



ROADWAY EXPRESS

RETIRES NEWSLETTER

June 7, 2004 - CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE AREA - EVERY 1ST MONDAY

SYMPATHY

To Joyce Blakely & Family on the loss of their husband and father. He was a member of our group.

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Melvin Eugene Blakely, 67, of Ringgold, died Monday, May 10, 2004, in a local hospital.

He was retired from Roadway Express after 28 years and the Army National Guard after 26 years and was a member of the Piney Grove Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tenn.

Mr. Blakely was a member of Quitman Masonic Lodge # 106 F&AM.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Blakely. Survivors are wife, Joyce Blakely; sons, Timothy Blakely, Knoxville, Gregory Eugene Blakely, Friendsville, Tenn.; daughter, Jennifer Dawn Blakely, Ringgold; sisters, Annette Galyon, Bowling Green, Kentucky, Mae Sensabaugh, Rogersville, Tenn.; grandchildren, T. J., Tucker, Matt and Mark Blakely; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Tuesday May 11, 2004 at Heritage Funeral Home, Battlefield Parkway. Chapel with Brother Ron Berryman officiating.

Other visitation and funeral services were held at Weaver Funeral Home in Knoxville at a later date. Interment will follow in Piney Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

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Bill and Lottie Watts are going to try to be at the lunch today. We hope they are here. Bill is doing real good.

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Bill Brown has been in the hospital again. He is now out and greatly improved. They changed his medications. Also, he will go to Health South for rehab a couple of times a week beginning Tuesday.

### NEXT MEETING

**Monday July 5, 2004**

**11:00 A.M.**

**WALLY'S RESTURANT**

**I-75 Exit 1 - East Ridge, Tn.**

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NEWSLETTER**

**[www.roadwayretirees.com](http://www.roadwayretirees.com)**

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FOR THE NEEDY

Droma and Dwight Farmer are doing great work for the needy in Chattanooga. Each week they gather items and distribute them. If you have anything you would like to contribute, such as, clothing, coats, socks, canned goods and etc, just bring it to the lunch at Wally's, or contact them and they will make arrangements with you to pick it up. Thanks



OKYou believe me now?
Dwight Farmer with catch of the day

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We were at the new WalMart yesterday and saw Donna from Wally's. She is not getting around very well and goes to the Dr. June 7 to see if they are going to do surgery.

She said if she got out of the Dr. office in time, she would come by Wally's. She said to pass her address & phone # around as she would love to hear from people.

Donna Silver  
1 Woodard Cir.  
Chattanooga, Tn. 37412  
Phone# 892-8241 - Cell: 240-6200  
*The Renekers*

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Bill Needam - 6/3
- Barbara Greeson - 6/4
- Joann Lawrence - 6/6
- Tom Crowe - 6/7
- Corkey Roberson - 6/8
- Sandra Merritt - 6/15
- Doris Johnson - 6/16
- Wayne Johnston - 6/16
- Jim Lawrence - 6/18
- Linda wolf - 6/18
- Jack Reneker - 6/22
- John Mizell - 6/25
- Raymond Martin - 6/28
- Phylis Forehand - 6/28
- Virginia German Spells - 6/28
- Louise Grisham - 6/30

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Jennie & James Thurman - 6/2/62
- Phylis & Cecil Forehand - 6/4
- Brenda & Frank Caywood - 6/22
- DeAnn & Gene DeBerry - 6/30/63

### RETIREE ANNIVERSARY

- Pete Crawford - 6/30/99
- Marlyn Robinson - 6/30/99
- Cecil Forehand - 6/30/01
- D. R. Long - 6/19/02

### PRAYER REQUEST

- Joyce Blakely and family
- Dennis & Janice Brantley family
- Travis Jordan
- Linda and Raymond Martin
- Don Greeson
- Loretta Wyatt
- Lois Holt
- David & Louise Grisham
- James Petty
- D. T. Daniel
- Harold Hammond
- Levada & Bill Brown
- Billy Brown (Bill & Levada's son)
- Linda Wolf's Mother
- Ruby Anderson*
- Virginia & Floyd Bledsoe
- Linda English
- Dorma & Dwight Farmer's Friend*
- Dorma Farmer's Mother
- Frances Vickers*
- Christy Bowman
- Dorma's Niece*
- Louise Bird

## GOOD ANSWER

As some of you may know, one of my friends sons serves in the military. He is still stateside, here in California. He called me yesterday to let me know how warm and welcoming people were to him, and his troops, everywhere he goes, telling me how people shake their hands, and thank them for being willing to serve, and fight, for not only our own freedoms but so that others may have them also.

But he also told me about an incident in the grocery store he stopped at yesterday, on his way home from the base. He said that ahead of several people in front of him stood a woman dressed in a burkha. He said when she got to the cashier she loudly remarked about the US flag lapel pin the cashier wore on her smock. The cashier reached up and touched the pin, and said proudly, "yes, I always wear it."

The woman in the burkha then asked the cashier when she was going to stop bombing her countrymen, explaining that she was Iraqi. A gentleman standing behind my son stepped forward, putting his arm around my son's shoulders, and nodding towards my son, said in a calm and gentle voice to the Iraqi woman:

"Lady, hundreds of thousands of men and women like this young man have fought and died so that you could stand here, in MY country and accuse a check-out cashier of bombing your Countrymen. It is my belief that had you been this outspoken in YOUR OWN country we wouldn't need to be there today.

But, hey, if you have now learned how to speak out so loudly and clearly I'll gladly pay your way back to Iraq so you can straighten out the mess you are obviously here to avoid."

Thanks To: Jack Reneker

## THANKS TO GOD

I pray that this will bless you as it blessed me.

Hello God,  
I called tonight  
To talk a little while  
I need a friend who'll listen  
To my anxiety and trial.  
You see, I can't quite make it  
Through a day just on my own...  
I need your love to guide me,  
So I'll never feel alone.  
I want to ask you please to keep  
My family safe and sound.  
Come and fill their lives with confidence  
For whatever fate they're bound.  
Give me faith, dear God, to face  
Each hour throughout the day,  
And not to worry over things  
I can't change in any way.  
I thank you God for being home  
And listening to my call,  
For giving me such good advice  
When I stumble and fall.  
Your number, God, is the only one  
That answers every time.  
I never get a busy signal,  
Never had to pay a dime.  
So thank you, God, for listening  
To my troubles and my sorrow.  
Good night, God, I love You too,  
And I'll call again tomorrow!

Thanks to: Louise Grisham

## REEMPLOYMENT RULES CLARIFIED

The following examples of work are generally permitted for an unlimited number of hours, regardless of age (**including before age 57**)  
Agricultural employment.  
Driver training.  
Sales (non-driver)  
Government employment.  
Work for non profit charity.  
Restaurant.  
Residential Landscaping.  
Residential newspaper delivery.

The following examples of reemployment are generally permitted for **80 hours per month** if you are **57-59** and for **unlimited hours if you are 60** or older. Under the old rules, these jobs would generally not permitted at all.  
Retail Clerk (not in warehouse)  
Manufacturing work  
Office work  
Work for an airline  
Shuttle bus, motor coach / limo driver.  
Local delivery of retail products via car or light truck (e.g. auto parts, prescriptions.)

**Non-Permissible work. Trucking & Freight, Car Haul, Warehouse, Food processing & Distribution, Building Material & Construction.**

## ROCK AND ROLL RE-RELEASES

Everybody is remaking  
their oldies hits!

- Herman's Hermits -  
"Mrs. Brown, You've Got  
A Lovely Walker"

- The Bee Gees -  
"How Can You Mend  
A Broken Hip"

- The Temptations -  
"Papa's Got A Kidney Stone"

- Ringo Starr -  
"I Get By With A Little  
Help From Depends"

- Marvin Gaye -  
"I Heard It Through  
The Grape Nuts"

- Procol Harem -  
"A Whiter Shade Of Hair"

- Johnny Nash -  
"I Can't See Clearly Now"

- Leo Sayer -  
"You Make Me Feel  
Like Napping"

- ABBA -  
"Denture Queen"

- Paul Simon -  
"Fifty Ways To Lose  
Your Liver"

- Roberta Flack -  
"The First Time I Ever  
Forgot Your Face"

- Commodores -  
"Once, Twice, Three Times  
To The Bathroom"

Bobby Darin -  
"Splish, Splash,  
I Was Havin' A Flash