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Dear Friends:

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."
(Psalm 116:15)

Founder and National Royal Rangers Commander Johnnie Barnes went to be with the Lord on Thursday, June 15, 1989. He was 61.

Reverend Barnes died of a massive heart attack at approximately 6:00 p.m. (CDT) at his home. His wife, Juanita, was with him at the time. In addition to his wife of 38 years, Johnnie is survived by two children, David of Springfield, Missouri, and Anita Andriacchi of Chicago, Illinois, and one granddaughter.

Johnnie founded the Assemblies of God boys ministry in 1962. Royal Rangers groups number 5,290 in the United States with 128,298 members. It is estimated more than 1 million boys have, through the years, been involved in Royal Rangers. In addition, the program is operative in 43 countries around the world.

Funeral services are scheduled for Monday, June 19, at 3:00 p.m. at Central Assembly of God in Springfield, Missouri.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the National Royal Rangers Training Center in memory of Johnnie. This facility near Eagle Rock, Missouri, was his dream and vision as a means of training men to be effective in reaching, teaching, and keeping boys for Christ. Please mail your donations to: Royal Rangers, 1445 Boonville Avenue, Springfield, MO 65802.

Expressions of sympathy to the family may be mailed to Mrs. Johnnie Barnes, 4829 East Royal, Springfield, MO 65809. And, your prayers for the family would be greatly appreciated.

Brother Barnes was indeed a faithful soldier of the cross. His tireless efforts to "reach, teach, and keep boys for Christ," enabled him to minister Jesus' love to thousands of men and boys. He will be greatly missed, but because he lived by the Royal Rangers Code and Pledge, it is comforting to know that he indeed was "READY!"

***"But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren,
concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not,
even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again,
even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him."***
(I Thessalonians 4:13-14)

Sincerely,

Ken Riemenschneider
National Secretary
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P.S. The National District Leadership Seminar at Eagle Rock, Missouri, scheduled for September 26-30, 1989, has been postponed until further notice.