

## Weddings

**Brenda Butler** (BSW '97, MSW '99) and Owen N. Johnson III were married on Sept. 22, 2007, in Fort Belvoir, Va. They currently reside in Maryland.

**Candice Hines** (BS '04) and **Jiro Forbes** (MS '05) were married on March 16, 2008. They reside in Orlando, Fla.

## Births & Adoptions

To **Charity (Glass) Glass-Cotta** (BA '00) and **Chad Cotta** (BSW '01, BT '04), Bothell, Wash., a boy, Oliver Michael, March 28, 2008.

To **Marsha Koppel** (BS '80) and **Lewis Nagel** (BS '72), Riverside, Calif., a boy, André Lewis Nagel, March 25, 2008.

To **Kristin (Smith)** (BA '99) and **Pete Rosa** (att.), Rota, Spain, a girl, Amélie ZuZu, Nov. 28, 2007.

## Deaths

**Paul A. Johnson** (BA '50) died March 26, 2008, at his home in Anderson, Ind., at the age of 83. He had not been sick and his death was sudden and unexpected.

Paul taught at Indiana Academy after graduating from Emmanuel Missionary College, then went into the construction business, a profession that he loved and pursued for over 40 years. Paul loved his family and was active in his church all his life.

In 1945 he married Phyllis Tumulty, who survives him. Also surviving him are daughter Joyce and husband Tim Reutebuch, daughter Marsha and husband Eric McKnight. A son, David Johnson, passed away in 1991. He left his five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren to mourn him. One grandchild, Mathew David Johnson, died in 1979.

**Mary Josephine Michel Specht**, 92, died March 26, 2008 at the Garden Villa

nursing home in Bloomington, Ind. She was born in Farmington, Wash., August 18, 1915, the youngest of ten children, and married **Edward John Specht** (former faculty, Honorary DSc '84) on Dec. 25, 1938. Surviving are her husband Edward; a son, Frederick, of Bloomington, Ind.; a daughter Lahna, of South Bend, Ind.; one grandchild and two great-grandchildren.

Her husband Edward is professor emeritus of mathematics. He served Andrews University from 1947–1972 as chair of the department of mathematics. He resides in Garden Villa nursing home in Bloomington, Ind.

**Mark Laird Darrough** (CERT '83) died March 16, 2008, at the age of 47. He and his 23-year-old daughter, Jessica Darrough, were among those who jumped into the water trying to rescue a 13-year-old teen girl who was swept into the surf by a large wave. They were at a church youth group outing at Monastery Beach at the Carmel River State Beach Park.

At the joint funeral service, the pastor of the Ceres Seventh-day Adventist Church, Keith Mulligan, noted that the father-daughter drowning victims demonstrated the ultimate in love: giving their lives up for another.

Born Oct. 4, 1960, in Denver, Colo., Darrough was raised in Arvada and Inglewood, Colo., and then moved to Battle Creek, Mich. He was a member and deacon of the Ceres Seventh-day Adventist Church and also served as a Pathfinder Club counselor. He and his wife, **Sheri (Bush) Darrough** (BS '83), were married on Dec. 3, 1983, in Hayward, Calif. They moved to South Modesto in 1988. He was employed as a security guard in Modesto, Calif. He enjoyed camping, collecting rocks, bird watching and nature walks.

As family and friends lined up to file past the pair of open caskets, Sheri Darrough, Mark's widow, gave comfort with hugs and words. During the funeral service, Pastor Mulligan read a statement from Sheri intended to bring peace to those who were involved in the tragic event on the beach. "Everything was done that could be done—there's no blame—this was an

accident." She also said, "This is all beyond our understanding. But the Lord is with us and seeing us through."

Mark had a big heart for others. His father, Ralph Darrough, said he was amazed at the tenderness of his son at a young age. His pastor said he was very serious about his faith and responsibilities to his church.

Mark leaves behind his wife of 24 years, Sheri Darrough of South Modesto; his children, Jennifer Darrough and Terry Darrough; his father Ralph Darrough (Lois); his sister, Susan Alexander; his brother, Brian Darrough (Theresa); and his father-in-law and mother-in-law Emmett Bush and Nellie Bush of South Modesto; and sister-in-law Debra Jordan.

**Margaret Benedict Gill** (BA '46) died on March 15, 2008, in Clermont, Fla., at the age of 101.

One of 10 children born to Abbie and Samuel Benedict, Margaret entered this world on August 11, 1906. She began her teaching career at a public school in Michigan in 1925.

After graduating from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1930, she began a career as an educator for the Seventh-day Adventist denomination that would extend for nearly 60 years.

She taught at EMC from 1946–1955, supervising student teachers of grades 5 & 6 until another challenging opportunity arose. She accepted an invitation to serve as a missionary in Malawi and for the next 15 years, she trained teachers in Africa. It was there she married her husband, Williard Gill, in 1959. When his failing health forced them to leave Africa, they returned to the U.S. and lived in Washington. Williard died in 1974.

She returned to Africa, alone, in 1976. Unfortunately, her teaching assignment ended abruptly when the lives of missionaries were threatened by the civil war in Rwanda. She fled the area in 1978. Memories and stories of her experiences and of God's work in foreign countries continued to bless listeners for the remaining years of her life.

She was 74 years old when she moved

to Florida, but her career had not ended yet. From 1980–1987, Margaret taught at Groveland Academy in Lake Country.

The Clermont SDA Church benefited from her gifts as an exciting storyteller and wonderful teacher when she joined their congregation. She taught her weekly Sabbath School class up until two weeks before her death.

She leaves to mourn her youngest sister, a 94-year old mother of 10; her niece, Alberta Ottinger, who moved to Florida to care for Margaret during the last years of her life; and a multitude of nieces, nephews and friends.

**C. Burton (Burt) Keppler** (BA '61) died on March 6, 2008 in Asheville, N.C. at the age of 79.

On August 17, 1950, he married Dorothy Virginia (Dottie) Parker. Keppler attended the Florida Hospital School of Nursing, graduating in 1953 as a registered nurse. In 1955, they began serving as medical missionaries in Bolivia, where they worked for the next three and a half years. During this time Burt gave physicals to school children, pulled teeth, treated various ailments and gave immunizations including the smallpox vaccine during the worldwide effort to eradicate the dread disease. Upon returning to the U.S. in 1959, he decided to pursue further education in healthcare. The young family, which by this time included two daughters, moved to Berrien Springs, Mich., where Burt completed his pre-med requirements. He graduated with honors and became an avid bird watcher thanks to the enthusiasm and guidance of his ornithology professor.

Four years later Burt received his medical degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine, graduating in the top third of his class. He completed his internship at Greenville Hospital in South Carolina and then began practicing family medicine with his wife, Dottie, acting as medical assistant, officer manager and accountant for the fledgling practice.

In 1974, Keppler entered the anesthesiology residency program at Lloyd Nolan Hospital in Birmingham, Ala. After successfully completing his training, the

family moved to Kingsport, Tenn. where he practiced anesthesiology for the next eight and a half years.

In 1984, several of his classmates approached him about coming to practice at the then-struggling Park Ridge Hospital in Hendersonville, N.C. He took up the mission of starting the anesthesiology department at Park Ridge and served there until his retirement from active practice in 1993.

Despite a 14-year fight with prostate cancer, he and his wife continued to serve on short-term mission trips, providing medical care to underprivileged people in such diverse countries as Mexico, Panama, Thailand, the Solomon Islands and Guam.

Keppler is survived by his wife, Dottie; three daughters, Brenda, Susan and Karen; one son, Benjamin; ten grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Malcom Scott Fisher** (att.) passed away on Feb. 1, 2008, at his residence in Lister, B.C., Canada, at the age of 90. He was born on Sept. 16, 1917, in Hazelridge, Manitoba, Canada, and attended Canadian Union College.

Malcolm married Arvida Bjurstrom in Red Deer, Alberta, on April 30, 1942. He pastored churches in both Canada and the U.S., served as dean of men and business manager at Canadian Union College, spent three years in Africa as a missionary and was the director of student finance at La Sierra University, Riverside, Calif. He enjoyed building homes, gardening, flowers and nature, as well as helping others.

Malcolm was predeceased by his wife Arvida Fisher on Sept. 12, 1999. He is survived by his wife Marie (Buhler); his four children Marlene (Don) Lamming, Sharon King, Dean (Henrietta) and Dawn West; four stepchildren Lester, Ron, **Pat Spangler** (BS '04) and James; sister Olive Hoehn; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

**Joyce Ann Morse** (MA '72) passed away Jan. 16, 2008, in Glendora, Calif., at the age of 74. She was born August 2, 1933, in Iowa City, Iowa.

Joyce worked for the Seventh-day

Adventist educational system for 43 years. She spent 20 years as a teacher and 23 years as a school superintendent. She will be greatly missed by all her friends. Memorial services were held Feb. 2, 2008, at the Lancaster Seventh-day Adventist Church.

**Laurence W. Botimer** (BS '42) died August 20, 2007, in Ooltewah, Tenn., at the age of 88.

He was born in Jackson, Mich., in 1918 and obtained a bachelor's degree in chemistry from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1942. He married Roberta Strickland on Sept. 17, 1942.

He served for three and a half years during World War II, spending one and a half years in Italy. Shortly after his return he was invited to teach at Washington Mission College in Washington, D.C. He taught chemistry there for 13 years and earned a doctoral degree in chemistry at Maryland University in 1959. He was also a professor of chemistry at La Sierra College in Southern California and at Caribbean Union College in Trinidad. He loved teaching and after retirement continued to teach at Weimar College until the age of 80.

His many hobbies included photography, hiking and gardening, and he was an avid ham radio operator known by his call sign, WA6NVN.

He is survived by his wife, Roberta, two daughters, Cynthia Bietz and Laurella Poulson, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

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**Minnie Iverson Wood** (former faculty), died as the result of a stroke on Feb. 28, 2008, just three months short of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, in Loma Linda, Calif. She was born May 26, 1908, in Falmouth, Maine, and graduated in 1924 from Pine Tree Academy in Freeport, Maine. In 1928, she graduated with a bachelor's degree from Washington Missionary College. She earned a master's degree in music from Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

Working for more than 75 years, Minnie probably accomplished more than five average people do in their lifetimes. She taught music at all levels, directed choirs in the United States and abroad, and planned and implemented huge fund-raising musical events.

Although her first love was acting, Wood could not fit that into her Christian ethic. Instead of Broadway, she and her husband, Wilton Wood, headed for China, where she taught at Far



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Eastern Academy in Shanghai and later in Hong Kong. She also was on the faculty at Baltic Union Seminary in Riga, Latvia, Malayan Seminary in Singapore and Philippine Union College. After returning to the U.S., she taught at Columbia Union College and Andrews

University, where she taught voice and directed the choir.

Wherever she was, Wood planned major music events—Mendelssohn's *Elijah*, Handel's *Messiah*, Haydn's *The Creation* and Brahms' *Requiem*. Her choirs shared the stage with presidents Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower and Richard Nixon. Wood also helped to coordinate choir music for the General Conference session in Cleveland in 1958 and she sang frequently with the Faith for Today quartet.

Minnie and Wilton Wood retired to Loma Linda in 1972, where she maintained a music studio, teaching and mentoring several dozen private students. She was also active in the music program of the Loma Linda University Church, where a special tribute was held on Sabbath, May 24. Former choir members, voice and piano students from 1928–2008 performed the Hallelujah chorus from the *Messiah* at a vespers concert.

**Glenn Austin Lemon** (Honorary Alumnus '05) passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 20, 2008, at the age of 103. Until the end, his mind was sharp and his sense of humor was still present.

He helped build many of the buildings currently on campus, including Lamson Hall and Johnson Auditorium. A strong supporter of education, he used the skills obtained at Andrews when he began his own heating and air conditioning business. He worked as a contractor for Sears for 20 years.

Over the years, Lemon hired many EMC and Andrews students to assist him in his business, often going without pay himself to assure his workers had their weekly paycheck.

Lemon was presented with his honorary alumnus certificate at the Atholton Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbia, Md. on December 3, 2005. It was a proud moment for both him and his family. The congregation responded



with a rousing standing ovation.

Glenn resided in Odenton, Md., with his son, Cecil, and daughter-in-law, Ingrid. He enjoyed reading and daily walks and, until recently, still handled his own finances and pumped iron to keep

his body strength up to par. A frequent flier, he traveled all over the U.S. and Canada, and also visited Ireland and Europe. He drove all around the U.S. until 1997, only giving up his driver's license when it officially expired on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. At that time, his part of the Lemon family tree totaled 115 individuals, living in all parts of the United States, Canada and Singapore.

Five of his six children graduated from Andrews. Until his retirement several years ago, his son-in-law, **Theodore Hatcher** (BS '57), was on the math faculty at Andrews. Many of his grand- and great-grandchildren are also alumni.

Glenn was predeceased by his wife, L. Beatrice Lemon and his eldest son, Roy. He is survived by two sons **Cecil L.** (BMus '63), **Duane** (BA '65, MA '74) and three daughters **Vivian Hatcher** (BS '79), **Beverly Zacharias** (MMus '83) and Doris Lucas.