | 88  | Lapp, Betty        | 88  | Pickett, Linda     | 78  | Townsend, Jack       | 89 |
| Bush, Mary Ann            | 86  | Lewis, Alvin       | 89  | Price, Jamie       | 60  | Treffry, Agnes       | 99 |
| Collings, Patricia        | 86  | Malbone, James     | 86  | Ramsey, Ruth       | 94  | Vielguth, Ora Martha | 94 |
| Collins, Donald           | 95  | Mamaloff, Evelyn   | 100 | Rector, Rayford    | 93  | Williams, Marjory    | 87 |
| Cravens, Arley            | 89  | Marshall, Richard  | 69  | Richardson, Harley | 100 | Wilson, Carol        | 67 |
| Dennis, Joy Sue Robertson | 88  | McAllister, Joseph | 83  | Rothman, Richard   | 93  | Wright, Donald       | 93 |
| Downey, Wanda             | 92  | McClish, James     | 72  | Sherwin, Joyce     | 89  |                      |    |