



**Verland V. Erntson Jr.** (MBA '68) died on Feb. 25, 2016 in Clarksville, Maryland.

He was born April 2, 1944, in Portland, Oregon. Verland has the privilege of growing up with a grandfather who was a Seventh-day Adventist minister. He attended Columbia Academy, graduating in 1962, and recently attended his 50th anniversary there.

He graduated with a BS from Walla Walla College in 1966 and earned an MBA from Andrews University in 1968. Verland earned his CPA after working in an auditing firm for several years in Oregon.

Verland met his wife Janice Klimpel in 1968 at the Portland Adventist Hospital, where she worked in personnel. After several months of dating, Verland's induction into the Army, basic training and being assigned to the Army's White Coats at Fort Detrick, Verland and Jan were engaged on the east porch of the U.S. Capitol building.

They married on Sept. 1, 1969, in Portland, Oregon, and first lived in Takoma Park, Maryland, while Verland worked at Walter Reed when not on projects at the Fort. After his time in the Army, they returned to Oregon where Verland worked in several CPA firms.

He first began his work for the Adventist Church when called to be assistant treasurer in 1977 at the Oregon Confer-



**Alan Rodney Collins** (Honorary DFA '88, former faculty) died Oct. 1, 2016, in Dorchester, Dorset, England.

He was born in Beddington, Surrey, England on August 15, 1928, to Edith Elizabeth (Alibon) and William Robert Collins.

Alan was interested in art from a very young age as a way of spending time and means of communication. When it was difficult to explain in words something he had seen, he was more successful by drawing images. At the age of 16 after having attended state schools, he entered Wimbledon School of Art where he studied with Freda Skinner. While there he won first prize in a nationwide contest and won a scholarship to the Royal College of Art where he studied sculpture and worked as assistant to Barry Hart.

Alan developed a lifelong connection to the Seventh-day Adventist Church after attending a series of meetings by evangelist Thomas J. Bradley.

He met his first wife, Jeanne Fuegi, at the Holloway Adventist church in London. They married at this same church in 1954. They had a daughter Marianne and a son Mark Alan, and two grandchildren Pierce and Reese. Jeanne died in 1992 after a five-year illness.

He married **Aliki Athanasiou Grivas Snow** (att.) in 1993 at the Pacific SDA Church in California and became a stepfather to Demetri, Nicholas and Philip

Snow, and step-grandfather to Alex, Andrew, Sebastian and Ciara Snow. He had one brother, Reginald W. Collins, who predeceased him.

During Alan's working life, he created numerous sculptures for churches, libraries and other buildings in London and other cities in England. In the early 60s Alan worked at Guildford Cathedral; he created the 15-foot high weathervane of Archangel Gabriel and many other sculptures inside and outside the cathedral, including the stone carving St. Martha of Bethany for which he won the Sir Otto Beit Award in 1964. That same year Alan was elected a Fellow of the Royal British Society of Sculptors. He also created the John F. Kennedy Memorial in Runnymede, England, a 10 x 6 foot stone inscription.

In 1968 Alan and his family moved to South Lancaster, Massachusetts, where he taught art at Atlantic Union College. They moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan in 1971 where he taught at Andrews University. In 1978 the family settled at La Sierra University in Riverside, California, where he taught for 11 years before he retired. He was awarded honorary doctorate degrees by Andrews University (1988) and Loma Linda University (2000).

Some of his most well known and loved sculptures are: "Three Angels of the Apocalypse," St. Albans, England; the 22-foot high "Regeneration," and "Legacy of Leadership" at Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan; "The Good Samaritan" and "Who Touched Me?" at Loma Linda University, California; "The Glory of God's Grace" based on the parable of the prodigal son, La Sierra University, Riverside, California; "Jesus Among Us," at Walla Walla University, College Place, Washington; "Sacrificial Service," based on the biblical account of Simon of Cyrene taking the cross from Jesus, for Oakwood College, Huntsville, Alabama; "Christ Our Healer," at Paradise Valley Memorial Hospital, National City, California; and "The Sower" at Burman University, Alberta, Canada.

After his second marriage he moved to Salinas, California and worked as a freelance sculptor. He and his wife moved to Washington State and then settled in Phoenix, Oregon for the next 12 years.

In 2013 Alan returned to England to Bridport, Dorset, to be near to his lifelong friend Philip Murdin, a letter carver and sculptor.

ence in Portland. From 1982 to 1990, their home was in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, where Verland was assistant treasurer and then treasurer of the Zambesi Union. He trained quality accountants for service and modernized their accounting methods, first introducing the fax machine and then computers to the office.

When they returned to the U.S., Verland was asked to join the General Conference accounting staff. He served as comptroller, leading the accounting team of 12–15 employees

Through the years, Verland and Jan collected coins, stamps and sand, studied wildflowers, and developed a list of about 400 birds. Verland was an amateur “fix-it” guy, working on numerous projects around the house. One of his favorite extracurricular activities was serving as treasurer for the Triadelphia Adventist Church, as well as for the Metro Maryland Ostomy Association. He was an avid reader, particularly on religious subjects.

Two major illnesses marked his life, but demonstrated his faithfulness to God in adversity. An acute attack of ulcerative colitis in May 2001 led to surgery and an ileostomy. Six months following his return to work, a regular health checkup showed that he had prostate cancer, which led to a seed implant radiation procedure in January 2003. Then followed many extra and good years of work—which he always attributed to his miracle healing—until 2013, when he developed bladder cancer.

He is survived by his wife, **Janice (Klimpel) Erntson** (att.); a niece, Linda Marie (Criswell) Fisher; and several cousins.



**Charles Franklin Everest** (BA '50), 91, of Cullman, Alabama, died on April 26, 2016.

Born Oct. 25, 1924, in Battle Creek, Michigan, he was the son of Frederick and Kathryn (Crane) Everest. He was drafted into World War II and landed on Normandy Beach, D-Day+12, was a front-line medic and earned his Silver Star and Purple Heart while in France.

Charles was a minister in the Michigan and Ohio Conferences and a hospital chaplain in the Florida Conference. He received his master's degree in gerontology from University of North Carolina and worked with seniors for many years. He was a pilot, photographer, cellist and lover of classical music, and taught string instruments in his later years. Charles also enjoyed building and flying model airplanes, gardening and a little golf.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Carolyn Jane Lawson, and his nephew, **Donald H. (Bud) Moon Jr.** (BA '63).

Survivors include his wife, Barbara Everest, one son, Frederick Everest and wife, Terry, of Florida; one daughter Melissa Austin and husband, Sidney, of Alabama; five grandchildren, Tiffany Brill of Virginia, Shannon Everest of North Carolina, Josef, Katie and Andrea Austin of Alabama; seven great-grandchildren, Rianna, Presley and Eliza Brill of Virginia, Savannah, Hunter, Finn and Zeke Barnum of North Carolina; and two nieces, **Kathleen Ekkens** (att., former staff) and **Eileen Horne** (BA '69).



**Harold Royce Hiday** (BS '64) died on April 26, 2016.

He was born Nov. 23, 1929 in Middletown, Indiana, the only son of Chester and Doris Hiday. He has an older sister, Donna, and three younger sisters, Faye, Kaye and Karen.

Harold served two years in the U.S. Army from June 1952 to 1954. After basic training at Fort Pickett, Virginia, he took optical technician training in St. Louis, Missouri.

He married Ida Wright on Nov. 26, 1953, and they had four children: Linda, Larry, Lucinda and Duane.

Harold taught for 32 years in the Adventist school system in elementary schools located in Michigan, Indiana, Texas and Arkansas.

When he lived in Mountain Home, Arkansas, he was active in the Audubon Club, clearing trails, cleaning up parks and roadsides, and serving as the treasurer of the local Audubon club.

He was an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, serving as elder, deacon and Bible class teacher.

Harold enjoyed wood carving, playing softball, camping, hiking and canoeing.

He is survived by his wife, **Ida** (att.), and their four children: Linda Deckard and her husband, Chris, of Springfield, Missouri; Larry Hiday and his wife, Cindy, of Battleground, Washington; Lucinda Lewis and her husband, Dan, of Loma Linda, California; and Duane Hiday and his wife, Martha, of Madison, Missouri.

He is also survived by his four sisters: Donna Cade and husband, Bob, of Laurel, Indiana; Faye Cade and husband, Jim, of Middletown, Indiana, Kaye Swinford of Tucson, Arizona; and Karen Cross and husband, Jim, of Mechanicsburg, Indiana.

Eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren also survive him.

**Vivian Angeline Lemon Hatcher** (BS '79) died May 2, 2016, in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Vivian was born 80 years ago in rural Wisconsin. She was the fourth child in a family of six children, one of whom preceded her in death.

She moved with her family to Berrien Springs, Michigan, while she was still in elementary school. She returned to Wisconsin to attend academy, and there she met her future husband, Ted Hatcher. They celebrated 61 years of marriage last year.

Early on Vivian worked at a number of occupations in an effort to earn her “PHT” (Putting Hubby Through). Even after Ted graduated and was employed, she continued to work as a secretary. Since she had long dreamed of being a nurse, when the children were a little older, she decided to return to school and subsequently earned her BS in nursing.

She worked as a nurse at a couple of area hospitals, but the major part of her nursing career was spent at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Indiana, from which she retired. Music was always a part of her life. Singing and playing the piano helped to instill the love of music in her children.

She was a beloved mother to her family, but in addition,

there were others who “adopted” her as a surrogate mother or grandmother. She made friends easily, and she has many friends, both here and in Maui, Hawaii, where she and Ted have spent several winters.

She is survived by her husband **Ted** (BS '57, emeritus professor of mathematics), four children, five grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.



**Shahin Shaké Ilter** (MA '62, former staff) died July 10, 2016 in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

She was born in Istanbul, Turkey on March 2, 1920.

Shahin enrolled at the Getronagan Armenian High School in Istanbul, where she earned her diploma on August 12, 1938. After graduation she found employment as an office worker, but soon realized that as an Armenian Adventist in a society prejudiced against both Armenians and Adventists, her future seemed dim.

At the suggestion of others, she applied to Middle East College (now University) in Beirut, Lebanon. The college was small, and the curriculum limited, so Shahin majored in religion with minors in education and secretarial training, graduating in the first class of the new campus in 1948. For her career, the education and secretarial training proved most beneficial, for after grad-

uation she was employed by the college and taught typing at the church school.

By the mid-1950s, Shahin had become the secretary to the college president. Thomas Geraty remembered her as extremely efficient, loyal and very appreciative.

By then Shahin was sharing a house with **Edith Davis** (MA '65), a missionary. Despite a very cramped living and dining room, the two women became the unrivaled center of hospitality and social gatherings for the college community. They also helped many worthy young women obtain a Christian education by providing housing and employing them at rates that far exceeded the common rate for the household services they provided.

However, in 1960 Shahin and Edith determined to move to Andrews University in the United States. Shahin became a graduate student and earned her master's degree in education in 1962, while Edith Davis taught English at Andrews Academy. Once again their household, this time on Timberland Drive, became a center of hospitality and conversation, with carefully matched guests and a wide variety of exquisite food. Everything was carefully planned, and for over three decades, Shahin maintained records of the guests and the menus.

Professionally, Shahin Ilter is best known for her years as graduate registrar for Andrews University. Her professional knowledge and willingness to enforce the rules earned the widespread respect of faculty and students alike.

In 1989, Shahin retired from Andrews University. Always energetic, she offered her skills and energies to the Adventist Retirees of Michiana organization and volunteered at what is now Lakeland Health Care.

Unfortunately, Shahin's life was tragically impacted by an automobile accident in January 2003. She suffered a brain injury that affected her for the rest of her life.



**Raoul Dederen** (emeritus professor of theology), died of kidney failure at home in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on Oct. 24, 2016. He was born on Feb. 25, 1925, in Pepinster, Belgium, the son of Joseph and Theresa Dederen.

Raoul married his love, **Louise Fyon** (former staff), on July 17, 1947 and spent 68 years in blissful devotion—until she passed away nine months ago on Dec. 13, 2015.

Before arriving in the United States in 1964, he served as a pastor in his native Belgium for seven years (1947–1954) and then taught at the Seventh-day Adventist Seminary at Collonges-Sous-Saleve, France for ten years. While teaching in France, he took up doctoral studies at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, where he completed his doctoral degree (Dr. es Sc. Morales).

His dissertation was a study of the origins and growth of Old Catholicism in the context of Vatican Council I and of the ecumenical movement. He was the author of “A Catholic Reformer of the Nineteenth Century,” published by Droz, Geneva, in 1963. He was also the editor of “A Handbook of Seventh-day Adventist Theology,” volume 12 of the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary Series. The author of more than 140 papers and articles, Raoul also served as associate editor of “Ministry” magazine and “Andrews University Seminary Studies.”

In 1964 Andrews University invited Raoul to teach at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, where he became a professor of systematic and historical theology. From 1984 to 1991, he was the associate dean and then dean of the Seminary.

For several decades he trained thousands of ministers for the world church. As a professor and dean at the Seminary, he earned many awards and accolades—including the prestigious John Nevins Andrews Medallion, an honor he shared with his wife Louise.

As a pastor of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Raoul will be remembered worldwide for his love of books, exact verbiage, insightful exposition of Scripture, and encouraging words of wisdom.

He is survived by his daughter **Joelle Francine Reynolds** (AS '78), granddaughter **Francine (Reynolds) Bergmann** (BSELED '95, MA '00) and her husband **Jason Dwight Bergmann** (BBA '94) and granddaughter Sheila Besirli and her husband Cagri Giray Besirli.

Raoul will always be remembered for his life of simplicity, kindness, generosity and love for all those around him.



**Orville Charles Beal** (att., former staff), 77, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, passed away Sept. 27, 2016, in St. Joseph, Michigan.

He was born August 20, 1939, to John and Olivia (Burnett) Beal in Petoskey, Michigan. He married the love of his life, Carol Louise Jones, in Lansing, Michigan, on August 2, 1959.

Orville attended Emmanuel Missionary College from 1957–1960. He earned a Bachelor of Science in physical therapy from College of Medical Evangelists, Loma Linda, California, and worked in that field for over 15 years.

He then pursued missionary work with his wife, Carol, traveling to over 34 countries. They spent most of their time in Rwanda from 1987 to 1994 before settling in Berrien Springs, Michigan. He worked at Andrews University for the post office and Andrews Academy from 1995 until his retirement in 2004.

In his spare time, Orville enjoyed woodworking, canoeing, camping and growing vegetables, especially his yellow Hungarian “hot” peppers. He loved potatoes in any form, wearing his special hat and playing “The Holy City” on his trumpet. His greatest joy, however, was spending time with his beloved family.

Orville is survived by his wife of 57 years: **Carol** (BBA '95) of Berrien Springs, Michigan; children **Linda** (BBA '84) (Theodore) **Vallejos** of Knox-

ville, Tennessee; **Shawna** (BS '86, MAT '90) and her husband **Ronald** (MBA '85) **Vyhmeister** of Beirut, Lebanon; and **John** (AT '86, BT '88, current staff) and his wife **Marsha** (BT '89, current staff) **Beal** of Berrien Center, Michigan; grandchildren **Alexander** (att.) (Joy) **Vyhmeister** of Riverside, California, Erik Vyhmeister of Berrien Springs and Karyl Beal of Berrien Center; 100-years young mother-in-law Marjorie Jones of Berrien Springs; and many nieces and nephews.

Orville was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Marilyn (Beal) Coy.

**Mary Alice Rogers Detweiler** (BS '67) died Oct. 8, 2016 in St. Joseph, Michigan. She was born in Peoria, Illinois on March 28, 1924 to Irving H. Rogers and Vivian Lois Burroughs Rogers.

Mary met **Robert Detweiler** (BA '51) in Texas and they were married March 31, 1945 in Laredo. From Texas they moved to the Northwest, and through a sequence of transformative events, decided to take Bible studies from Pastor Carrol Aimes. Mary's renewed commitment and Bob's newfound understanding led them both to choose to be rebaptized/baptized as Seventh-day Adventists.

Bob felt the call to pastoral ministry and followed suit by attending Walla Walla College from 1947 to 1949 and Emmanuel Missionary College from 1949 until he graduated in 1951. Their first son, Curtis, was born in December of 1947 and a second, Stan, in August of 1949.

Their life of ministry together started in West Frankfort, Illinois, continuing for nine years in the Illinois Conference at various venues; a little over a year in the Ohio Conference at Willoughby; and finishing

with 10 months in the West Virginia Conference where Bob was killed in an car accident.

Since she had completed just an eighth grade education followed by 24 years of experience, she took her GED and moved up to Berrien Springs, Michigan, enrolling in Andrews University. Mary graduated from college the same year her youngest son graduated from academy.

Following graduation she served 23 years as an elementary education teacher nurturing students on their academic and kingdom journeys. She encouraged and fostered excellence, resulting in countless young people choosing to give and do their best.

Following retirement in May of 1990, she settled in Gentry, Arkansas on the Ozark Academy campus and tutored students, primarily in math. After 14 or 15 years she really retired, moved to Galien, Michigan and lived in an apartment in a house built by her youngest son and daughter-in-law.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert C. Detweiler; her eldest son, Curtis Mark Detweiler; and six of her siblings.

She is survived by her twin brothers and their wives, Henry and **Ruth** (BA '90) **Rogers** of Edelstein, Illinois, and **Harry** (BA '66, MA '71) and **Ingrid** (BA '70) **Rogers** of Berrien Springs, Michigan; her youngest son, Stan and his wife, Martha; two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



**Ruth Helen Kaiser** (BS '55, MA '64) died Oct. 8, 2016 at Hanson Hospice Center in Stevensville, Michigan.

Ruth was born July 19, 1923, in North St. Paul, Minnesota, the daughter of Walter and Amanda (Wellnitz) Kaiser. She moved to Wisconsin when she was young, and in 1954 she relocated to Berrien Springs, where she taught school at the Village Adventist Elementary School and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Clara Kaiser, and niece, Sally Dahl, both of Merrill, Wisconsin; Alice Takomana-Luwemba of the international Malawan family; and many friends from her Sabbath School class and church family.