

Births & Adoptions

To Paul and **Romana (Llamas) Tomlinson** (BS '93), a boy, Scott Paul, Nov. 26, 2008, in Chicago, Ill.

To Clinton and **Nancy (Khillah) Hansen** (BS '05), a boy, Chase Riley, Feb. 9, 2009.

To **Mark** (BS '96, MSPT '97) and **Annie (Zappia) Beardley** (BS '97), a son, Matthew Logan, Dec. 13, 2008, in Blanchard, Mich.

To **Hyun J. Kwon** (current faculty) and Austin Andersen, a son, Joshua Derren, April 28, 2009, in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Deaths

Esther Benton (MA '60), 96, died April 27, 2009, at Mountain Haven Estate, Buena Vista, Colo.

Born Feb. 15, 1913, in Farmington, N.M., to Mary and Roy Benton, Esther was educated in Seventh-day Adventist schools and was employed by the Seventh-day Adventist Church for her entire professional career. She was registrar for the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary and helped with the move from Takoma Park, Md. to Berrien Springs, Mich.

When she was registrar for the Seminary, she could take one free class each semester, and she gradually accumulated graduate credits. Eventually she earned a master's degree in Biblical Greek, and for the rest of her life she carried a Greek New Testament to her Bible study class.

David E. Seymour (MDiv '79), 62, of Harrisburg, Pa., passed away on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at home.

He was born on March 12, 1947, in Fitchburg, Mass., to the late Albert and Persis (Glidden) Seymour. After he attended South Lancaster Academy, he was drafted into the Army and served as a medic in the Vietnam War. He received an associate degree from Ferrum College (Ferrum, Va.), a bachelor's degree from Columbia Union College (Takoma Park, Md.), and his Master of Divinity from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich.

He was pastor of the Harrisburg First Seventh-day Adventist Church and previously pastored churches in Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Pennsylvania. He

enjoyed camping, hiking, photography and woodworking.

Surviving are his wife Barbara J. (Ratcliffe) Seymour, his son Matthew R. Seymour of Harrisburg, his daughter Ashley A. Felix and her husband Richie of Watsontown, Pa., a twin brother Dan Seymour and his wife Sue of South Lancaster, Mass., three sisters; Connie Seymour of Marlboro, Mass., Beverly Lance of Roanoke, Va., and Norma Niemi and her husband Paul of Fitzwilliam, N.H., his father and mother-in-law George and Dorothy Ratcliffe of Pilot, Va., a granddaughter Peyton Felix, and two step-grandsons; Billy and Jacob Felix.

Rollin E. Mallernee Sr. (att.), 95, died April 13, 2009. Rollin was born in Battle Creek, Mich., Feb. 6, 1914, the eldest of six children.

He received pre dental training at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., and Columbia Union College in Takoma Park, Md.

Rollin graduated from Atlanta-Southern Dental College (later known as Emory University School of Dentistry) in November 1943, as a member of the class of 1944, whose graduation was accelerated due to WW II. He served in the Army Dental Corps until 1946.

He was very intelligent, independent and passionate about the things he loved including his family, the dental profession and his many hobbies. Rollin headed many dental organizations including the International College of Dentists, the Georgia Dental Association and the Fifth District Dental Society of Georgia, among others.

Rollin stayed active in his retirement, serving on the Dawson County Planning Commission, the Etowah Water and Sewer Authority, and the Georgia Mountain Regional Development Center. In 1996, at age 82, he was given the Chairman's Award by the Dawson County Chamber of Commerce.

He was predeceased by his son, John Mallernee, his brother, Lou Mallernee, and sister, Mildred Isaacson.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Betty Browder Mallernee; his son, Rollin Mallernee II and wife Karen Fleming; sisters Gini Luke and Bette Anderson; and brother, Bruce Mallernee.

Steve Young (former faculty) passed away Feb. 15, 2009, just 10 days before his 84th birthday. He was born in Lake City, Fla. and was called into the army before he graduated

from Forest Lake Academy. He finished by correspondence while he was in the service, and proudly served his country for over four years. It was while he was stationed at Camp Crowder, Mo., that he attended church in Joplin where he met and married his beloved wife Bonnie Hohlier on April 7, 1946.

They moved to Walla Walla College where Bonnie served as assistant dean of women, and Steve received a bachelor's in history and education in 1950. He earned his master's in school administration from Kansas State Teachers College in 1951.

His life was devoted to young people. He tried to inspire them for this life and the life to come. One of his students proclaimed, "You have to do something really bad for Elder Young to kick you out!" The young people knew he cared for them more than rules.

He served as academy principal at Kansas City Junior Academy, Battle Creek Academy, Walla Walla Academy and Adelpian Academy. Other positions included Bible teacher at Sunnydale Academy; superintendent of schools, Alba, Mo.; and director of Malamulo Mission in Malawi, Africa. He was called to Andrews University in 1975 to become the director for occupational education until his retirement in 1987. Each of these educational institutions not only had their educational standards raised but has a facility which he built, remodeled or engineered.

Steve was ordained while at Battle Creek in 1961 at the Michigan camp meeting by H.M.S. Richards Sr. Every year before school began he read the book *Education* by E.G. White and followed the instructions she gave. He was an active member of Pioneer Memorial Church and served on the church board, as an elder and Sabbath School teacher. Retirement winters were spent in Desert Hot Springs, Calif.

He had many hobbies and was a good sportsman. Golf was a late-in-life favorite and he even had a hole-in-one to his credit. He was a farmer at heart and especially liked working in his garden and fruit orchard.

In 2002, Steve's granddaughter, **Tonya Hippler Snyder** (BA '00), assisted in producing a documentary for the Berrien Springs Intermediate School District featuring World War II veterans of the area. It was a special privilege to include her grandpa.

He is survived by his wife of almost 63 years, Bonnie, three daughters and their husbands: **Joy** (MA '75) and **Ron Klein** (att.);

Twyla (att.) and **Dave Wall** (att.); **Gloria** (BS '78) and **James Hippler** (BSA '02, MArch '03). Steve has seven grandchildren, two of whom are married: **Tonya Hippler Snyder** (BA '00) and **Christopher Snyder** (BS '01); Jason Hippler and **Erica Wise Hippler** (BS '02); Stephen, Michael and Janelle Klein; Reeve and **Kelsey Wall** (att.) and four great-grandchildren. Steve's sisters, Ann and Eloise, live in Florida and a special cousin, Corrine, who lived with his family for many years, lives in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Steve and Bonnie established The Stephen W. Young and Bonnie L. Young Family Endowment Fund at Andrews University to provide scholarship funds for students studying in the College of Technology.

Sadie (Owen) Engen (BA '46), was born August, 7, 1922, in Asheville, N.C. to James and Minnie Owen. She died Jan. 20, 2009, in Palm Springs, Calif., from a massive cerebral hemorrhage.

Following her graduation in 1946, she taught elementary school, first in Detroit, and then in Adrian, Mich. She married **Glenn Engen** (BA '47) in 1952, and then taught for a year at Takoma Park Academy in Maryland.

After they moved to Colorado, she taught on an intermittent basis at Boulder Junior Academy, and also served as chair of the school board.

During Glenn's tenure on the staff of the National Bureau of Standards, she was also able to accompany him on numerous trips abroad (London, Tokyo, Copenhagen, etc.) as he attended and presented papers at scientific meetings.

Sadie authored *God Set the Sails, John Tay Messenger to Pitcarin, He Never Doubted*, and

coauthored several other books.

Sadie is survived by her husband, Glenn, a daughter, Dee Anderson, a sister Lella Bakewell, and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews and nieces. In addition to her books, she authored numerous poems, most of which were then dropped into a file folder and promptly forgotten. Among those salvaged by Glenn is the following: "I thank God every morning for the day He gives to me. For the many things of beauty in nature that I see. I thank Him for the sunshine, for the snow and for the rain, I thank Him for life's happiness and sometimes even pain. I know I'm not deserving of His blessings in such store, but He fills my cup each morning, 'til it's full and running o'er. Yet some days I do grow weary. and my tasks seem hard to bear, But when I ask my Saviour's help, thank God He's always there. So as I tackle every problem, with my hand by His clasped tight, each burden seems to melt away, and joy is mine each night. And so I'll go on thanking Him each day for all His love, and know that soon He'll take me to a better land above."

Dorothy Louise Uhl (BA '48), 83, of Calhoun, Ga., died Friday, Jan. 16, 2009. She was born in Stoneham, Mass., on March 11, 1925, daughter of the late Xenophen Pendleton and Alice Ann Palmer Walton.

Uhl was a retired schoolteacher with more than 40 years of service at both public and Adventist schools. She was a member of Calhoun Seventh-day Adventist Church, where her husband had served until his retirement.

Dorothy was described by her husband **Henry A. Uhl** (BA '49) as an "all-around

dedicated Christian lady." Dorothy enjoyed sewing and cooking and actively led out in housekeeping classes. In her church, she was involved in the children's department and offered her services to the education and upbringing of youth.

Survivors include her husband, Henry A. Uhl of Calhoun; two sons, James A. Walton of Watertown, N.Y., and Robert H. Uhl of Boston, Mass.; two daughters, Carol J. Herndon of Sugar Valley and Sharon L. Schaefer of Jonesboro, Tenn.; her brother, Ed Walton of Michigan, and sister, Ann Davitt of Newburyport, Mass.; and four grandchildren.

Rebecca L. 'Becky' Van Over, (BS '83), 47, of Colby, Wis., died Saturday, April 19, 2008.

Becky was born July 19, 1960, in Athens, Ga., to Ralph and Betty (Hausted) Ahnberg. On Dec. 14, 1986, Becky married James Van Over in Medina, Ohio. She began working as a registered nurse at the former Milwaukee County Medical Complex in Wauwatosa. They moved to the Colby area where she began work at the Colonial Center in Colby as an RN.

Becky's hobbies included sewing, interacting with children and crocheting. She was actively involved in her home church where she served as a deaconess, taught in the Junior department, and often sang and played the piano. She also served as an associate pastor of music ministry in the United Methodist Church in Marshfield, Wis. Those who knew Becky describe her as a prayer warrior and devoted mother.

Becky is survived by her husband, James Van Over; her two children, Marshall, 11, and Elizabeth, 8; and two sisters, Heidi (Tom) Wetmore, Silver Spring, Md., and Gayle (Gary) Hursh, Sacramento, Calif.

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