

## Weekly Update from Mark Armstrong

I hardly know how to relate this news, but have no choice. Mr. and Mrs. Ed and Rash were found shot to death in their home near Danville, VA yesterday morning. Apparently there is no official declaration of the circumstances, but third hand conversations from family members hint at double suicide. Having spoken personally to Mr. and Mrs. Rash earlier this week, and knowing them both as we do, I don't believe that explanation for a moment. The local newspaper account sheds no light on the situation, and the third hand report passed along from a family member has only deepened the mystery.

Mr. and Mrs. Rash were longtime, faithful members, close friends with other members and a dearly loved couple. Mr. Rash was a Deacon and hosted a fellowship group in Danville. As recently as Tuesday they sounded upbeat and were speaking of their plans months in the future. This horrible news comes as a shocking blow to those who knew and loved Mr. and Mrs. Rash. We can only hope and pray that authorities will successfully determine what happened. Their deaths represent a terrible loss.

We sent out an e-mail earlier in the week asking for prayer for Richard Anderson of Savannah, GA. He was on a motorcycle trip with a friend when he dumped his Harley crossing rain slick railroad tracks near Richmond, VA. A trip to the hospital revealed broken ribs, a cracked shoulder bone and a lacerated spleen. In another bizarre mystery, Richard was discovered by hospital staff to be blue and not breathing. The story goes that he was rushed into surgery for the removal of his spleen, and he hasn't reawakened since. His wife Nancy has been with him in the hospital since mid week, and the doctors are not giving her much hope that he'll ever wake up. It will require a miracle.

Please remember Richard and Nancy Anderson this week, and the family and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Rash.

I don't know that it would be appropriate to examine all that is assailing our nation, and so many things on the international front as well that indicate we have entered a very dangerous period for Israel, the United States and the world at large. You know the news from Afghanistan, and it has got to be breaking your heart for our young people over there.

It's beginning to look like the oil spill disaster in the Gulf is being used as a political opportunity rather than getting the emergency response that we thought we could expect. The politicians continue to break the back of the nation with their policies and their unabated spending. Meanwhile they fan the flames of racial hatred in response to the illegal alien crisis. It's enough to make you want to through your hands in the air, but we won't.

The next monthly letter is nearly complete, and it threatens to be longer than usual, there is so much that deserves our attention. But it will offer a DVD by my Dad that will stand your hair up in its pinpoint accuracy to current developments.

Truly, this is a Sabbath that we will mourn, not only our loss of loved ones but also the systematic dismantling of our God given rights, our blessings, and our beloved nation.

Sincerely,

Mark Armstrong