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Asante Rogue Regional's Larry Blight Passes Away

Larry Blight, a chaplain at Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center for eight years and the hospital's lead chaplain for the past three years, passed away unexpectedly while he slept on Sunday, Jan. 18. He was 68.



A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 7, at the Medford First Church of the Nazarene, 1974 E. McAndrews Road.

His family is asking Larry's friends and colleagues to bring their favorite memories and/or funny stories about him to the memorial service, or to submit them via email at StoriesaboutLarry@charter.net by Feb. 3.

Larry's clients at the hospital were primarily sick, dying and shut-in patients who needed to talk with someone about their situations.

"I think being with patients and families when it is the end of life is the highest privilege I have," Larry said when discussing his work for an Asante News story last month. "To be invited in at those moments and to be included at that particular time is such an honor. While every situation is different, every emotion and feeling is genuinely real."

He taught an "[Interfaith Spiritual Caregiver Training](#)" class twice each year for the past three years, and had planned to lead four of the classes this year. The first class, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 29 and 30, in the Smullin Center, is expected to proceed as planned. The purpose of the classes is to enlist several clergy, lay church members, students and others who are interested in volunteering as interfaith spiritual caregivers.

Larry is survived by his wife, Janet; daughters Mandee and Jennifer Blight and Brooke (Blight) Amash; son-in-law Michael Amash; and three granddaughters.

Abbey Funeral in Medford is in charge of arrangements.

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