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91 YEAR OLD MAN SUPERVISES THE CONSTRUCTION OF HIS PYRAMID TOMB

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Ever since his first trips to Egypt and Rome over 40 years ago, Dr. Kenneth L. Russell of Huntsville, Texas and Gioviano, Italy has been fascinated by the history of pyramid building.

One of his favorite pyramids is the Pyramid of Cestius in Rome. This fascinating pyramid was constructed c12 B.C. and was later built into the walls of the city where it can be visited to this day.

“At church services conducted at The Holy Trinity Wilderness Cathedral during November of this year, I jokingly mentioned that it would be fun to build a pyramid as my final resting place,” explained Russell. “Much to my surprise, a crew of about ten men showed up the next day to start building me a pyramid and I was told that like the Egyptian Pharaoh, Cheops, I would be responsible for supervising the construction,” he continued.

“My son, George, is really a hoot and loves to do wild and crazy things for his mother and me, so I have to be very careful about what I wish for, because chances are it will show up as a surprise. He also likes to challenge me if I say something is impossible; like the time I showed him the photograph of me as a baby pretending to drive my Dad’s 1911 Hudson. He asked me if I would like to have one and I said that they had all gone to the auto graveyard at least 50 years ago. About a month later, there came George chugging along, behind the wheel of a 1911 Hudson, to pick us up at the edge of town, after our return from Egypt and Italy, where we had been working on educational films about, of all things, pyramids.”

The “Pyramid of Russell” is approximately a 1/5th scale model of that of Cestius, which is over 100 feet high. Unlike that of Cestius, who died before the birth of Christ, Dr. Russell’s pyramid has three large crosses that serve as windows. His son teases him, telling his father that he is going to have him freeze dried, so that he can sit in a chair, looking out the cross windows at the beautiful waters of Lake Livingston for the next thousand years or so.

A map giving directions to The Holy Trinity Wilderness Cathedral can be found at www.eastersunrise.org. The Russells will be happy to show visitors their new pyramid that they hope to have completed by the end of January 2003.

George H. Russell, an outspoken opponent of the death penalty, is a resident of Huntsville, Texas, known worldwide as "The City of Death."

He is founder of The Patriot Network, and author of its 35+ web sites located at www.patriotnetwork.org, as well as founder of The Universal Ethician Church, an interfaith ministry with a worldwide following via the church's 275+ web sites located at www.salvationnetwork.org.

Russell, 57, is an educational video producer, environmental activist, historic preservation specialist, photographer, art and antique collector, philanthropist, American patriot and ethician.

Additional biographical information may be found in Who's Who in America, through Internet searches, and in other publications. Images of Mr. Russell suitable for downloading for publication may be found at www.salvationnetwork.org.