

Weddings

Christian Bokich (BBA '99) and Stephanie Peralta were married July 29, 2006, and reside in Berkely, Mich.

Jairo Flores and **Kathryn Elliott** (BHS '06) were married July 23, 2006, and reside in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Jodi Poole (BA '05) and Willie Iwankiw were married July 23, 2006, and reside in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Births

To **Tricia (Augsburger)** (BA '99, MA '01) and **Alvin Jornada** (BS '99), Santa Rosa, Calif., a girl, Avery Rhys, July 15, 2006.

To **Cynthia (Wallace)** (BS '96, MSPT '97) and **Richard Forrester** (BBA '89), St. Joseph, Mich., a girl, Emma Marie, May 26, 2006.

To Francis and **Errol-Ann (Mack) LaCroix** (BS '92), Baldwin, New York, a girl, Francesca Christiana, April 27, 2006.

To **Heidi Samardzic (Grah)** (AS '02) and **Dejan Samardzic** (att.), Covington, Ky., a boy, Petar Riley, April 26, 2006.

Beverly (Roach) Clarke (BSW '97, MSW '99) and **Michael Clarke** (BBA '99) are proud to announce the adoption of twin girls from Ethiopia, Zayna Hiwot and Zamara Kidist, on February 20, 2006 (born September 11, 2004).

To **Cherie (Duge)** (BFA '89) and Robert J. Paul, Boulder, Co., a girl, Nyneve Lorraine, February 16, 2006.

To **Karen** and **Aaron Vander Mei** (BS '98, MSPT '99), Lexington, Ky., a boy, Evan Luke, December 22, 2005.

Deaths

Dorothy M. Gustin (BS '68) died June 12, 2006. She was born October 31, 1919, to Beatrice and Goodwin Johnson in the Spokane, WA region. She attended Spokane Junior Academy, where she fell in love with and married Ralph Gustin. Dorothy and Ralph were blessed with three children, Delcy Lu, Bonnie Lorraine, and Robert Cecil.

In 1963, Dorothy enrolled in classes at Andrews University. She enjoyed the classes so much that she became a full-time student and in 1968, made University history as being the first woman to obtain a degree in industrial education.

Following her graduation from Andrews University, she taught at the Garr School for special education in St. Joseph, Mich., while pursuing a master's degree in special education from Michigan State University, where she graduated in 1972.

Dorothy was currently residing in Hendersonville, North Carolina. She was laid to rest in S. Lancaster, Mass., with her husband, Dr. Ralph Gustin. She was also preceded in death by her son Robert. She is survived by daughter and son-in-law, **Delcy** (MDiv '86) and **Tom Kuhlman** (Att.) and daughter and son-in-law, **Bonnie** (Att.) and **Lloyd Condon** (Att.); her grandchildren Kathy Freeman, Bill Kuhlman, Scott Kuhlman, **Stuart Kuhlman** (BET '86), **Stacey Kuhlman** (BS '86), Loreal Schmidt, **Lloyd Condon, Jr.** (BArch '92), **Lianne Pitcher** (BSW '92) and Robin Brett.

Dick Herman Koobs (BA '50) died June 11, 2006. He was born in Hinsdale, Illinois, July 22, 1928. After graduating in 1946 from Jefferson High School in San Antonio, Texas, Koobs enrolled as a chemistry major at EMC, principally because of his secondary interest in Biblical studies and the opportunity to study under Dr. Edwin R. Thiele, religion professor and noted Old Testament scholar.

Koobs' graduation in 1950 was followed by a year at Trinity University

before entering the School of Medicine at the College of Medical Evangelists (now Loma Linda University) in 1951. He obtained his MD degree in 1955. Because of his interest in determining the causes of disease, he completed a residency in anatomic pathology and became board-certified in that specialty.

Koobs' career path took him to UCLA where, as a graduate student in the biological chemistry department, his dissertation forced a paradigm shift in what was known about the metabolism of the cancer cell. He received his PhD degree in 1965.

Koobs' professional life was spent at Loma Linda University, where as a member of the pathology department he had the opportunity to teach hundreds of medical students and residents. His scientific papers have appeared in several journals. He was an emeritus faculty member following his retirement in 1999.

Koobs' athletic interests included baseball, volleyball, and golf. An avid music lover, he was a member of the band and trumpet trio at EMC, choirs in Los Angeles and Loma Linda, and (since starting to play viola at the age of 48) several community orchestras.

Koobs was married for nearly 51 years to Ardyce Hanson.

In August 2005, he was diagnosed with a B cell lymphoma, primarily in the brain. Following chemotherapy and a brief remission, the tumor recurred in April and he died two months later.

Jose Isabel Rivera (BA '39, MA '55) died June 24, 2006. He was born Feb. 22, 1904, in Fajardo, Puerto Rico.

Rivera spent his formative years in Fjardo, where he became an altar boy in the local Catholic church and entertained aspirations to become a priest one day.

Upon attending meetings at a local Adventist church, Rivera was converted and determined that he would become a minister.

While attending the two-year Adventist college in Ibonito, Rivera met Julia Mercedes Astacio, whom he later married in secret to avoid breaking the regulation

that forbade students from marrying prior to graduation. The two lived in separate dorms during their final year at the school.

Rivera began his ministry in Rio Piedras, where three children were born, Jose (“Pepe”), Loida, and Rueben.

Following his studies at EMC, Rivera and family returned to Santurce, Puerto Rico, where another child, Guidel, was born. And following a move to the Dominican Republic, two more children were born, Josue and Tirsa.

In 1944, the Riveras returned to the U.S. because of a medical condition that was affecting Josue. They settled in Chicago, where Rivera began his pioneering work among the Spanish-speaking people in the area. After 10 years, Rivera’s efforts led to the founding of the Spanish Central Church, along with churches in Aurora, Decatur, and Waukegan, Ill., and Gary, Ind.

Rivera decided to further his education and earned a master’s degree in biblical archaeology at the Adventist Theological Seminary in 1954. Immediately following, Rivera was called to New Jersey, where he began evangelistic work among the Hispanics in that state.

Rivera formally retired in 1977, although he continued to serve as a pastor for many years after that. Following his wife Julia’s death in 1983, Rivera married Josefina Colom, with whom he shared 13 happy years.

Charles Walter Day, II (BS ’50) died May 22, 2006. He was born Sept. 1, 1922.

Day attended elementary and high school in Stanley, N. Mex., graduating in 1940, and then served in the war effort at a Navy yard in California.

On June 27, 1948, Day married **Leora Kinder** (BA ’50) in Vinita, Okla. Their daughter, Barbara Sue, was born in Hinsdale, Ill. in 1950.

Over the course of their life together, Day and his wife dedicated themselves to serving the Seventh-day Adventist Church in various mission fields, including two years in Costa Rica, where son **Charles**

W. Day, III (CERT ’73) was born, and 12 years in Mexico, where their youngest, David, was born.

In 1967, Day moved his family to Kansas so that his children could attend schools in English and so that he could continue his education. He earned a master’s in agricultural economics from Kansas State University in 1968. He then worked as a business manager for Enterprise Academy in Enterprise, Kan.

In 1971, Day accepted a call to start up new industries for the Adventist Mission College in Lima, Peru, where he developed the second-largest bakery in the country. Over the next few years, he helped to establish various industries in a number of countries—including Ecuador, Jamaica, and again Mexico—to help students earn their education.

Day retired to Sedan, Kan., after 32 years of service to the church, taking over the Day Cattle Company with his brother Joe Day and sister Dorothy Taylor.

Survivors include his wife, daughter, both sons, two grandchildren, and his sister.

Donald D. Stephan (BA ’59) died Dec. 26, 2005. He was born Nov. 5, 1936, in Grayling, Mich.

Stephan graduated from Cedar Lake Academy prior to attending Andrews, where he would later serve as senior class president.

On June 14, 1959, Stephan married Ann Whitney, and they began a life together in pastoral ministry. Stephan served 19 years as an Adventist minister in churches in Michigan, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Idaho.

Stephan later transitioned into prison chaplaincy work for the Idaho Department of Corrections in 1978, serving 10 years with the organization. During his tenure, he helped hundreds of inmates become productive citizens.

After earning a master’s in counseling, Stephan worked for Treasure Valley Community College and the Oregon Department of Corrections, while developing broad-based volunteer programs. Eventually, Stephan began a

private practice at C.O.P.E. Counseling Center in Boise, Id.

Stephan was known for his innate ability to get along with people from all walks of life, and he was always available for the needs of others. He will be remembered as industrious, friendly, and compassionate.

Survivors include his wife; sons, Bob, Jon, Todd; daughters, Julie Voth, Jodi Fresk; 11 grandchildren; his brother, Brad; and sister, Kay Dixon.

Kelvin Priser (BS ’62) died Oct. 22, 2005. He was born September 13, 1936, in Warsaw, Ind.

Priser graduated from Indiana Academy in 1954.

After earning his degree in agriculture at Andrews, Priser served as assistant farm manager at Wisconsin Academy and Platte Valley Academy, then as farm manager at Broadview Academy, until he was disabled with multiple sclerosis in 1988. All who knew Priser in the ensuing years marveled at his positive attitude and courage in the face of mounting adversity.

His favorite memories of Andrews included dorm life in old Birch Hall, as well as planting and harvesting long rows of corn on the farm.

Priser is survived by his wife, Alice; sons, Allan and Seth; daughter, SanDee; four granddaughters; and sister, **Eloise Beardsley** (BS ’67).

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