

## Weddings

**KRISTEN JARNES** (BS '97) and **Ed Browning** were married March 21, 2004, in Spokane, Wash.

**SARA WOOD** (BS '02) and **DAN MERTINS** (att.) were married June 6, 2004, in Waukesha, Wis., and now reside in Watertown, Wis.

**KATHLEEN SHOEMAKER** (BT '01) and **NICKILOS WOLFER** (BT '03) were married May 30, 2004, in Berrien Springs, Mich.

**REBEKAH WIDNER** (BS '02) and **PAUL PELLEY** (BS '00) were married July 1, 2004, in Berrien Springs, Mich., and now reside in San Francisco, Calif.

**TRISHA RAMEL** (BA '02) and **BRANDT HAY** (BArch '03, MArch '04) were married August 1, 2004, in Hinsdale, Ill., and now reside in St. Joseph, Mich.

**EILEEN VEGA** (BSCLS '04) and **ZACH SPRUILL** (att.) were married August 8, 2004, in Berrien Springs, Mich., and now reside in Orlando, Fla.

## Births

To **CARLA (RILEY)** (att.) and **ROD SNOW** (BFA '00), Berrien Springs, Mich., a boy, Caleb Darren, April 22, 2004.

To **MELISSA (BARKSDALE)** (BS '00, MSPT '01) and Pete Edwards, a boy, Connor Alexander, May 20, 2004.

To **HEIDI (GRAHN)** (AS '02) and **DEJAN SAMARDZIC** (att.), Fort Thomas, Ky., a boy, Luka Uros, April 30, 2004.

To **MICHELLE (SPANGLER)** (BBA '00) and **MATTHEW HAMEL** (att.), Berrien Springs, Mich., a boy, Owen Bradley, August 16, 2004.

To **LAURA (CONSTANTINE)** (BA '94) and **RON COONLEY** (BS '93, MSPT '94), Apopka, Fla., a boy, Jacob Ryan, June 2, 2004.

To **LANESSA (SIMS)** (BA '95, MA '00) and **ALEX BUENO** (BA '00), San Antonio, Texas, a girl, Nina Lanessa.

To **SHELLEY (SIMPSON)** (BA '98) and **HAROLD CHIN** (MDiv '98), Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, a girl, Abigail Danielle, July 11, 2004.

## Deaths

**HELEN MARIE DOOLING CHRISTENSON** (Dip '41) died May 2, 2004. She was born in Mecosta, Mich., on April 5, 1917, and grew up near Wayland, Mich.

Helen attended Loma Linda University and Emmanuel Missionary College, graduating as a registered nurse in 1944.

She married Reo M. Christenson in 1944 and bore two children, Virginia and Brian.

Helen worked in a number of towns and cities in southern California, in Plainwell, Mich., and in Miamisburg, Ohio. She also volunteered her services at the Kettering SDA church in Kettering, Ohio.

She will be sorely missed by her husband and children. She was loved by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

**MARGARETE LOUISE (AMBS) HILTS** (BA '35) died on May 11, 2004, in Riverside, Calif., following a brief illness subsequent to a fall. She was born December 4, 1912, in Otsego, Mich.

A faculty member at La Sierra College for more than 50 years, teaching in the department of modern languages, Hilts was among the first faculty members at the college to earn a doctor of philoso-

phy degree. She received her doctorate from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Hilts was married to the late D. Glenn Hilts, who was the first Seventh-day Adventist to acquire a professional library degree, and who served as librarian of La Sierra College until his retirement in 1973.

Margarete's father, **KARL AMBS** (Dip '28), was the long-time business administrator of Emmanuel Missionary College and La Sierra College. The mathematics and computing building at La Sierra is named in his honor.

All who knew her remember Margarete's charm and graciousness, her sense of humor, and her love and mentoring of students.

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