His Legacy… Our beloved Kent LeRex Bateman passed away on November 8th, 2012, at Oroville Hospital after a long struggle with Parkinson’s and cancer. He was born on December 19th, 1944 in Longmont, Colorado to the late Rex and Jody Bateman. Coincidentally Kent’s father Rex passed away from a heart attack on November 8th 1969. Kent greatly enjoyed music and playing the harmonica for people. He loved being outdoors in God’s creation, building wood furniture for people and was often referred to as the “Backgammon King.” After graduating from Longmont High School in 1962, he attended Northern Colorado University for a year on a music (oboe) scholarship. He was a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps (1963-1967) where he served his country as a teletype operator and as a Chaplain’s assistant. After his discharge, he attended Ozark Bible College in Joplin Missouri where he met his wife, Lillian. Kent served for 15 years as the Pastor to three Churches during his ministry. The Humboldt Christian Church in Humboldt Kansas from 1975-1978, the Arcata Church of Christ in Arcata California from 1978-1985, and the Foothill Blvd. Church of Christ in Oroville California from 1986-1992. In 1993, Kent changed career paths and began clerical work at Butte County Behavioral Health in Chico California, where he worked until retiring in December of 2007. His main passion was always for the people around him. He continued to minister to people up through the day he died. He touched many hearts with his kind words and deeds. Kent was very generous and always thought of others before himself. Kent loved his family, but most important to Kent was his love and a passion for Jesus.

His Family… Kent is survived by: his wife of 41 years, Lillian “Mitzi,” his son Levi (Jayme) Bateman, his two daughters, Chimene (Matthew) Bateman, and Sabrina Bateman, and by his 10 grandchildren: Shaylin, Dane, Emily, Bella, Steven, Gabe, Carly, Tyler, Charlie, and Teddy. He is also survived by his brother Curt (Angie) Bateman, his three sisters; Joan Vaughan, Lea (John) King, and Carolyn (Rob) Jochem, his cousins; Stewart (Sheron) Golden, Gayle (Bill) Odell and Jane (John) White, and by his numerous nieces and nephews.

His Farewell Service …… Kent has been laid to rest at the Wyandotte Cemetery in Oroville California. His memorial service was held on Sunday, November 11th 2012 at the Oroville Church of the Nazarene. A special thanks to Kent’s friend (and fellow minister) Doug McMaster who officiated at the service and to all the friends and family who were able to attend on such short notice. A special thanks also to Oroville Hospital, Prestige Assisted Living, and Larkspur Lodge for their great care and support.

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