

# Nightwatch News

February, 2017

## Rev. Norm and the stories of Nightwatch

By Rev. Rick Reynolds



Bowser ran away from a homeless camp in Shoreline. It was hard on everyone in the camp, but especially “Jacob” the owner. It was a serious crisis. But hooray, the pooch turned up in Seattle, and with a minimum of wrangling, the recovery was affordable for the Director. This is a happier dog story than a previous Nightwatch dog story!

Rev. Norm Riggins passed away recently at age 90. And with his passing, we lost so many of his untold stories. He was the first paid director of Nightwatch, having started as a volunteer in 1969.

Norm told the story of a young street kid, “Suzie.” There were lots of working girls downtown in the 1970s. As her friend, Norm loved her with the Father’s love. Suzie was inspired to move beyond drugs and street life. She left her old life, married, raised three kids and works as a nurse. A potentially tragic story of one life has been transformed, thanks to Norm.

So many other stories are lost with Norm’s passing; stories of bar fights mediated, homeless people sheltered, God’s grace and love shown in dramatic fashion. But we have this assurance. Even the cup of cold water given in His name will be remembered and rewarded. The end of the story will be glorious, for Rev. Norm Riggins and for Operation Nightwatch — and for all of us, we pray.

*Thank you Lord for your loving care through the decades, and for your gift of Norm Riggins to Nightwatch and to his city. May you find us faithful. ●*

## Generosity is contagious

By Ben Curtis

A few nights ago, we were standing by some of our friends who were getting ready to bed down for the night in their usual spot, outside. They have a deal worked out with the manager to stay in the doorway of his shop. He likes that there is someone he knows near his business overnight; our friends can sleep without being hassled, as long as they keep it clean. It’s a win-win. The view’s not bad either. It’s just off a busy street so they can pass the time people-watching until they doze off.

As we were standing there chatting, a young woman came up and offered a bagful of goodies from Starbucks. Four sandwiches, a couple fruit cups and a yogurt parfait; our friends hit the jackpot!

I’m always amazed at the kindness that seems to follow the volunteers and me when we’re out on the street. We give a pair of socks, then a stranger will appear with a Dick’s burger to share. Someone busking nearby will receive a five dollar bill in their guitar case. The generosity is contagious.

The gifts that we give — the socks, water, food, gloves, hats, our very presence — seem to spur generosity in others. Something shifts in the atmosphere. Generosity begets generosity. And it starts with you, our supporters. Your generosity is multiplied on the streets of Seattle. Thank you. ●



# NIGHTWATCH

**Serving the night  
community in the  
name of Christ**

## Shopping List

Please help by collecting these items for us to distribute to our homeless friends and tenants (travel sizes are preferred):

- Deodorant
- Hand warmers
- Lotion
- Lip balm
- Shave cream
- Hand sanitizers
- Multi-vitamins
- Cough drops
- Pain relievers
- Kleenex packs
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Bulk drink mix
- Ear plugs

For more information about these items please contact:  
liz@seattlenightwatch.org

## Amazon Wish List:

<http://tinyurl.com/zjo64fd>

## Volunteer Orientation Open House

The best way to learn about Nightwatch and the many volunteer opportunities.

**Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017  
7:30–8:00 pm**

RSVP or questions:  
info@seattlenightwatch.org

# Memorials & Tributes

## Memorials

Arthur Abe  
Mike Abe  
Chip Barthel  
Jack & Bonnie Barthel  
Don Benson  
Janet Benson  
Sylvia Birks  
Donna Rodda  
Myrle Bixler  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Charles Brown  
Tom & Nelda Lobb  
Harald Bruun  
Ruth Chavers  
Charley Bush  
John & Betsy Darrah  
Paul Rollins  
Andy Chavers  
Ruth Chavers  
Chris  
Norma Jean Hanson  
Eldon Cook  
John & Dian Snypp  
Anna Coon  
Carol Crouter  
Alfred Cordova  
Alan Cordova  
Sam Cummings  
Kristin Cummings  
Marie Davidson  
Lola Davidson  
Craig Davis  
Bruce Davis  
Tony Domzalski  
Mark & Lisa Domzalski  
Pat Domzalski  
William Flewelling  
Stan Flewelling  
Keith & Kay Forbes  
Linda Martin  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Kim & Mary Forman  
Billy & Jody Lemke  
Ozie & Ora Gibson  
Hal Gibson  
Joan Gorow  
Les & Carol Nelson  
Elsie Guddal  
Kari Guddal

Pete Gudger  
Cheryl Gudger  
Hal Hansen  
Elizabeth Hansen  
Max Harrington  
Roy Harrington  
Mal Higgins  
Linda Martin  
Leong Hom  
Doug Hom  
Mary Ellen Ingersoll  
Jim & Jan Sullivan  
Thomas Isaac  
Gordon & Beth Isaac  
James Iverson  
Marilyn Iverson  
Ron Kimble  
Carl & Heather Craven  
Dean Kimble  
Jim & Frances Reynolds  
Dwayne Kohler  
Marilyn Kohler  
Landis Lingren  
Lois Lingren  
Al Lobb  
John & Jody Fenlason  
Norm & Melinda Lobb  
Maxine Lobb  
Greg & Jeanie Baker  
Mark & Barb Bauthues  
Miriam Crouse  
John & Jody Fenlason  
Stan Flewelling  
Francis Gordon  
Brian & Pat Hogan  
Norm & Melinda Lobb  
Tom & Nelda Lobb  
Margaret Peterson  
George & Carolyn Rippee  
Jim & Jan Sullivan  
Clio & Kathleen Thomas  
Kirstin Ward  
Charlotte & Ken Willmon  
Nancy Winslow  
Margie Malinowski  
Vickie & Glenn Tinker  
Jim Manning  
Norman Gawron

Dick Mayer  
Annette Tabor  
Loretta Denny Myhre  
Donna Rodda  
Shirley Pulis  
Ken & Carol Williams  
Ron Reese  
Steve & Liz Cedergreen  
Norm Riggins  
Larry & Karen McDonald  
Dave Roe  
Harold & Norma Rogers  
Mike Rogers  
Gene Rorvig  
Virginia Rorvig  
Paul Sakaguchi Sr.  
Sharon Aburano  
Rick & Patti Bennett  
Jason & Julie Chee  
Jerry & Eva Costacos  
Sho & Kiyo Doi  
Peggy Hanada  
Nancy Hasegawa  
Michiko Hirata  
Robert Hori  
Susan Hori  
Kris & Rod Kawakami  
Ats Kiuchi  
George & Lillian Kiuchi  
Patricia Kono  
Del & Pat Larson  
Man Lung Li  
Patti & Lance Matsuda  
Steve & Chris Murphy  
Hirotto Nagasugi  
Susan & Dean Nakagawa  
John & Sharon Okamoto  
Craig & Sheila Omoto  
Terry & Wendy Saiki  
Paul & Stacie Sakaguchi  
Greg & Diana Sakamoto  
Mark Takisaki  
Masako Tomita  
Jane & Roy Tsuboi  
Jim Yamamoto  
Lillian Yamamoto  
Wayne Yamamoto  
Wes & Julie Yee

Paul Sakaguchi Sr. (cont'd)  
The Yoshihara Family  
Diane Young  
Ellen Sells  
Joy Lauderbaugh  
Dick Shipe  
Mike & Sandy Birdsall  
Gary & Theresa Shipe  
Stephen Shipe  
& Marta Pasztor  
Bob Sill  
Betty Sill  
Irving Smith  
Dean Kimble  
Louise Solemslie  
Allen Solemslie  
Dick Spady  
Ina Spady  
Mary Speltz  
Robert & Roberta Brown  
Robert Petersen  
Greg Speltz  
Marilyn & Gus Wall  
Sue Stewart  
Tom Stewart  
& Bonnie Takasugi  
Don Tekawa  
Ron & Sharon Hirata  
Zollie & Sylvia Volchok  
Tony Volchok  
& Cindy Monsen  
Dorothy Warriner  
Bud & Trudy Forbes  
Glenn & Shirley Weed  
Andy & Ramona McBeth  
Carolyn & Curtis Neitsch  
Jim & Cynthia Weaver  
Gilbert Weiss  
John Weiss  
& Corry Venema-Weiss  
Doug Welti  
Ingrid Welti  
Leonard Woodgate  
Carolyn & Curtis Neitsch  
Mary Wooldridge  
Holly Boone

## Tributes

David Aasen  
Beth Amsbary  
Rick Aue  
Jill Ritter  
Tinley Bikos  
Gary Heim  
Bob Boye  
Greg & Brenda Reynolds  
Debora Buerk  
Harvey & Geri Nelson  
Sean Callahan  
Judy Richardson  
The Chesley Family  
Kinne Hawes  
Grace Chinen  
Eric Takushi  
Kris Cummings  
Adrienne Leistner  
John & Jody Fenlason  
Bud & Trudy Forbes  
Tom & Nelda Lobb  
The Gaston Family  
Kinne Hawes  
Billy Goodwin  
Robert Goodwin  
Happy Birthday, Jesus  
Larry & Amy Sato  
David Herrick  
Christy Sweaney  
Elizabeth Herrick  
Kristin Kennell  
Joan Himmes  
Michelle Bradley  
Jonathan Keay  
Dave & Sue Keay  
Norm & Melinda Lobb  
Tom & Nelda Lobb  
Brett Lolley  
Tammi Matz  
Margaret Orem  
Richard & Maude Ferry  
Mike Potts  
Catharine Fletcher  
Maurice & Barbara Syme  
Jim & Fern Smith  
USC  
Terry & Wendy Saiki  
John Wejak  
Jim & Suzette Birrell  
Ken & Carol Williams  
Tom & Denee Foti  
The Young Family  
Kinne Hawes  
Klaus & Marcia Zech  
Fred & Michele Paulsell  
Scott & Hilda Zimmerman

## Fathers

### By Ann Sakaguchi

My father passed away in December. I miss him; I miss listening to him and talking with him. I miss his quiet presence. It feels like there's a hole in my heart.

In December, Nightwatch lost a father, too, in Norm Riggins, our first Executive Director. I've heard Rick say he misses talking with him and hearing his wisdom. We miss Norm for many reasons, but especially for his passion for the people we serve.

Everyone has or had a father, somewhere, at some time. We all came from somebody. Every one of our homeless friends and senior residents had a father, too. Maybe their father has passed on, like mine. Maybe they are separated by distance or broken relations. Maybe they never knew them.

When I look into the faces of our homeless friends, I wonder "Do you still have your father around? Or are you like me, with a hole in your heart?" No one answers my unasked question, but I'll bet there are more like me than not. Whether homeless and poor or not, there are some things we all share. We're more alike, really, than we are different. ●




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