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Ray H. Prinzing

Ray Prinzing, age 78, died on May 10, 2005 of complications from end stage Parkinson's

Disease. To his immediate family, he was a loving and caring husband, father, grandfather and great-



grandfather. To his friends and fellowship he was a comforter, a counselor, and a teacher. But most importantly, he was a dedicated servant of the Lord.

Ray was born in Faribault, Minnesota on Jan. 9, 1927, the second child and eldest son in a family of seven children. In the fall of 1941, his family moved to Coeur d'Alene, ID. His formal schooling was discontinued at age 14 (having completed the 9th grade), because he was needed to help provide for the family. His dad was self-employed, and over the next seven years, they gathered scrap iron during the war, cut firewood, logged for lumber, and built and operated a dairy farm.

Ray married Doris Schmidt on Sept. 2, 1947, a truly committed union that would last for almost 58 years. In July 1948, they moved to Grants Pass, OR, where Ray found work at a sawmill. Ray gave his life to Christ as a ten-year-old boy, and ever since had a desire to learn more and more of God. He taught Sunday School, became a youth

leader, and soaked up "Truth", like a dry sponge does water. In June 1950 a small group in a nearby town asked Ray to speak for their Sunday morning and evening services for one month. When the month was finished, Ray was shown his life's calling when a couple members of the group visited him at home, placed their church record books on his table, and told him he was now in charge. At age 22 Ray became an ordained minister and helped build an Assembly of God Church in Rogue River, OR. He pastored there for five years, then in Aloha, OR until June 1957. At that time Ray knew it was time for him to leave the Assembly organization to study and teach a "deeper" message. As Ray felt God's leading, he moved his family to Beaverton, OR, then to Altadena, CA in 1960, and Boise, ID in 1964. In 1957, Ray started teaching Bible classes throughout neighboring communities, and began a writing ministry. As God guided his studies, Ray's writings would find a fellowship of readers across the United States and overseas for 46 years. He recorded many of his teachings, and developed a "lending" tape library. Throughout the years, Ray was a participating speaker at numerous conferences and Bible Camps all over the nation. In 1986, he was a guest speaker in Indonesia and Australia.

Ray and Doris raised a daughter and two sons, giving them the knowledge of God and sharing with their children the love that God had given them.

He is survived by his wife, Doris; daughter Connie Letsom (Roger); son Jerry (Catie); son Dan (Carol); grandchildren Jim Prinzing (Jaime); Ben Prinzing (Heather); Mindy Diehl (Andy); Leeann Curry (Don); Elise McGillis (Dan); great-grandchildren, Austin and Emily Diehl; Zachary and Piper Curry; and Emmy McGillis; three sisters and two of their husbands; three brothers and their wives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his in-laws; a son-in-law (David Smith); a grandson (Michael Smith); and a brother-in-law.

A Memorial Service will be held Monday, May 16, 2005, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel, 5400 Fairview Ave., Boise.

We extend our appreciation and thanks to the Valley View Retirement Community & Health Care staff for their friendship, caring, and comfort over the past 9 months; and also to Life's Doors Hospice.

The family suggests memorials be sent to The American Parkinson's Disease Assn., 1055 N. Curtis Rd., Boise, ID 83704; or to Boise Rescue Mission Ministries, P.O. Box 1494, Boise, ID 83701.