

## Weddings

**MARCIA ADAMS** (MSPT '93) and James Oliver were married May 4, 2003, in Centerville, Ohio, and now reside in Poland, Ind.

**BRAD WILLIAMS** (BS '00) and **JENNIFER (SAVATOVICH)** (BA '01) were married July 13, 2003, in Kleinberg, Ontario, Canada, and now reside in Toronto.

**HEIDI KUNITZ** (BS '99) and Douglas Ray were married Sept. 13, 2003, and reside in Battle Creek, Mich.

**KALEB V. COCKRUM** (BS '98) and **SHEREEN DEVADAS** (BS '99) were married Oct. 5, 2003, in Mountain View, Calif., and now reside in Davis, Calif.

**MELISSA KENNEY** (BA '01) and Genaro Castrejon were married Feb. 19, 2004, in Sugar Land, Texas, and now reside in Houston, Texas.

## Births

To **REBECCA (SHEA)** (BS '86) and Tim Erdelyi, Woodbridge, Va., a girl, Allison Grace, July 19, 2003.

To **SUE (EDWEEN)** (AS '86, BBA '88) and **MARK-ERIK** (BBA '89) **DiBIASE**, Huntington Beach, Calif., a girl, Natasha Claire, Sept. 9, 2003.

To **KIM (CHILSON)** (BSELED '00, BA '00) and **GREG** (BA '01) **TAYLOR**, Grand Rapids, Mich., a boy, Matthew Steven, Sept. 15, 2003.

To **LORI (WALTON)** (MSPT '95) and Dr. Ali Khan, Topeka, Kan., a boy, Kashif Ari, Sept. 29, 2003.

To **KELLY (NACHREINER)** (BA '98) and Troy Harden, Los Alamos, N.M., a boy, Jadon Laine, Jan. 10, 2004.

To **ANNIE (ZAPPIA)** (BS '97) and **MARK** (BS '96, MSPT '97) **BEARDSLEY**, Stanwood, Mich., a boy, Benjamin Thomas, Feb. 20, 2004.

To **CHERISH (BENFIELD)** (BS '97) and Dr. Carlos Martinez, Miami Beach, Fla., a girl, Isabelle Marie, April 8, 2004.

## Deaths

**MICHAEL L. RICHERT** (att.) died on April 29, 2004, in Dover, N.J., following an extended illness with cancer. He was born July 24, 1970, in Memphis, Tenn.

The son of Lindley B. and Charlene Richert, he completed grade school and high school at the Tranquility Adventist School and Garden State Academy in Andover, N.J.

Michael subsequently attended Southern University (1989-1990), Andrews University (1990-1992), and ultimately obtained his Bachelor of Science and Doctor of Chiropractic degrees from the Palmer School of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa in 1996.

Michael met his wife, **MELANIE MONTALVO** (BS '93), while attending Andrews University. On October 27, 1996, they married in Dorado Beach, Puerto Rico. They moved to the Washington, DC area where he practiced chiropractic medicine and his wife practiced law. Their twins, Max and Mia, were born on September 4, 2002.

Michael, who was a dedicated hockey fan, an avid golfer, and an athlete, completed the 1999 Marine Corp Marathon with his wife.

Survivors include his wife, Melanie; their 20 month-old twins, Max and Mia; his mother, Charlene Richert; two brothers, Arlin and Rick Richert; and grandmother, Willette Villeneuve.

The family has established an educational trust fund for the children in memory of their father. Donations,

made payable to TD Waterhouse College Savings Plan, can be sent to the family's address: 249 Pequest Rd., Andover, N.J., 07821.

**CHARLENE ANNE KUEBLER** (BMus '58, MAT '76) died April 29, 2004, at home following an illness. She was born August 2, 1936, in Ionia, Mich., to R. Harvey and Charlotte (Adams) Habenicht. She was a graduate of Cedar Lake Adventist Academy.

Charlene's career included 27 years of teaching at the Village SDA Church School in Berrien Springs, Mich., a number of years at the Sorter School in Benton Harbor, Mich., and the Tom Thumb preschool in Alaska. She also taught piano and music lessons for many years.

Charlene had a love for nature, camping, traveling, reading and birding. Music was also a passion and a lifelong pursuit. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother, and was energetically dedicated to the development of her many students. Most of all, she loved God and consecrated her life to Him and serving the church.

Survivors include her husband, **DAVE F. KUEBLER** (BS '58), whom she married June 15, 1958; three children: **TAMMY L. WELLINGTON** (Tcert '85) of Berrien Center, Mich., Todd Kuebler of Seattle, Wash., and Shellie A. Kuebler of Dayton, Ohio; two grandsons, Jason Wellington and Harvey Kuebler; her mother, Charlotte Habenicht of Berrien Springs.; and three brothers, **ROBERT HABENICHT** (BA '55) of Bryant, Ala., **JAMES HABENICHT** (att.) of Oakdale, Calif., and **RICHARD HABENICHT** (BA '67, MAPM '97) of Columbus, Wis.

**JAMES H. ZACHARY** (BA '52, MAT '61, BD '67) died April 22 after a short illness. He was born January 28, 1929, in Erickson, Manitoba, Canada.

James graduated from La Sierra

Academy, in Riverside, Calif.

On Aug. 28, 1949, he married Norma Jean Rowe in a simple ceremony at the Battle Creek Tabernacle in Battle Creek, Mich.

James taught Bible at Broadview, Lynwood, and Monterrey Bay Academies, and was ordained to the gospel ministry at Hinsdale, Ill., in 1957.

In 1970, he moved to the Philippines where he taught Bible for six years at Mountain View College in Mindanao. Later he taught at the Far East Theological Seminary in Manila, after which he was called to be ministerial secretary of the Far Eastern Division of Seventh-day Adventists, a position he held for nine years.

After returning to the U.S., James worked for two years in evangelism with "The Quiet Hour," a radio-TV program, before being elected associate secretary of the General Conference Ministerial Association in 1990.

When James retired in 1995, he rejoined "The Quiet Hour" as director of international evangelism, a position he held until his death. In addition, he acted as North American Division coordinator for Adventist-Jewish Relations and Adventist-Muslim Relations.

He is survived by his mother, Viva Zachary; his wife, Jean; two children: Vicki King, James Hudson III; four sisters: Dorene Yuen, Myrtle Tomczek, Deloris Foote, and Arnetta Innocent; and three grandchildren.

**ORVILLE SCHNEIDER** (former faculty) died April 18, 2004, in Loma Linda, Calif. He was born Oct. 27, 1913, in Hitchcock, Okla.

Schneider was a longtime academy Bible teacher and pastor, serving at Norman Wiles Jr. Academy, Maplewood Academy, Tampa Junior Academy, Forest Lake Academy, and for the final 13 years of his career at Andrews Academy before retiring in 1973.

Orville served a five-year term at the Cayman Island Mission in Jamaica from 1948-1953. His wife, Rosetta, died in 1983, and in 1984, Orville married **VIOLA LUTZ** (former faculty), who was teaching at Andrews University.

Schneider had a zest for life and adventure. In his later years, camping and traveling around North America were of special delight.

Orville and Rosetta had three children, **KIMBER** (BA '67), **VALERIE NELSON** (BMus '69), and **NOEL** (BSMT '75); eight grandchildren, one great grandchild, four stepchildren, 11 step-grandchildren, and 13 great step-grandchildren.

**ALGER J. JONES** (BS '49) died April 6, 2004, in Fresno, Calif.

After graduating from EMC, Jones served at Middle East College, Beirut, Lebanon, from 1950-1957. He followed this with a short stint as a treasurer in Brazil, and then from 1958-1967, Jones taught and was treasurer at Laurelwood Academy.

In 1967, he received an MA in business education from Portland State, and then became treasurer at Gem State Academy, Caldwell, Idaho, until 1972. He then became an auditor for the Pacific Union Conference and General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, working in Calif., and in Africa (1981-1984), and then returned to Thousand Oaks, Calif.

In 1990, he retired and moved to Mariposa, Calif., where he lived until his death.

Alger is survived by his wife, Marie (Saliceti) Jones of Mariposa; a son, Charles Jones of Wawona, Calif.; a daughter, **THERESA (JONES)** (MA '71) **HENRIQUES** of Pasco, Wash.; and three sisters, Wilma Mundy of Calif., Kathryn Murray and Maxine Moore of Indiana.

**LAWRENCE ALFRED WALLINGTON** (Dp '46, BA '50) died March 3, 2004. He was born Nov. 9, 1917, in Toledo, Ohio, to Walter Alfred and Louise Martha Wallington.

On June 2, 1946, Lawrence married **MYRTLE MAE LUCAS** (att.) in Toledo. In the Toledo community, Wallington was a well-respected physician, an active member of the Rotary Club, the Montezuma County Planning and Zoning Committee and the Lions Club. He was also a private pilot who loved to fly, and took 273 trips to Mexico for missionary work.

Lawrence is survived by his wife of 57 years, Myrtle; his children: Lynn Alfred Wallington, Mary Louise Flossman, Bradford Allen Wallington, Samuel Arthur Wallington; and five grandchildren.

**BARBARA H. SPENCER BENGTON** (BA '51) died Jan. 25, 2004.

Barbara worked as a longtime senate and congressional staffer in Washington, D.C.

Among her accomplishments there, Bengton wrote a column, "On the Senate Side," for *Roll Call*, covering Capitol Hill events and human-interest stories about members of Congress. In 1962, she received the highly coveted Congressional "Staffer of the Year Award" as the most outstanding staff on both the Senate and House sides (of approximately 6,000 employees). She was also elected the first woman president of the U.S. Senate Staff Club.

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In 1957, Barbara married the Honorable L. H. Bengtson in Oklahoma City, Okla. The two divorced in 1962.

She had one child, Britt Spencer Bengtson, and three grandchildren, who came to live with her at her home.

Following her career in government, Barbara worked in the financial field as a securities representative, licensed for life and health insurance. She also became a certified financial planner, working with MONY Financial Services, dealing with insurance and securities.

Barbara loved to travel and journeyed to places such as England, France, Austria, Hungary, Monaco, Germany, and Italy.

**MONICA PEINADO** (BA '82, MA '85) died October 28, 2003, in a fatal car accident in Grand Rapids, Mich. She was born January 14, 1961, in San Diego, Calif.

At the time of her death, Monica was working at American Express, where she was a project manager and advisor support coordinator.

One of her highlights while studying at Andrews was working with the *Student Movement*.

Monica's outgoing personality and kindness reached out to all she came in contact with, whether they be coworkers or friends. She was the best at remembering birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions, often surprising her friends with little gifts and pretty cards. Her laughter could lift your spirits, and her friendship was one of sincerity and giving.

Monica was an active member of Riverside Fellowship in Lowell, Mich. She participated in the church building committee and was also actively involved in community outreach, participating in Bible studies and in various healthful living cooking classes.

Survivors include her mother, Maria Portella of Goodlettsville, Tenn.; a sister, Veronica Popa of Raleigh, N.C.; and a half



*Irma Lidner*

**IRMA RAGNHILD BERNER LIDNER** (former faculty, degree '34) died Oct. 29, 2003, at Lakeland Hospital in St. Joseph, Mich. She was born Dec. 11, 1910, in Kalmar, Sweden, the daughter of Johan Ragnar and Sigrid (Holm) Berner.

After graduating from EMC, Lidner earned her MA from Northwestern University in 1938. She served Andrews University for over 40 years as professor of modern languages and English, and foreign languages cataloguer. In honor of her service, Irma was awarded Professor Emerita distinction.

Beginning in 1979, Lidner worked as an overseas volunteer assistant director at the E. G. White Research Center at Newbold College in Binfield, England. **DR. K. F. MUELLER** (MA '55,

BD '57), director of the Research Center when she worked there, said of Lidner: "Her expertise in cataloging and research was outstanding. She was patient and extremely helpful to students and teachers—a true 'Mother in Israel!'" In appreciation of her service, a room at the Newbold College Library was named in her honor. When Lidner returned to the United States in 1989, she volunteered at the James White Library until 2000.

In a life sketch of her mother, **CHERRY HABENICHT** (BA '68, MA '72) remembered Irma as a woman ahead of her time. "Mother was born close enough to the 19th century to absorb many of its attitudes but was a 21st-century woman in her unquestioned determination for advanced education, a profession and an independent life."

Lidner was a member of the Pioneer Memorial Church. She loved to travel and kept up an international correspondence. She was also a published poet and an avid reader. Other hobbies included handwork such as embroidery and crocheting.

Cherry Habenicht also remembers her mother as someone who "modeled a wonderful gift for friendship. Until her death she still kept in touch with some of her first students at Hinsdale Academy or Forest Lake Academy in the '30s. She remembered friends at holidays and birthdays and never left a letter unanswered. In her 'retirement' (20 hours a week at the James White Library), she took even more time for correspondence....She used to sign her letters to us with the words, 'Love eternal.' Love is eternal. Our mother lives on in each person she inspired, influenced and helped, and that is the best kind of immortality this side of heaven."

Survivors include two daughters: Cherry B. Habenicht of Columbus, Wis., and **LAURI N. WOOD** (MA '01) of Berrien Springs; a stepson, **VICTOR H. LIDNER** (BA '50) of San Diego, Calif.; 11 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren.

brother, Juan Portella of Goodlettsville.

A plaque, made possible by many contributions from her friends and family, was placed in her honor at the entrance of the new Howard Performing Arts Center.