

Births & Adoptions

To William and **Gennelia (Laluna) Schaeffer** (BBA '92), a girl, Lulani Paula, May 8, 2008, in Kalamazoo, Mich.

To **Michael** (MDiv '97) and Vickie Hess, a boy, Gideon Frederick, Oct. 25, 2008, in Yreka, Calif. He was welcomed by siblings Michael, Joseph, Samuel and Abigail.

To **Stephen** (BS '01) and **Sabrina (Pusey) Riley** (BA '96), a boy, Josiah Paul, April 15, 2009, in Lincoln, Neb.

To **David** (att.) and **Sarah (Woolf) Canada** (BS '04), a girl, Lily Ann, May 13, 2009, in Ann Arbor, Mich.

To Duncan and **Corey (Brace) Grodack** (BBA '98), a girl, Aubree Lynn, May 19, 2009, in Winter Park, Fla.

To **Shawn** (BA '04, MDiv '07) and **Camille (Trubey) Brace** (BA '06), a son, Camden Shawn, May 24, 2009, in Portland, Maine.

Deaths

James Marshall Wideman (BA '58), 72, died August 21, 2009, of prostate cancer.

He was born August 26, 1936, to Albert and Ella Wideman. For a time his parents lived in Berrien Springs where his father was assistant dean of men at Andrews.

Jim graduated from EMC in 1958 with a BA in biology, and upon graduation received a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, a very prestigious award. He entered graduate studies at the University of Michigan where he received his PhD in Neurophysiology. In 1967, he married Esther Robbins and in 1969 they moved to Philadelphia where he taught neurophysiology at Thomas Jefferson Medical School. Later he worked as a reviewer and editor at *Biological Abstracts*.

Jim will be remembered as a man of many interests and much expertise which he carried modestly. Chief among these was his abiding enthusiasm for pipe organs and organ music, which he shared with his organist wife. He nurtured interests in history and Biblical studies by taking courses at the University of Pennsylvania. He frequently

attended the Adventist Forum in New York City where he made many friends. He and his wife were involved in historic preservation, restoring three Victorian-era houses in Philadelphia, one of which is on the National Register of Historic Places and was written up in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

After surviving ten years after his cancer was discovered, he told a friend that those ten years were "a gift." It was typical of one who lived his life quietly and with grace.

He is survived by his wife Esther and a sister, Marijane Krohn, of Pittsburgh, Penn.

Leonard N. Hare (former faculty), 87, of Berrien Springs, Mich., died after a short illness on July 25, 2009.

Leonard was born on Dec. 5, 1921, in Rangoon, Burma of missionary parents. He was the second of four children of Eric B. and Agnes Fulton Hare. He graduated with a BA from Pacific Union College in Angwin, Calif., and on June 25, 1944, he married Esther Borrowdale. They set out for Burma on July 1.

Wartime travel conditions routed them via Buenos Aires, Gibraltar, Colombo and Calcutta. The couple finally arrived in Burma in June of 1946. Hare served as principal of Myamungmya and Ohn Daw schools. After serving a second term as principal of Raymond Memorial Training School in Falakata, India, Leonard and Esther, with children Penny and Dennis, moved to Takoma Park, Md., in 1956.

In 1961, Hare graduated with a PhD in botany from the University of Maryland. He served as professor in the Andrews University Department of Biology from 1961 until his retirement in 1986.

Hare was the first-ever to receive the Teacher of the Year Award from Andrews University. His love of teaching influenced generations of students, who still remember his unique way of explaining the science of plants. His lively lectures in genetics and plant physiology were highlights of the Andrews biology program.

Retirement for the Hares was a continuation of a life of learning, filled with gardening, photography, computing and exciting trips to destinations from Australia to the Amazon, and from Iceland to the Middle East.

Hare is survived by his loving wife Esther, his daughter Penny (Kenneth) Tkachuck of Chicago, Ill., as well as by niece Debbie Eisele and nephew Steve Feigner. He was preceded in death by his son, Dennis Ray Hare, in 2007.

Barbara (Lamy) Roy (BS '75), 83, of Berrien Springs, Mich., died July 24, 2009, at home.

Barbara was born March 13, 1926, in Kenmore, N.Y. to Harold and Alvira (Durkin) Lamy Sr. On June 29, 1947, she married **Edmond E. Roy** (former staff), who survives.

Barbara, a registered nurse, was employed at University Medical Specialties before she retired in 1999. She enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing, crocheting, cross-stitching and travel. She was involved with organizing activities for seniors in the Berrien Springs area.

Survivors include her husband Edmond; two daughters, Brenda (Terry) DeGrave of Collegedale, Tenn., and Debbie (Jon) Anderson of Grand Rapids, Mich; one son, Gary (Lettie) Roy of San Bernardino, Calif.; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Barbara was preceded in death by her brother, Harold "Jack" Lamy Jr.

Roger Hunt (BA '51), 89, passed away in Avon Park, Fla., on June 8, 2009, at the age of 89. Hunt was a librarian at the James White Library from 1965–1977, first in cataloging and then as director of technical services. He was the head librarian at Antillian College in Puerto Rico from 1977–1984, where he developed a new library for the campus. Roger and his wife, **June (Marsh) Hunt** (BA '44), retired in Avon Park, Fla.

A memorial service for **John R. Ford** (2-yr DP '43, BA '47), took place on Saturday, March 28, 2009, in La Mesa, Calif. Ford was retired and a well-known physician in San Diego, Calif. Earlier in his life he was president of the California State Board of Education, and a member of the Board of Trustees of both Loma Linda University and Andrews University.

Carol Ann (Speer) Sumner (BS '62, MA '72) was born on March 25, 1940, in Indianapolis, Ind. She passed away at her home in Berrien Springs, Mich., on Feb. 26, 2009.

Carol graduated as valedictorian with honors from Indiana Academy in Cicero, Ind. Carol had the dream of becoming a teacher, so she traveled to Berrien Springs, Mich., for college. She found work in the library and decided one of her minors would be in library science. She received a BS in elementary education, graduating with honors in 1962. Ten years later, she earned a master's degree.

Walter L. Wright Sr. (BA '74), former president of the Lake Union Conference and vice chair of the Andrews University Board of Trustees, died at the Hospice of Dayton, Ohio, on April 15, 2009.

He was 74 and had retired in June 2008 as Lake Union president, a post he'd held since 2003. He previously served the Lake Union as executive secretary from 1997–2003. At the time of his passing, Wright was interim pastor of the Dale Wright Memorial Seventh-day Adventist Church in Germantown, Ohio, his boyhood home.

Coming from a strong family legacy of church ministry, and inspired by working with C.D. Brooks in public evangelism, Wright began his ministry as a lay pastor in his home church in Germantown, Ohio. His rich musical heritage and ministry experience traveling and singing with the Wright Family Singers, managing the Germantown Church choir, and serving as the host of



his brother Harold's live weekly television program on WHIO-TV in Dayton, Ohio, had a profound effect on his pastoral ministry.

In the early 70s, Wright's day job was a contract negotiator at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton. Known by his colleagues as "the preacher," Walter's desk was a gathering point for coworkers, and his superiors recognized him as the source of improved office morale. After several of his coworkers accepted Jesus and were baptized, Walter resigned his civil service position to enter full-time pastoral ministry. He continued to pastor full-time, commuting between

home and Andrews University in 1973 to attend the Seminary "smorgasbord style."

After completing his MDiv at Trinity Theological Seminary, he was transferred to an inner-city church in Pittsburgh, Penn. He then moved to Columbus, Ohio, and built the Ephesus Church while also serving as a pastor/evangelist and departmental director

in the Allegheny West Conference. His next position was church ministries director and vice president of the Southwestern Union, in Burleson, Texas. Walter came to the Lake Union in 1997 as executive secretary, and became president in July 2003.

He and his wife Jackie (Cook), who survives him, had been married for 54 years and together developed a "Marriage Maintenance Seminar." Wright had a doctorate in psychology, was a member of the Association of Adventist Family Life Professionals and certified as a family life educator by the National Council on Family Relations and Andrews University. He conducted family seminars and evangelistic meetings in 16 countries on four continents. Before his retirement, he conducted two evangelistic series, one in Grand Rapids, Mich., and the other in Gary, Ind.

He is also survived by sons Walter L. Wright Jr., David C. Wright, and Harold J. Wright II; daughter Lisa McDowell; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother William Wright Sr.; sister Eileen Lester; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A memorial service celebrating his life was held May 23 at the Kettering Seventh-day Adventist Church in Kettering, Ohio.

Carol married **Delbert Sumner** (BS '67) on July 15, 1962. Carol greatly enjoyed teaching and interacting with children. Her teaching career spanned 34 years, two in Indiana and 32 in Michigan. She retired from the Lakeshore District, Stevensville, Mich., in 1999.

Carol was a hard worker—whether at school, in the flower garden, or in fixing up

her lovely home to be picture perfect. She loved having a house big enough for her children and extended family to come visit.

She was a resident of Berrien Springs, Mich., for the past 39 years and a member of the Eau Claire Seventh-day Adventist church. Survivors include her husband, **Delbert** (BS '67); son **Jonathan** (BS '89, MA '98) and

daughter-in-law, **Becky (Fadeley) Sumner** (BS '90) of Apison, Tenn.; son Nathan (Candy) Sumner of Veneta, Ore.; and daughter Holly (Rich) Harron of Charlotte, N.C.

She is also survived by four grandchildren, sisters Katheryn and Charlotte, and brothers Lloyd and **O. Leslie Speer** (BA '68, MDiv '71).

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