

February 2020

February is the month for love — and if retail stores and social media have a message, it's that love is best expressed with a card, chocolates or a bouquet of roses.

While showing affection on a special date is a good thing, you and I both know that real love is something shared each and every day in a lot of different ways.

Mace Johnson is a great example of how every day, love can make a difference. During his ministry, Mace loved his people by teaching them God's Word. He officiated their weddings, visited them in the hospital and wept at their funerals. He showed his compassion by being there for them through four decades as a Southern Baptist pastor.

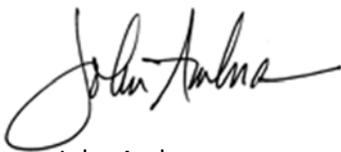
As Mace poured out love to others, he was honored to receive the love of his wife, Bennie, throughout 63 wonderful years of marriage. There was no greater demonstration of that love than during their last few months together prior to his death last April following a long illness. Bennie shared their story — and the way your love to her through Mission:Dignity® made a difference — in a recent note:

“The Mission:Dignity grant is such a great help after using much of my savings to pay for nursing home care for my husband, who had dementia and other health problems. Previously, I had cared for him at home over six years. I missed him so much when he was at the nursing home, but I visited and fed him every day. Now that the Lord has called him home, I feel like part of me went with him. I told him just before he left us that he was going to be with the One he had preached about all those years. That is where his heart was. Thank you for being there for us and now for me.”

We appreciate you sharing so generously and for making a Christ-honoring gift that reminds Bennie Johnson and nearly 1,700 others all year long that they are loved and not forgotten.

They were there to love us. Thank you for loving them now.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Ambra". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "A".

John Ambra
Director of Development

P.S. Mission:Dignity Sunday is coming up on June 28, 2020. Be sure to mark your calendar and watch for more information coming soon on how to order free materials for your church or group!