

Births & Adoptions

Sarah (MSA '06) and **Marius Asaftei** (MDiv '06), are happy to announce the birth of a baby girl, Sophie Alexandria Grace, born on April 20, 2011, in Atlanta, Ga.

Jennifer Gomoll (BSN '96) is the proud parent of Jillian Faith Gomoll, born on March 19, 2011, in Westchester, Ill.

Richard (BBA '89) and **Cynthia Wallace Forrester** (BS '96, MSPT '97) are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Olivia Jayne, born on Feb. 25, 2011.

Deaths

Melvin Rosen Jr. (BA '45) died at the Life Care Center in Evergreen, Colo., on April 16, 2011, at the age of 88.

A memorial service honoring his life was held at Porter Place Chapel in Denver, Colo., and he was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Melvin Jr. was born to Melvin Rosen Sr. and Alice Scott on February 20, 1923 in Chetek, Wis. He spent his childhood in Clear Lake, and he graduated from Bethel Academy in 1941. He graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in 1945, receiving a degree in Education. Melvin then attended graduate school at Western Michigan University, receiving a master's degree in education and administration in 1952.

In 1958, Melvin married Joyce Allred Durham, and they shared 53 years of marriage. He was previously married to Marian Wery.

During his career, which spanned 43 years in education, Melvin was teacher/principal at Calvin Britain Elementary School and Morton Hill Elementary School in Benton Harbor, Mich., Flint SDA Elementary School in Flint, Mich., Southfield Junior Academy in Detroit, Mich., Boulder Junior Academy in Boulder, Colo., and Hagerstown Junior Academy in Hagerstown, Md.

In addition, Melvin served more than 10 years as superintendent of Seventh-day Adventist schools for Wisconsin and then for Illinois. He was an ordained Adventist minister.

Melvin enjoyed all aspects of his life and

his family. In his leisure time, he especially enjoyed gardening, woodworking, jeeping, singing and reading. At his retirement from education, he moved to Colorado where he resided for 23 years. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Denver South Adventist Church.

Melvin is survived by his wife, Joyce Rosen; two daughters: **Marcia Rosen Jones** (BA '69) and Patsy Rosen Middaugh; three sons: Larry Durham; **Bob Durham** (BA '73); and Terry Durham; and one sister, Helen Bissegger. Melvin is further survived by seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Sandra Pauline Cruz (BA '72), 64, died April 11, 2011, at her home in Lubbock, Texas.

Sandra was born February 25, 1947 in Battle Creek, Michigan to Sylvester and Ruby Craig. She graduated from Battle Creek Academy in 1965, and from Andrews University in 1972 with a degree in English and Spanish. While at Andrews, she met her husband of 45 years, **Daniel Cruz** (BA '67, MDiv '72, MA '84). She later went on to get a Master of Education from San Diego State University in 1997.

Sandra lived a life devoted to God and to service. She had a passion for mission work, spending seven years as a missionary with her husband in Korea. In 2001, she started the Philippine Project Mission, which has since built four churches, and has begun building an elementary school. Sandra devoted much of her time and energy to fund-raising, training Philippine missionaries in ESL to teach in China, and planning short-term mission trips.

A lifelong learner herself, Sandra dedicated her life to teaching others, teaching everything from English to law classes. She jumped at any chance to preach or tell stories, freely sharing her faith with those around her. She wrote two children's books, *The Story Basket: Creation Stories* and *Animal Tales*, using the profits to build the Navy O'Donnell Seventh Day Adventist Church in the Philippines.

Sandra enjoyed learning about new things, like Chinese herbal medicine, and traveling to new places. She absorbed herself in each new culture—Korean food and Philippine eggplant dishes became some of her favorite foods. A lover of languages, she learned Spanish, Korean, Tagalog and had begun learning Chinese. In recent years, she took a break

from her world travels to settle in the U.S. and spend time with her four grandchildren.

She loved reading, especially mission stories, children's books, and Spirit of Prophecy books. She was an expert at puzzles, logic games, and scrabble, regularly beating the computer!

Sandra was a remarkable woman who lived life fully. Her love for God, expressed through her mission work and her love for people, has made an impact on so many lives that will not soon be forgotten.

Sandra is survived by her husband, Daniel Cruz; her children, David Cruz, Nathan Cruz, and Sharla Crabtree; two sisters, Shirley Smith and Lorraine Wellman; and four grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her older sister Sylvia Atkins of Fredericksburg, Texas.

Jeffrey Allen Loucks (CERT '73), 63, of Berrien Center, died Saturday, April 9, 2011, at his home.

Jeff was born March 15, 1948, in South Bend, Ind., the son of William and Helen (Weaver) Loucks. He married Janet Sue Nihart on Jan. 7, 1968, in Elkhart, and they had resided in Berrien Center for over 35 years. Jeff was a masonry contractor by trade, and in his leisure time he enjoyed gardening, photography, roller blading, nutrition and working in electronics. He was a member of and actively involved in the Village SDA Church. Jeff dearly loved his grandchildren and family.

Surviving are his three sons: Jeremy (Lori) Loucks of Niles, Mich.; **Jason Loucks** (BS '98) of DeForest, Wis.; and **Joshua Loucks** (BFA '03) of Berrien Center, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; one sister, Sue Loucks of Tucson, Ariz.; two brothers, Kenneth (Lois) Loucks of Goshen, Ind. and Garry L. Loucks of Tucson; two sisters-in-law, Janice Fischer of Tucson and Linda Ann Nihart Strait of Ft. Wayne, Ind.; and many nieces and nephews. Jeff was preceded in death by his wife, Janet, on Feb. 19, 2010.

Nancy Lorraine Drazen (att.), 58, of Berrien Springs, died Monday, April 4, 2011, at her home.

Nancy was born Jan. 16, 1953, in Detroit, Mich., the eldest child of Samuel and Violet (Van Raden) Noble. She attended school in Michigan until she was eight years old, when she was sent to be with family in Minnesota

for a time. She lost her mother to death at age 12, after which her father married Lorretta Mae Myers and the family moved to Union Lake, where Nancy graduated from Walled Lake Central High School in 1971.

She spent the next three years at Andrews University, where she met her future husband, **Daniel J. Drazen** (BA '74, MA '03), in 1974. She then moved back to Detroit to live with her grandparents and work in the city. She and Dan were married in the old East Detroit Seventh-day Adventist Church on Feb. 6, 1977. They proceeded to relocate to the Chicago area where she worked as a legal secretary for a number of law firms in downtown Chicago.

In 1992, she encouraged her husband to apply for an opening as an editor of the Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index, which was relocating from the La Sierra campus of Loma Linda University to Andrews University. He was hired and they moved to Berrien Springs in the summer of that year.

Surviving are her husband, Daniel; father, Samuel Noble of Land O'Lakes, Fla.; brother, Rudie Noble and his wife Diana, and their children Brendan and Briana of Canton, Mich.

Kenneth H. Ackerman (MA '56), 90, of Lodi, Calif., passed away on April 1, 2011. Ken was born in Vancouver, Wash., on June 3,

1920, number 8 of 10 children. At the age of 3 his family moved to South Gate, Calif. He graduated in 1938 from South Gate High School. After high school, Ken worked as an aviation metal smith for Douglas Aircraft in Los Angeles.

Ken enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942 and took his boot-camp training in Farragut, Idaho. He was then sent to Treasure Island in Oakland, and from there to Kaneohe, Hawaii, where he worked as an aviation metal smith. He was honorably discharged from the Navy in 1945. In 1949, he enrolled at La Sierra College in Riverside where he studied for three years. His friendship with Joyce Powell had been growing for several years. She was attending Pacific Union College in northern California, so he decided to transfer there to be with her their senior year, both graduating together in 1953. They were married in their home church in Huntington Park, Calif., on Nov. 22, 1953.

Ken went on to get his master's degree in religion in 1956, and began his 30-year teaching career. During that time he taught and was principal in Huntington Park and La Crescenta, Calif., and spent his last 18 years as an 8th and 5th grade teacher at the Lodi Seventh-day Adventist Elementary School.

Ken loved his family, and enjoyed camping, hiking, gardening, and farming,

plus spending time with his special black lab, Blackie. After retirement, he greatly enjoyed traveling throughout the 50 states in his RV.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Joyce; two sons, Craig (Cynthia) and Gary, and six loving grandchildren who called him "Papa": Kara, Camrie, Kaylie, Kade, Taylor and Nikki.

Ashton Meigwell Alleyne (BA '83, MA '95) of Georgetown, Guyana and formerly of Sisters' Village, East Bank Berbice, Guyana passed away on Jan. 23, 2011.

Ashton was the husband of **Ruby Hyacinth Enniss-Alleyne** (MBA '97) the assistant treasurer of the Guyana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. They had been married for 30 years. Born in Sisters' Village, EBB, on May 4, 1955, Ashton was the only son of David and Irene Alleyne. He was a graduate of the Caribbean Union College, now University of the Southern Caribbean in Port of Spain, Trinidad, and then attended the West Indies College in Jamaica, now the Northern Caribbean University, and earned a master's degree in religion from Andrews University.

Ashton was a pastor for over 27 years, shepherding in several pastoral districts of the Guyana Conference including Georgetown #1, Georgetown #2, Bartica and East Bank Districts. He was serving the Georgetown #3 district up until his passing.

On May 24, 2011, **Douglas Kilcher** (DMin '69, former faculty) passed away in his home with his family by his side, after nearly four years of battling the blood cancer, multiple myeloma.

Doug began his ministry in 1969 as an intern evangelist in the Southern California Conference where he went on to become a full-time pastor. He then served as a pastor in the Pennsylvania and Upper Colombia Conferences. Afterwards, he served as an administrator in the Northern New England Conference before moving to the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary where he taught for 13 years as a professor and chaired the Department of Christian Ministry. He later served in the Mid-America Union as ministerial director before going to the Texas Conference where he served as conference secretary until October 2010.

Perhaps a crowning passion of Doug's personal calling was his commitment to the success of pastors. He was ever sensitive to the importance of appropriate training, professional mentoring, family support and a continuing experience of spiritual and personal growth and renewal. Doug knew the value of balance in the life and ministry of the pastor. He consistently encouraged pastors to be

intentional in maintaining a clear focus on the important matters, even in the face of urgent issues that are constantly present.

For this reason, the Doug Kilcher Fund for Pastoral Renewal has been set up and will be administered by the Texas Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and the Kilcher family. The benefits will not be limited to just the Texas Conference.

The fund is intended to extend his legacy of ministry and provide the opportunity for people to honor him and express their appreciation for his life and ministry. All contributions will be received with appreciation and thanks, to provide support for pastors and their families.

Survivors include his wife **Carole (Luke)** (BS '68, MA '80, former faculty); son **Kevin** (att.) and daughter Kristi.



While serving on the East Bank of Demerara, he was elected as the youth director of the Guyana Conference of Seventh-day Adventists and served in that capacity from 1993–2003, becoming the longest-serving youth director of the Conference. In 2003 he was elected as the community services and communication director of the said conference and served until 2007.

Alleyne was well loved by the youth and aged alike. He enjoyed making friends and serving his membership.

He is survived by his spouse Ruby, his son Ashton Miguel Jr., his two adorable daughters Rhobyn Hydi and Rhondell Huann and four sisters.

Roger Wooldridge Coon (MA '59), 83, of Berkeley Springs W.V., died February 2, 2011, at his home.

He was a graduate of Glendale Academy in Glendale, Calif., earned his BA in religion and history from La Sierra College, his master's degree from Potomac University in Takoma Park, Md., and his PhD from Michigan State University at Lansing, Mich.

He was a pastor in Southern California for about five years, and then served as a missionary in Nigeria for 12 years. While on his missionary trips to West Nigeria, Roger was the director of a Bible correspondence school and was one of the cofounders of the Adventist College of West Africa, known today

as Babcock University, an active university of about 5,000 students. He was an avid reader, enjoyed writing, public speaking and Internet research. He was a member of the Berkeley Springs Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Roger is survived by his wife of 63 years, Erna Irene Strom Coon, one daughter, **Susan Annette Coon-McDaniel** (BS '84), one son, Donald Albert Coon, five grandchildren and several nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one sister, Ardyce Marjorie Graham.

Correction: In the winter 2011 issue, Hans LaRondelle's daughter was listed incorrectly as Sonja. His daughter is Sera, and his granddaughter is Sonja. We apologize for the error.

Fonda Louise (Cordis) Chaffee (former faculty) was born on March 28, 1921, and was left on the doorstep of Floyd and Ruth Cordis at their home in Boulder, Colo. Following her adoption, they subsequently had two more children, Norma and Glenn.

She graduated from Loma Linda Academy in 1939 and from La Sierra College in 1943 with a degree in dietetics. She met her husband Allen through mutual friends Floyd and Katie Wood, and they were married on August 26, 1946.

Their daughter **Carol Lynette** (att.) was born on June 3, 1949. Shortly after Carol's birth, Fonda became a dietician at Riverside County Hospital, a position she held until 1953. She then accepted a position as Director of Food Services and faculty in the Department of Home Economics at La Sierra College. During this time, she completed the requirements for a Master of Science in Foods and Nutrition from the College of Medical Evangelists in 1959. On December 17, 1957, **Clinton Louis** (att.) was born.

In 1965, she joined the Department of Home Economics at Andrews University. Fonda completed her PhD in Educational Administration from the University of Wisconsin in 1975. Following Alice Marsh's retirement, Fonda assumed leadership of the Department of Home Economics. Under her leadership the department became the first among Adventist colleges to achieve accreditation from the American Home Economics Association, and she developed the Master of Arts in Home Economics graduate program. During that time the department had as many as 76 majors and minors at any given time, working toward degrees in Foods and Nutrition, Clothing and Textiles, Family Studies and Interior Design. She also fine-tuned the Food Service Workshops begun by her predecessors. She traveled around the world with the Food Service Workshops, offering training in Australia, Scandinavia and Africa.

Following her retirement from Andrews University, Fonda took a position with the University of Eastern Africa at Baraton, Kenya, where she developed the Department of Home Economics and assisted with Food Service management for the next eight years.

Fonda loved the African people, and they loved her. Her habit of assisting students with their education, both monetarily and by providing housing, clothing and food, continued even after her return to the States. There are a number of Fondas in African families as testimony to the high regard in which she was held. After returning from Africa, she actively volunteered at Ruth Murdoch Elementary School and Neighbor to Neighbor in Berrien Springs, Mich.

She was included in Andrews University's 100 Outstanding Women during the University's centennial celebration in 2002. Other professional awards include: Andrews University Professor Emerita, 1996; University of Eastern Africa Yearbook dedication, 1997; University of Eastern Africa Certificate of Merit, 2001; Recognition of Honor, American Dietetics Association, 2002.

In February 2010, she underwent the replacement of her mitral valve. Early on the morning of May 12, 2011, Fonda literally fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, to await His call for her trip to heaven.

She was preceded in death by Allen and her siblings, Glenn Cordis and Norma Lutz; and is survived by one daughter, Carol Chaffee Lewis; one son, Clinton Louis Chaffee; granddaughters **Lucy** (BA '08, BMus '08), Katie, Chloe and Sabrina; along with numerous nieces and nephews and her international "family."

