

## Deaths

### Ernest Mario Berlin

(former staff), 98, of Berrien Springs, passed away Tuesday, July 1, 2014, at his home.

On April 5, 1916, in Cantelupe, Italy, Ernie was the firstborn child of Thomas and Christina (Monaco) Berlin. He proudly served with the United States Navy during World War II. He became a Berrien Springs resident in 1966 when he moved from Chicago.

He was a brick mason by trade, and he had been self-employed as well as working for Andrews University. Ernie served for 27 years as a greeter at Pioneer Memorial Church, a position he delighted in because he enjoyed talking to people, and it was said that he could make any baby smile. He also enjoyed bowling, a sport he embraced until he was 90 years old.

Ernie is survived by three daughters—Bonnie (Norm) Perry of Berrien Springs, Debbie Smith (Jerry) Blosser of Shepherd, Michigan, and Jane Takizawa of Japan; three sons—William “Mario” of Berkeley, California, Robert of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Greg (Robin) of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan; 17 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two sisters—Virginia Ventura and Eleanor Johnson, both of Chicago.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Elaine, in 1998; son-in-law, Hitoshi Takizawa; three sisters—Helen Parise, Jean Nordberg and Mary Lyman; and a brother, Thomas.

### Ellen Dolores “Del” Welch

(BS '64, MAT '71), 94, of Berrien Springs, died June 13, 2014, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Del was born June 21, 1919, in Grindstone City, Michigan, the only child of Thomas and

Mabel Cook. She achieved an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan and a master's degree from Andrews University, and she taught elementary school for 22 years in Hollywood School (Stevensville) and Benton Harbor.

Del will be affectionately remembered for her love of teaching children and her caring and compassionate “motherly qualities” to many. A highly organized woman, she welcomed change and took life in stride. Del lived her faith, which was evident to everyone she came in contact with.

She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Rex; grandchildren, Chad (LaToya) Braun and Craig (Chris) Braun; twin seven-year-old great-grandchildren, Finn and Muriell Braun; and her daughters-in-law, Bonnie and Norma Braun. In addition to her parents, Del was preceded in death by her son, Donald Braun.

### Clarence “Rex” Lowe Jr.

(former staff), 86, of Baroda, Michigan, died on Sunday, June 8, 2014, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville, Michigan.

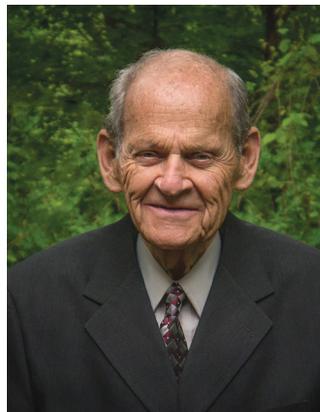
Rex was born September 3, 1927, in Terre Haute, Indiana, the son of Clarence and Blanche (Boyll) Lowe Sr. He proudly served his country with the United States Army.

On March 7, 1948, he married Marilyn Hutson in Terre Haute. He was a carpenter by trade, and he worked for Andrews University Plant Services from 1969 until his retirement in 1992. He built many cabinets and bookcases for the University, including Maplewood Apartments. He had also worked in maintenance at the New England Hospital in Stoneham, Massachusetts, as well as treasurer of the credit union. In his leisure time, Rex was constantly remodeling. And he was actively involved with

SOWER (Servants On Wheels Ever Ready) mission projects. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; two sons—Steve (Perri) Lowe and Scott Lowe; two daughters—Sandy (Bruce) Ingels and Susan (Rob) Stringer; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister, Dorothy French. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Sonia (Duane) Hopkins on April 27, 2004; and by a brother, Art Lowe on December 3, 2004.

### Carl Richard Barnaby

(former staff) died on May 13, 2014 in Belfast, Maine. He was born on August 15, 1936 to the late Arthur F. and Avis I. (Adams) Barnaby Sr. at the New England Sanitarium and Hospital in Stoneham, Massachusetts.



In June 1955, Carl graduated from the Everett Vocational High School where he studied printing. From 1955 to 1957, he worked for Review and Herald Publishing in Maryland. At the time he was the highest paid apprentice in the pressroom, making 90 cents/hr.

He married Elizabeth Bell Fessenden on August 9, 1959. He was a man of many talents, which he used in a wide variety of occupations: printing apprentice, painter, OR/ER tech, singing evangelist, professional driver, summer camp cook, and manager of produce market as well as Liberty General Store and Mobil gas station. Carl was drafted into

the U.S. Army as an E5 medic in 1959 and received an honorable discharge in 1965. In 1970, he graduated from the California College of Mortuary Science and worked as a mortician and funeral director for several years.

In January 1979, Carl moved his family to Michigan where he had an opportunity to work in the transportation department at Andrews University. From 1979 to 1981, Carl served as the principal driver of the University bus and sponsored the “Chapter One” singing group as well as traveling with the Gymnics. In 1981 Carl became the manager of the Thomas Market owned by Andrews University until the market was closed in 1982 due to new highway construction.

In 1984, Carl packed up his family once again and moved to Liberty, Maine. He officially “retired” on December 31, 1998 and enjoyed traveling to visit his family during the next decade.

Carl's volunteer retirement activities included: Belmont fireman, Liberty and Belmont constable, president of Waldo Co. Law Enforcement Association and Belmont Fireman's Association, and pastor at Searsmonth Seventh-day Adventist Church. He enjoyed giving Bible studies, especially to young people, and took great joy in introducing people of all ages to Jesus. Carl's family will remember him as a comedian, singer, storyteller, handyman, and most of all, a strong spiritual leader.

Carl will be greatly missed by his wife of 54 years, Elizabeth (Fessenden) Barnaby; three daughters: Sheryl and Bryan Calhoun of West Virginia, **Rhonda** (current staff) and Evan Peak of Michigan; and Sharon and James Shinn of Georgia; eight grandchildren: Jennifer, Stephanie and Allison Calhoun; Justin, Elise and Layton Peak; Kyra and Keanu Shinn. He was preceded

**Minerva Elizabeth Straman**

(BA '56, MA '62, EdD '79, former faculty), 81, of Berrien Springs, died suddenly on July 10, 2014, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph, Michigan, surrounded by her loving family.

Minerva was born January 14, 1933, to Constantine and Maria Constantine in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. She graduated from Riverside High School and Windsor Business College. She then attended and graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts in education and minors in home economics and biology.

Minerva began her teaching career at the Southfield Junior Academy in Detroit, Michigan. During her time in college she became friends with **Russell Straman** (BA '54) and they eventually married on May 22, 1960. They moved to Berrien Springs and, in 1962, they unexpectedly became proud parents of twin boys, Timothy and Thomas, the joy of their lives.

She took a few years off to be with her sons, also working part-time in Eau Claire and Berrien Springs Public Schools. She then joined the staff at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School where she taught 7th and 8th grade English. While teaching full-time



on the Andrews University campus, Minerva earned a Master of Arts in instruction and supervision in 1962. In 1979 she earned an EdD in psychology and counseling while studying with her mentor, Ruth Murdoch.

Her first love was in the classroom, but with some encouragement, in 1983 Minerva became the principal at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School. During her tenure, the school enrollment continued to grow and prosper under her leadership.

In 1993, she joined the faculty of St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. While teaching Methods of Junior High and Educational Psychology and Supervision, she supervised numerous student teachers in schools throughout the Michiana area. She retired from St. Mary's in 2003.

Survivors are her sons, **Timothy** (BS '85) and **Thomas** (BBA '85) **Straman** of Berrien Springs. She is also survived by her two brothers: **Emil** (AIT '80) and his wife **Joyce** (former faculty) **Constantine** of Centerville, Ohio and **Gregory** (BA '60, former faculty) and his wife **Sharon** (att., former staff) **Constantine** of Berrien Center; one sister, **Aurelia Rae (Constantine) Holman** (BMus '60, MA '65, PhD '85, former faculty) of Benton Harbor; sisters-in-law, Brenda Constantine of Carmel, Indiana, and **Marceil (Straman) Moore** (BS '54) of Berrien Springs; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Constantine and Maria Constantine; her husband, Russell T. Straman; her youngest brother, **George N. Constantine** (BA '87); and her older sister, Helen M. (Constantine) Lungu.

in death by two grandchildren: Jamie and Gavin Peak. He will also be missed by Tracie (Neal) Read, who was like a daughter; brother, Arthur and Avis Barnaby Jr.; three brothers-in-law; two sisters-in-law; numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and many friends.

**Douglas F. Wacker** (BA '54) died April 8, 2014, in Summerfield, Florida, after a long struggle with idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

He was born Sept. 3, 1932, to the late Fred and Louise Wacker of Flint, Michigan, in the small bedroom of their home. His sister Dolores and brother **Duane** (att.) were born in the same bedroom by the same doctor.

Dr. Doug, as he was lovingly called by his patients and staff,

held his dad as an example of great men. His dad demanded the best and pushed Doug to excel.

Doug became a minister for the Michigan Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in 1954. Six days after they were introduced to their first church, he tragically lost his first wife Sally and their soon-to-be-born baby girl to polio.

He left the ministry in 1956 and returned to college to finish pre-med. After serving in Germany with the military for two years, Doug returned to California and graduated from Loma Linda University with his MD in 1964. He found his chosen field after watching an ENT surgeon give hearing back to a hearing impaired patient.

During this time of medical education, he remarried and had

three children. His family was the dream and desire of his life. However, the very fabric of this dream would be permeated, like a drop of black India ink in a glass of water, a story of its own. Daina, Anne and Alan survive, as does a single granddaughter Deanna.

Doug thoroughly enjoyed his career in medicine. He practiced medicine in Lansing, Michigan, for 38 years before he retired in 2007.

He became a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons, a Fellow in the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery and a Fellow in the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy. He enjoyed the responsibilities of being chief of ENT at Sparrow and St. Lawrence Hospitals, and also chaired the

Legislative Committee of the Ingham County Medical Society.

He considered teaching medical students as an associate professor of surgery at MSU Department of Surgery a privilege.

Over his last decade as a surgeon, he dedicated his spare time to Sparrow Hospital.

For the last 26 years of his life, he found his soul mate **Dee Logé** (att.). She became his wife, lover, business manager, confidant and world traveling companion.

She also brought two wonderful children into his life from a former marriage, Cynthia (Hyde) Griffith and grandchildren Emma (Josh) Hahn, Luke and Lily, and LCDR Makaala (Lisa) Mazat and grandchildren Sydney, Avery and Caroline.

**Elaine L. Waller** (former staff), 95, a resident of Berrien Springs since 1960, died on Thursday, July 3, 2014, at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville, Michigan.

Just four years after the Panama Canal opened, Elaine was born on August 29, 1918, to Ernest and Irma (Lewis) Johnson, in New Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone, (American sector), where they were serving as missionaries. When her father became the first editor of *El Centinela* (*The Signs of the Times*, Spanish version) magazine, the family moved to Angwin, California, to be closer to Pacific Press. Elaine earned a Bachelor of Arts with a major in English in 1942 from Pacific Union College, in Angwin, California. She married **John (Jack) O. Waller** (former faculty) on January 6, 1946.

In 1960, while teaching at Walla Walla College, Jack received an invitation to teach in the Andrews University English Department and to develop an MA in English degree. When they arrived, Elaine joined the staff of the James White Library cataloguing department and earned a Master of Science



in library science from the University of Illinois. Towards the latter part of her career, she focused on the music portion of the library. Her leisure hobbies included music and reading, and she enjoyed her cats.

She was preceded in death by her mother,

Irma Edna Lewis Johnson, on Sept. 19, 1975; her father, Ernest Roy Johnson, on Feb. 25, 1977; her brother, Robert Lewis Johnson, on Feb. 19, 1999; and her husband, John (Jack) O. Waller, on July 6, 2000. She is survived by two nieces: Elizabeth Johnson Ingram of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and Barbara Johnson Arnold of Springville, California; two grandnieces: Linda Ingram Benton, of North Las Vegas, Nevada, and Lisa Ingram, of Chicago, Illinois; a grandnephew, Bruce Emanuelson of Templeton, California; plus a host of cousins and friends.

Elaine's family has been very active in Seventh-day Adventist institutions of higher learning for over a hundred years, beginning with her maternal grandfather, Charles Clark (CC) Lewis. A graduate of Battle Creek College (a forerunner of Emmanuel Missionary College and eventually Andrews University), Lewis served as president of four Adventist higher education institutions during his lifetime. Elaine was the last of her generation of CC Lewis' natural descendants.



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