Blessed rest
By Rev. Rick Reynolds

I worked briefly for a temp service – doing physical labor for minimum wage. One work place was in a foundry, stacking heavy ingots as quickly as I could. At the end of the day they were impressed. “Can you come back tomorrow?” they pleaded. I was pretty sure I wouldn’t be able to move — at all — for at least 48 hours, so I declined the honor.

Our homeless friends’ experiences are even worse. Sometimes they work, and don’t get paid. They are hired to do the work no one else wants to do. They tell about working without a break.

One night at our Dispatch Center, one homeless guy was gooey with tar residue. His shoes were covered, as well as his pants and shirt. Without new clothes, no one would hire him again – even as a laborer. We had to scrub the chair down after he left. He worked all day for a pittance, and then had to replace everything he was wearing.

It made me want to weep for him.

Lord, make us aware of those workers who help to build this city, but are not able to enjoy its benefits. Grant them your blessed rest.

Your support means Nightwatch can provide food and shelter for those who are working, and those who cannot. God bless.
Memorials & Tributes

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Bill Branom  Mary Branom
Charley Bush  Ginny Larkins
Marie Davidson  Lola Davidson
Tony Domzalski  Mark & Lisa Domzalski
Michael Fendrich  Maria Hoffman
Ozie & Ora Gibson  Hal Gibson
Pete Gudger  Mary Ellen Ingersoll
Pat Domzalski  Jim & Jan Sullivan
Mary Keating & all who died on the streets homeless
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Remembering Gene
By Ann Sakaguchi

Eugene Vance came to live at Nightwatch the year after I started. He was 70 years old at the time and needed someplace to live so he would not become homeless. I knew him for almost 13 years. I will remember him.

Our tenants stay as long as they can pay the minimal rent and manage living on their own. This is not always easy for people over 62. Over the years, we’ve seen many come and go. Sometimes they find a better subsidized apartment and improve their situation. We are happy for them when they move, and we welcome them when they return, whether it’s just a visit or they move back because they missed us. But with time, illness overcomes our beloved seniors, so they require more care than we can provide.

Gene was a charming, intelligent and respectful gentleman, from the East Coast. He served honorably in the Korean War, and fell in love with Seattle. He had done a lot of living and was a great storyteller. He rolled with most anything; through it all, he entertained us with this wit and wisdom. As the years went by, he adapted to the changes in our Senior Housing program and made friends, who became like family. For our part, we walked alongside him, as his body aged. Gene made a home for himself at Nightwatch.

The last years were hard for Gene. Health issues piled on top of each other resulting in countless doctor and ER visits. His strongest desire, always, was to come home to his own place, to be where he had known happiness.

Truth be told, his room at Nightwatch was nothing fancy. There is one window. The bathroom is down the hall. Why was this humble place so important to Gene?

I think it was community. His friends were here. His family could visit him here. We were here to encourage him. And you were here with us, through your financial support, making it possible for Gene to live here.

Eugene Vance passed away on April 27, 2017.

Rest in Peace, beloved Gene. We miss you.

Tributes
Adam’s twin babies  Jim & Joan Barlow
Mim Crouse’s 90th birthday  John & Jody Fenlason
Deacon Larry McDonald  Carol & Eric Paulson
Mike Potts  Catherine Fletcher
Eva Rose  Lisa Connolley
S. Everett Fire Dept.  & First Responders
George & Carolyn Rippee  Greg & Mary Speltz
Robert Petersen  Paul Staley
Harvey & Geri Nelson

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

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

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

Amazon Wish List: http://tinyurl.com/zjo64fd

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