

Deaths

June L. Muchmore (MA '63) died May 9, 2015. She was born June 19, 1915 in Cairo, Ohio, to Daniel and Ruah (McCarthy) Harpster Jr. She married her sweetheart, Warren Muchmore, on Valentine's Day in 1942.

June graduated with a BS in education from Miami University (Ohio) in 1936, when it was uncommon for women to attend college. She was active in the YWCA and Mortar Board Honor Society. She earned a Master of Arts in education from Andrews University, graduating *magna cum laude*.

For 30 years June was an English teacher, starting in Ohio and continuing in Michigan, where she finished her teaching career at St. Joseph High School. She was proud to be the founder of The Reading Lab there.

She was a member of both Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and DV Chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. June was a woman of family, faith and education. She was a charter member of the Fairplain Presbyterian Church where she remained an active lifelong member.

In recent years she spent her time reading, taking part in book clubs, doing crossword puzzles to keep her mind sharp, and spending time with her friends and family.

June is survived by her son Lee (Patrica) Muchmore of Stevensville, Michigan; three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. June was preceded in death by her parents, husband Warren, and sister Carol Asborne.

Ruth Helen Hamberger (BA '47), 90, a long-time resident of Berrien Springs, Michigan, died on May 3, 2015 in Chico, California.

Ruth was born Feb. 20, 1925, in Buffalo, New York, to Hugo

and Bertha Wagner. She was a teacher of English and French for many years. She was well known for her intoxicating laugh which made others laugh. She loved to have friends around her dining room table.

She was preceded in death by her husband, **William Hamberger** (BA '51), and her son, Kevin Hamberger. She is survived by her daughter, **Joan** (BS '78) (Mark) Calfee of Floumoy, California; son, **David** (BA '84, MA '90) (Karen) Hamberger and her grandson, Jeffrey Hamberger, all of Madison, Tennessee.

Rosemae Hafstrom (BS '67, MA '74), 88, formerly of Stevensville, Michigan, died on March 4, 2015, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Rosemae was born Feb. 20, 1927, in South Bend, Indiana, the daughter of Mae (Cox) Smith Collins and Paul Smith Sr. She graduated from John Adams High School in South Bend and continued her education until she earned a master's degree in education from Andrews University in Berrien Springs.

She taught for many years as an elementary teacher in the Lakeshore Public School System, Stevensville. She was a published poet and a sister in PEO (Philanthropic Educational Organization). She enjoyed her travels, volunteering for evangelistic organizations, spending time with family and God.

Rosemae married Warren Richard Hafstrom on Dec. 25, 1946, in South Bend and they were united for 64 years; the last 48 years they lived in Stevensville.

She is survived by her daughter, **Connie** (att.) (Randy) Johnson of Indianapolis; sister, Nancy (Robert) Hartman, brothers, Don (Sonya) Smith and Mike (Janis) Smith and her

sister-in-law Dorothy Smith, all of Mishawaka, Indiana; three granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

Rosemae was preceded in death by her husband, Warren (2011); son, **Gregory David Hafstrom** (att.); brothers, Paul Smith Jr. and Tom Smith.

LeRoy Burlingame (BA '59), 88, died March 4, 2015, in Niles, Michigan. LeRoy was born Nov. 29, 1926, in Chicago, Illinois.

At the age of 16, he left home and joined the Merchant Marines during World War II. After turning 18, he joined the Marine Corps. He married Ruth Ross on March 29, 1948. He was self-employed as a radio/TV repairman and also worked at Studebaker.

LeRoy later graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College, now Andrews University, with a BA in physics. After graduation, he worked at Bendix, now Allied Signal, as an aerospace engineer.

He was a member of the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church in Berrien Springs.

LeRoy was a devoted husband to Ruth, and father to David (Jenifer) of Phoenix, Arizona, **Stephen** (BA '72) (**Mary** (BA '72)) of Williamston, Michigan, Richard (**Deborah** (BA/BA '74)) of St. Joseph, Michigan, **Gary** (BS '78) (Kara) of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Diane (Ronald Wendth) of Cincinnati, Ohio. He was grandfather to 16 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

He was a brother to Bessie, Ruth, Elwyn and Florence who predeceased him; and **Dorothy Hildebrand** (EdD '79) of Berrien Springs, who survives him.

Vivian Noemi Chaij (att.), 56, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, died on Feb. 28, 2015.

Surviving are her husband, **Laurence Daniel Chaij** (BBA '84); children, Lauren Elise Chaij and

Jonathan Brandon Chaij; and brother, Richard Reyes.

Werner W. Lehmann (former staff), 81, of Eau Claire, Michigan, died on Feb. 26, 2015 from the results of a massive stroke. He was born Feb. 4, 1934 in Rosthern, Saskatchewan, Canada.

His parents being grain and dairy farmers gave Werner an appreciation for an honest work ethic that followed him the rest of his life. He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, where he faithfully served in various capacities throughout his lifetime. His early education began in a little country school in the town of his birth. He graduated from La Sierra University in California in 1970 with a BS in biology and from Loma Linda University, California, with a Master of Public Health.

In 1995, he and his family moved to Eau Claire, Michigan, and he began working for Plant Services at Andrews University.

After retirement, he spent many hours composing music to the honor of his precious Savior.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, **Shirley (Oetman) Lehmann** (former staff); daughters Leandra Block of Bullhead City, Arizona, **Jennifer Wittum** (BT '96, BT '00) of North Carolina, and **Karyn** (BS '06) (Zach) Owen of Loveland, Colorado; son **Kevin** (BT '04) and **Linnea** (att.) Lehmann of Granger, Indiana; four grandchildren; and sister Ellen (Lyle) Thunstrom of British Columbia, Canada.

Regina Esther (Walker) Spence (BS '83), 60, of Apopka, Florida, died on Feb. 20, 2014. She was born on Dec. 11, 1953, in Queens, New York.

Regina attended primary and public school in Bay Shore, New York, before later going

on to graduate from Andrews University where she studied nursing. After graduating Regina worked at various hospitals in the Hinsdale, Illinois area before moving back to New York in 1986, following a diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis and a very rare blood disorder (Essential Thrombocythemia). Thanks to the effort and encouragement of her late mother, Romelda Walker (a licensed occupational therapist), and her strong faith in God, Regina decided to take on MS her way, rather than let it take her, and in the process lived her life as normally as possible for almost 30 years.

She continued working as an RN in different hospitals in New York's Manhattan and Brooklyn until it became more difficult for her to move around because of her MS. She eventually moved to Long Island. However, as a long time member of the Amityville Seventh Day Adventist Church in Amityville, New York, Regina spent years on the South Shore of Long Island, New York, witnessing to people door-to-door, selling Bibles and books and befriending elderly people.

She married Anthony Spence on Sept. 14, 2003. After residing for a few years in Patchogue, New York, they relocated to Apopka, Florida.

She was a big advocate for healthy living inside and out, and started researching and educating herself on proper nutrition and natural remedies as her own medication for dealing with MS and living a healthy life. If she bumped into someone on a bus or learned of someone dealing with any health issue of any kind, she would research the information, write up a paper and send it to him or her.

With the support of her loving husband Tony keeping her steady and never ever leaving her side, they provided health

education at inner city and other community events in the Orlando area.

Before she died, she had been working on a book about how she was dealing with MS. She wrote a blog for two years that went around the world. Her inspirational book, "Mutley's Great Adventure: What I've Learned Living With MS," was just published and is now available at amazon.com.

Survivors include her husband **Anthony Spence** (att.), her siblings Patricia, Dahlia and Ronald Walker, and in-laws, Anna Walker and **Paul** (MA '72) and **Lenore** (MA '72) **Brantley**. Regina was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel Earl and Romelda Walker and her older brother Samuel, who affectionately nicknamed her "Mutley."

Samuel Hezekiah Joseph (MDiv '73, DMin '75) died on Feb. 20, 2015.

He served the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a minister in the East and North Caribbean Conferences for about four decades, until his retirement in October 2001.

After working in several Caribbean islands for the East Caribbean Conference, Joseph earned a Doctor of Ministry from Andrews University in 1975. He held the distinction of being the first minister to be sent a call by the newly established North Caribbean Conference. His first appointment for them was in the St. Thomas district as the successor of Pastor J.C. Shillingford.

His passion for scholarship and value of education were well established beyond his personal life and included his entire family. His two daughters are physicians, and before his son Sammy's untimely death, all three children were accomplished musicians.

Joseph served the NCC as

an administrator (secretary) for three years, and director of several departments of the church, including Stewardship and Communication.

Crystal Ailene Cantrell Morris (BS '73) died on Feb. 19, 2015. She was born to Allene Cantrell and Raymond Cantrell on Dec. 25, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan.

Crystal was a precocious child and a talented student in Berean SDA Elementary School at Temple Seventh-day Adventist Church, but attended the young congregation at Burns Avenue Seventh-day Adventist Church.

She matriculated at Adelphian Academy in Holly, Michigan. In addition to her classes in high school, she was an assistant dean and a teacher's assistant. Crystal graduated with honors and chose to pursue higher education at Andrews University, studying to fulfill her lifelong desire of becoming a nurse.

Before graduation, Crystal served as a student medical missionary in an Adventist clinic in Haiti.

While studying at Andrews University, she met a developing minister by the name of Jack Arthur Morris. One month after graduation and passing her state boards to be a registered nurse she married Jack in her home church, with T. Marshall Kelly officiating. The Southwest Region Conference of Seventh-day Adventists asked them to pastor in the Houston, Texas area.

In Houston, Crystal and Jack were blessed with their first child, Jack Arthur II, in 1975. After moving to Hammond, Louisiana their family added a gorgeous baby girl named Marissa Alaine, in 1979. The family was completed by the birth of John Adam in 1982.

Crystal complemented Jack's ministry in many ways and in



various locations, both domestic and abroad. Congregations around the globe were blessed by their ministry.

Cherishing her memory are her children, Jack, Marissa and John; her mother, Allene Cantrell; her father and his wife, Raymond and Annetta Cantrell; her brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Michelle Cantrell; two sisters Samone and Shelly Cantrell; and many extended family members and friends.

Phyllis E. (Grieve) Rosenberg (BA '49), 87, of Coldwater, Michigan, died on Feb. 11, 2015.

Phyllis was born Oct. 13, 1927, in Montague, Michigan, to James & Rhotilda (Kemstra) Grieve. She earned her bachelor's degree in English with a minor in French, from Andrews University. She later graduated from University of Michigan with a master's degree in library science.

Phyllis was an English teacher in Wyoming and Three Oaks, Michigan, before spending a year teaching on an Army base in Japan. She worked as a school librarian for several years in the San Francisco area. She married Marvin M. Rosenberg on June 15, 1959 in Reno, Nevada and moved to Coldwater shortly afterwards.

Phyllis was the librarian for the Branch County Library, and later director of the Coldwater Public Library and eventually the Branch District Library. She

worked there from 1972 until her retirement in 1995. Phyllis led the restoration and addition to the library as well as establishing the district library system.

Phyllis was an avid reader and a founding member of the Branch County Literacy Council, as well as serving as a board member and tutor after retirement.

Phyllis is survived by her husband Marvin, her children Laurie Rosenberg of Hillsdale, Wesley Rosenberg of Berlin, Germany, several nieces and a nephew, and many great-nieces and -nephews.

Esther Maas Nelson (att.), 101, died on Feb. 4, 2015. She was born in Saskatchewan, Canada on June 9, 1913.

In the seventh grade Esther started violin lessons. In the ninth grade she began playing in a radio orchestra at Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Berrien Springs, Michigan. She finally earned a seat next to the concertmaster.

After attending Union College and Emmanuel Missionary College, she married, moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where her husband finished dental school, and had two children. In 1970 she moved to Loma Linda, California, and became director of volunteers at the Loma Linda University Medical Center.

On Dec. 18, 1971, she married George J. Nelson, a chemistry professor. They were happily married for 22 years. Until she was in her mid-70s, Esther sang in the John T. Hamilton Chorale that toured England and Hong Kong. Esther loved people and life and her home was a welcoming meeting place for friends.

She was predeceased by her husband, **George J. Nelson** (BS '32), her son, John W. Mallernee, her stepdaughter,

Maryan Jessen, and her siblings **Ellis Maas** (BA '27, BTh '27), **Carl Maas** (DIP2YR '27), **Noema Knopf** (att.) and **Arthur Maas** (att.). She is survived by her son, Rollin (Karen Fleming) Mallernee II, and the children of her second family, Myrna (**John** (att.) Odom and Steve Nelson, three grandchildren, her surrogate daughter, Carol Maas, many nieces and nephews and six great-grandchildren.

Herbert Hampton White (MA '68), 98, of Reed City, Michigan, died Jan. 28, 2015.

White was born March 12, 1916, in Covington, Kentucky, to William Herbert and Lucy Alice (Bell) White. He married **Luella Garrett** (att.) on August 21, 1939, in Iowa and she preceded him in death on April 28, 2001. He married **Dorothy Culbert** (BA '35) on August 31, 2002, in Reed City and she preceded him in death on August 17, 2011.

He spent his childhood to early adulthood in Kentucky, Massachusetts, Colorado and Nebraska; his working adulthood in Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Illinois; and his retirement in Arkansas and Michigan.

Herbert attended Inter-mountain Academy in Colorado, Campion Academy in Colorado, Union College in Nebraska where he received his BA in 1942, and Andrews University where he received his MA in 1968.

He taught in Seventh-day Adventist elementary schools and was a minister in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Herbert enjoyed woodworking, photography and travel.

He is survived by two sons, **Philip White** (BS '71), Stephen White, stepson Larry Beardsley, three stepdaughters, Laura Long (Beardsley), Donna Stilson (Beardsley) (att.), Ellen Murdick (Beardsley)

(former staff), five grandchildren, five step-grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wives, son **Howard White** (att.), a sister Esther, one step-brother and two stepsisters.

Erno Gyeresi

(MBA '09, former staff), 54, died on Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015 at his home in Niles, Michigan. Erno's death followed a long battle with cancer. He was born on Feb. 27, 1960, in Nyaradszereda, Romania, to Iosif and Marta (Csongvay) Gyeresi.

Erno earned his high school diploma from Bolyai Farkas Theoretical Lyceum in June of 1979. Later that year, he was accepted into the Babes-Bolyai University Faculty of Mathematics program. Before he could begin his undergraduate program, he completed nine months of mandatory military service.

In June of 1985, Erno fulfilled all degree requirements for a BS in mathematics, except for his final thesis. His aptitude for a bright career in mathematics was balanced by a calling to the gospel ministry, a calling pursued by his father, a grandfather and a total of 10 members of his extended family. So while working on his mathematics degree, Erno concurrently attended the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in Bucharest, Romania, where he graduated in June of 1985 with an undergraduate degree.

By the early 2000s, he had completed all but his dissertation for a PhD in systematic theology from Andrews University, and in 2009 he completed an MBA with an emphasis in marketing.

Erno married **Ildiko Ilona Galfi** (MAYM '04, BBA '13, current staff) on August 4, 1985, in Tirgu Mures, Romania. They lived in



Cluj Napoca for 13 years, where Erno served in various roles in the Seventh-day Adventist Church as a pastor and secretary/treasurer for the North Transylvania Conference.

In 1998, he moved his family to Berrien Springs to attend the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

As a student, Erno worked in several departments, including Physics Enterprises, the James White Library, and Andrews University Press. In 2005, he began full-time employment at the Press, and in 2011 he was named associate director, responsible for all business management and marketing.

He was the managing editor of the Andrews Study Bible, first released in the New King James Version in 2010; managing editor of the same study Bible in the New International Version (forthcoming); editorial consultant for the Romanian edition of the study Bible (2014); and managing editor of the Andrews Bible Commentary (forthcoming).

Erno is survived by his wife of 29 years, Ildiko Gyeresi of Niles; his son, Lehel Gyeresi of Houston, Texas; his daughter, **Harmat** (Kyle) **Beebe** (BBA '10) of Altamonte Springs, Florida; his parents, Iosif and Marta Gyeresi of Tirgu Mures, Romania; and his sister, Judit (Viorel) Dan of Madrid, Spain.