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God at Work Through Northwest Independent Church Extension

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A Priceless Legacy!



On January 23, 2024 Garland Ray Shinn left this earth to meet his Lord and Savior. What a legacy he left behind! A legacy more priceless than the world's wealth; a legacy of girls and boys, men and women brought to know Jesus Christ as Savior; a legacy of Sunday schools and churches started and served in California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington.

hands for us." Indeed, this was fulfilled faithfully by the Shinns! Former NICE Director, Roy Sprague expressed, "We've been so blessed, encouraged and challenged as Garland has demonstrated a life and ministry of godliness, faith, love, patience and gentleness - truly a man of God."



Up In The Air, Junior Birdman!

Garland and his wife, Roberta, began their ministry with NICE in 1975, following 13 years serving the Southern Oregon Field of American Sunday School Union, and 4 years as Pastor of Onecho Bible Church in Eastern Washington. They moved to Reno, Nevada to plant Faith Bible Church, and serve as Sierra Nevada Field Director for NICE. During their years in Nevada they planted or helped establish 14 churches, with many people brought to faith in Christ, and many others helped to grow in their Christian walk. The Shinn's last 30+ years were invested in ministry in Southern Oregon as Pastor of Ashland Bible Church, NICE Field Director and Board member - truly a priceless legacy for the glory of God!

Garland was also widely known for

"Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us."

Psalm 90:17

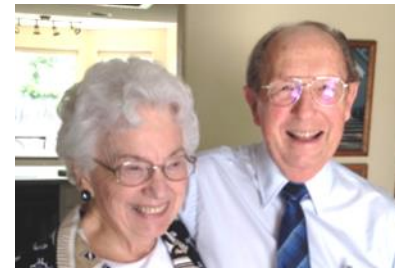
his sense of humor - perhaps most notable was his unique rendition of "Up In The Air Junior Birdman!" At the Celebration of Life Service, in Ashland, Oregon, Pastor Mark Anderson emphasized the legacy left by Garland Shinn, stating, "He embraced his God-given purpose as a soldier fighting the good fight, a steward keeping the faith, and a runner finishing the race; Garland did the right thing, the right way for a lifetime!"

The Scripture portion from Psalm 90:17 was selected by Garland and Roberta as their "Life Verse." As a prayer, it states, "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our



Faith Bible Church, Reno, NV

Praise God for individuals like Garland and Roberta Shinn, serving with NICE for 53 years! May we leave a similar legacy of faithfulness! A strong "Praise God" is lifted as well for your prayers and support of NICE -- such a vital part of the on-going work of reaching people for Christ and planting and establishing churches. You're the life-line for faithful NICE Missionaries like the Shinns!



So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. I Corinthians 3:7