

## ROAM Co-Founder Departs This Life

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Jerry Louis Chrisenbery, 71, passed away Saturday July 2, 2011 at his home in Olathe, KS. Born in Sanger, CA on April 1, 1940, Jerry spent his youth in California, Kansas and Missouri. He graduated from Independence Bible School in 1959 where he met his future wife, Doris Anne Henry. Jerry and Doris were married on November 10, 1961. He served in the National Guard from 1961 until 1967, eventually settling near Sarcoxie, MO in 1969.

Jerry and Doris raised their family on a farm at Cave Springs, just outside Sarcoxie, MO, while building a successful business including NAPA Auto Parts Stores in Sarcoxie, Mt. Vernon and Monett, MO. In 1989, they relocated to Monett, MO where they were members of the Monett Church of the Nazarene and involved in numerous community activities.

After selling their business in 1994, they dedicated themselves as volunteers in the nationwide RV ministry called S.O. W.E.R.S. They spent the next 10 years traveling and working at various churches, schools, and campgrounds. In 2003, Jerry and Doris co-founded another RV ministry, RVs On a Mission (ROAM), for the Church of the Nazarene denomination. Due to illness, Jerry would only participate in one project; however, he remained active through

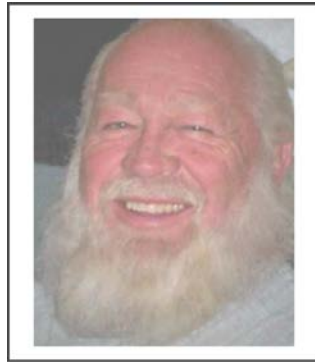
continued board service, serving as its first chairman and other board positions.

They relocated to Olathe, KS in 2001 to be near their daughter and grandkids. Jerry was very involved in the lives of his grandchildren; always acknowledging to be their biggest fan at every ballgame, school activity, and church programs. He was always a willing servant to family and friends. He spent countless hours in volunteer service at numerous ministry organizations throughout the community. Jerry was a dedicated member and supporter of the church he loved; College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, KS.

Throughout his life, his passion was restoring old cars. He rebuilt his first car at the age of 14 and continued to enjoy his cars until late in life. Jerry was truly a master mechanic, always willing to help anyone in need with a car problem. One of his last projects was building coaster cars with his grandkids. He was an amazing example to his children and grandchildren and a servant to all.

Jerry is survived by his wife Doris Chrisenbery, of Olathe, KS; his son Gene Chrisenbery and wife, Cindy, of Park City, UT; his daughter, Dianna Smith, and husband, Gerald, of Olathe, KS and six amazing grandchildren.

*The skies proclaim the works of His hands (Psalms 19:1b n i v).*



## *Winkle's Wrinkle*

### *God's Hands at Work*

As you know, I spent some time in the hospital this last week. When I took my walks around the halls to get a little exercise I noticed crayon markings of preschoolers tacked on the boards along the halls. These "pictures" are prized because little Johnny or Mary made them for the nurses that took care of them while they were sick. Love found its way to a piece of paper and the artistry of untutored hands.

As much as I enjoyed these drawing by the children, when I got to my room and looked into God's Word, I began to revel in the works of God's hands. In love and with perfection, He invented, sculptured, designed, and made it all for us. Love found its way to a crudely made cross when Christ died to save us from our sins.

In Psalms 8, we read that the heavens were created by the fingers of God (vs. 3).

Fast forward to the New Testament - Jesus the carpenter. Here

the fingers of the Creator worked in the confines of this world. I think too, of the outstretched hand of healing that touched the blind, the lepers and brought Lazarus from the grave. How can we as followers of Him not wince as we consider the outstretched hands and feet on the cross torn by the Roman nails?

The hands that flung the world into space and bore the pain of our iniquities are at work today, fashioning broken lives into saints for His eternal Kingdom (Ephesians 2:10). The fingers of creation and redemption gently lead us along the way.

Lord I would clasp thy hand in mine...  
For 'tis my God that leadeth me.  
He leadeth me, He leadeth me,  
By His own hand, He leadeth me.

What about our hands? What about the handiwork of our lives? Are we helping to fashion hearts for faith in Christ? Are we guiding others towards the Cross and forgiveness?

*Mert Winkle, Chairman*

### *Here is the latest report from Mert.*

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**"I just got a call from the doctor and they say the cancer is back on the leg and will have to have surgery done right away because it is down to the bone. They will meet with me on Thursday.**

**"My heart is doing better and I'm getting stronger every day. They told me I had a mild heart attack. I don't think so because I feel fine.**

**"God is good and I am fine, thanks to Calvary."**

*Please keep Mert in your prayers.*

### *Welcome New Members—June-July*

Conrad and Geraldine Lee  
Ed and Rene Gaither

Leslie, MI  
Kansas City, MO

ROAMer Profile **Meet Bob and Nancy Kupfersmith** *Written by Jim and Susan Evans*

**Bob and Nancy  
Kupfersmith**

### How did you learn about ROAM?

It is always fascinating to hear answers to this question from our volunteers.

The first year of retirement in upstate New York, Bob and Nancy monotonously dealt with either watching or shoveling lots of snow. During this time Bob relates they discovered a major insight to “retirement” -- **it is more important to retire TO rather than FROM something.** After Nancy mused they should have kept their old RV, they purchased a small one. While investigating “Nazarenes in Voluntary Service” on the Church website, they discovered a link to “ROAM.” Soon they became members and started on their first project in Lake Placid, FL.

Bob remembers the project well. For the first two weeks, he pulled nails out of boards. On the third week, he was asked to build shelves from those same boards. They enjoyed the ministry experience and decided to work on further projects. However, the small RV was a bit cramped for full-timing, so they moved into a larger one and started out.

Oops! I’m getting a little ahead of things, let’s back up.

Both Nancy and Bob were raised in the Van Wert, Ohio area. After graduation from High School, Bob entered the Navy and was stationed in California. He and Nancy married in 1963, almost fifty years ago. After leaving the Navy, IBM hired Bob as a System Financial Analyst sending him to CA, MI, England and New York. While Nancy laughs that her job was following Bob to all his assignments, she retired as Administrative Assistant for a CFO in Workman’s Comp. They raised two daughters, one who resides in Fort Wayne, IN and the other in Binghamton, NY.

Nancy, raised in a Christian home, made her commitment to Christ as a pre-teen at a Billy Graham rally. During their early-married years living in CA, they found a Nazarene Church to attend and felt at home. Upon each move, they sought Nazarene Churches where members always included and treated them as family, thereby providing adopted relatives in all “ports.” Their daughters still refer to several former church members as “Grandma” or “Grandpa.” Today, they are members of the Owego Nazarene Church where Bob was baptized.

Usually volunteering 11 months of the year, Bob and Nancy are currently on their twenty-sixth project or as they put it, **we are now full-time with 26 projects under our tool belts.** During this time, they have been willing to do **most anything** in traveling to several smaller, less known projects where workers were sorely needed as well as serving a term on the ROAM Board. Bob notes they soon discovered their project experiences were

changed greatly when they prayed BEFORE going to the project about all the needs and honoring God during their stay. An unexpected reward has been entering with everyone strangers and leaving as veteran Christian friends. Also impressive is that no matter where they go or what the special needs of the project, God always provides people with the appropriate skills. Do we hear an AMEN!

With many good memories from volunteering, one experience aptly rubber-stamped the importance of their ministry. A chance visit with Carline, a life-changed woman supported in a recovery program of New Beginnings Church, AZ (who became a member of the Church), made it clear the vital impact these ministries have on others’ lives and the crucial need of support from ROAM volunteers.

All kinds of fishing capture Bob’s pastime interests; however, fly-fishing tops the list. He also has a unique interest in blacksmithing that is a bit difficult to practice when on the road. Together they have become interested in NASCAR Racing. On projects, Nancy enjoys shared crafts with other women. She creates greeting cards with embroidery and is learning the art of jewelry making. Book exchanges with other ROAMers led Nancy to expand new areas in her reading enjoyment.

Currently, Bob and Nancy are staying around their home base of Johnson City, NY, taking some needed time to enjoy their family while continuing to volunteer at nearby Nazarene Camp Brooktondale.

Recently, Bob has been impressed with a selection from the Bible: **Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done...**

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He and a fellow worker were involved in demolishing and rebuilding a cabin when a table was needed to accomplish a task. After Bob expressed the need, his friend allowed that he would make one for him. Later in the day, this same man returned with a table he constructed asking if it would work. It was perfect. Bob was

pleased yet surprised when the man told him it was the first one he'd ever made. However, before beginning the task he prayed. It impressed Bob even more how we need to seek God's will in all things--big and small.

When asked how to pray for them, the Kupfersmiths response was for the large burden they have for ROAM.

Many projects are in dire need of volunteers especially during the summer months, and many more ROAM members are needed.

We pray that God will supply all their particular needs with special thanks for their faithful service.

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## Project Reports

### ***Salyer Lake Camp and Conference Center, Oklahoma May and June 2011***



"Bill and I very much enjoyed our time at Salyer Lake and cannot say enough about the treatment we received while there. We worked on many projects and felt we accomplished a lot."

Kathy planted flowers in their Memorial Garden and pots located around the Landing. Bill worked with Ken Hembree, the camp manager, setting up an automatic watering system for the pots which will save the staff time and will keep the flowers in great shape.

Bill also helped set up the tent over the outdoor eating area and generally helped set up for family camp.

"During family camp, we helped in the snack shack with preparing, cooking and serving food. There is plenty to do and lots of relaxation activities while at Salyer Lake. We so appreciate the ability to visit camps like this one and work serving God and others."

*Bill and Kathy Mark*

### ***Pinecrest Camp and Conference Center, Missouri***

Bill and Kathy Mark arrived at Pinecrest Camp in Missouri, just in time for family camp. It proved to be a wonderful experience for them. They enjoyed the Spirit filled music and God endorsed preaching. Their souls were truly fed!

They had a ROAM table set up and answered many questions. They encouraged many to test the waters and see if God may be calling them to serve campgrounds with this ministry. They are often amazed at how many are unaware of ROAM and the surprise they show when informed of it.

After family camp, they ministered through boys, girls, and other camps and look forward to hearing about new decisions and commitments for Christ.

**Membership Fee Remains at \$35/year for 2011.**

If you are an active member and do not have an FBI background check on file in the ROAM office, please include an additional \$5 per person with your full name and date of birth to enable the ROAM office in getting this clearance for you. We will notify you by email when the clearance is in your file.

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**Project Report –  
SW Ohio District Church of the Nazarene**

**Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center  
West Harrison, OH  
July, 2011**

We thoroughly enjoyed a different kind of ROAM project and made it a family affair. We took 4 of our grandchildren with us and they helped us run the Snack Shack for several groups throughout the month of July. The grands were an added joy and they seemed to have a lot of fun. The youngest, Jill stayed nearly the whole month with us and helping in the “Shack”, also Rachel, Josie and Kyle put many hours in helping. I can’t think of a better way to spend the summer. We plan to go back next year and make this a family tradition!

While the grands and I took time from the “Shack” to swim or shop, Jerry was doing what he loves to do most, mowing the many acres of grass. He spent many hours on the mower, smiling even in the heat.



Building and cleaning projects are great, but sometimes just serving others is a wonderful experience. Many thanks to Chuck and Brenda Hail for the opportunity to serve!

*Jerry and Ronnie Payne*