

Marriages

Andriy Kharkovyy (BBA '06, MBA '08) and **Amanda (Jardine) Kharkovyy** (BSW '09, MSW '10) are happy to announce their marriage on Sept. 2, 2012, in Michigan. They currently reside in Berrien Springs, Mich.

Births

Nathan (att.) and **Julie (Roush) Fountain** (BA '98) are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Megan Elizabeth. She was born on March 5, 2012, in Ann Arbor, Mich., and weighed 8 lb., 6 oz. Megan joins an older sister, Chloe, 2.

Deaths

Cyril Frederick Walter Futcher (BA '38) died Oct. 22, 2012, at The Elizabeth House in Hendersonville, N.C.

Cyril was born in Southampton, England, on June 25, 1913, the second of four children born to Alfred and Emily Futcher.

He started his career in the bookkeeping office of Granose Foods, an Adventist health food company in Watford, England, where he became acquainted with Gladys Hyde, daughter of the general manager. Ten years later, after completing his undergraduate work at Newbold College in England and Emmanuel Missionary College in Berrien Springs, Mich., they married. Cyril taught at Newbold College for ten years after which they transferred to Carmel College in Western Australia where he taught for eight years.

After a six-month furlough in England, Cyril, Gladys and their three children moved to Washington, DC. Cyril taught at Spencerville Jr. Academy and Columbia Union College (now Washington Adventist University). Gladys was a secretary in the Ministerial Department of the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

In 1962, Cyril accepted the position of director of admissions and records at Southern Adventist University (then Southern Missionary College) in Collegedale, Tenn. He later served as academic dean until his retirement in 1984. Gladys worked as a secretary at Southern Adventist University.

In 1999, Cyril and Gladys moved to Fletcher Park Inn, a retirement center in Hendersonville, N.C., and worshipped at Fletcher Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Cyril was predeceased by Gladys, his parents and his siblings. Surviving are a daughter, Carol M. Futcher, of Hendersonville, N.C.; son, Anthony G. Futcher of Hyattsville, Md., and his wife, Mary; son, Terence J. Futcher, of Harlingen, Texas, and his wife, Ruth; four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren as well as numerous nephews and nieces.

Gordon O. Engen (former staff), 85, died Oct. 20, 2012, in the Laurel Center, Hamburg, Pa., where he had been a resident since 2007.

Born in Thief River Falls, Minn., he was the son of the late Ole Melion Benoni “Benny” Engen and Serena (Larson) Engen. Gordon was a graduate of Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson, Minn. He graduated from Union College in Lincoln, Neb., with a degree in theology, and earned a master’s degree in journalism from Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich.

Gordon worked as an educator and administrator in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. From 1949–1953, he was dean of boys and taught printing and Bible at Adelphian Academy in Holly, Mich. From 1953–1960, he worked as the director of Public Relations at Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in Berrien Springs, Mich., then transitioned to the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists. He was the editor of the monthly news magazine, *The Lake Union Herald*, and worked with radio, TV and religious liberty issues.

From 1975–1992, Gordon worked at the General Conference of Seventh-day Adventists in Silver Spring, Md. His job focused mostly on cases where church members had work problems involving their religious beliefs, such as Sabbath observance or a relationship to a labor organization. His responsibilities included working with the U.S. Congress and Senate.

In his retirement, Gordon moved back to Berrien Springs, where he helped start International Learning Systems, an organization that worked with Andrews University to produce distance learning programs, constructing film sets and videotaping classes, lectures and church services for broadcast on Three Angels Broadcasting Network.

In 2006, Gordon and Blossom moved to Hendersonville, N.C. A year later, when their health started to decline, they moved to

Hamburg to be closer to family. Gordon was a member of the Blue Mountain Academy Seventh-day Adventist Church in Hamburg.

Gordon loved to travel. He accepted freelance photojournalism assignments that took him to India, Nepal, the Azores, South America, and extensively throughout North America. In the late 1960s, he produced a multimedia program that involved 11 screens, 27 slide and movie projectors, and a narrated sound track, all controlled by two computers built for this purpose. It was a pioneering effort for its time.

Gordon was also a commercial pilot, and used his expertise to support and guide the missionary work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church throughout the world. He was instrumental in helping build an airport at Andrews University, which today offers degrees in aviation technology, flight and maintenance. During his time in Michigan, he also provided leadership for Your Story Hour, an organization that produces Bible stories as well as character-building radio drama programs for children.

Gordon is survived by two sons: **Eric L. Engen** (MA '97), and his wife Diana, of Hamburg, Tilden Township, Pa.; and Del K. Engen, of Seattle, Wash.; a half-sister: Beverly (Wycoff) Olson, of Loma Linda, Calif.; and two grandchildren: Jared and Kristen Engen. Gordon was predeceased by a brother, Donald L. Engen, and by his wife **Blossom L. (Church) Engen** (att.). They had been married 61 years when she passed away in 2010.

Herbert (Herb) Coe (BA '61), 79, died Sept. 28, 2012, with his family by his side. Herb was born August 29, 1933, in Stockton, N.Y., to G. Elwood and Lois (Woodruff) Coe.

Herb proudly served his country during the Korean War as an Army medic. He spent 16 months overseas in Germany. In April of 1953 Herb returned to Stockton, N.Y., to be with his wife, Marie.

Herb did a four-year pastoral internship in Pennsylvania—one year in Harrisburg and three years in Wellsboro.

He was ordained as a Seventh-day Adventist minister in 1966 and provided service for the New York Seventh-day Adventist Conference for 32 years. Upon retirement in 1998, he continued helping the local churches that he attended in his nearby area, which includes: Amsterdam, North Creek, Gloversville and Saratoga.

He enjoyed being active in his church, playing baseball, singing songs from his childhood, whistling hymns, picking up cans and bottles on his walks to raise money for his favorite charities, eating pie and ice-cream, tapping trees for sap and boiling it down for maple syrup, digging in old dumping grounds for antique bottles, and late night water fights on special occasions.

He is survived by his son, Loren Coe of New York; one daughter and her spouse, Donice and Charles Valentine of Massachusetts; his five grandchildren, David Currie II, Lynise (Currie) Mendoza, Brandon Valentine, Ashley Valentine and Elizabeth Valentine; his sisters Irene (Coe) Hauschild and Donna (Coe) Rees; his brothers Paul and Erwin Coe: many nieces and nephews, cousins and special friends.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother Elwood and Lois Coe; his wife Marie (Elder) of 57 years and his daughter Linda (Coe) Currie.

Milton E. Nebblett (MA '52), 88, died Sept. 13, 2012, at his home in Maryland.

He graduated from Oakwood University in Alabama and earned an MA from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary, then located in Washington, D.C.

Nebblett pastored in the Caribbean in the 1950s and 1960s, at one point pastoring 12 churches simultaneously. He also served as president of the denomination's Guyana Mission. The U.S. Food for Peace Program selected Nebblett to head Guyana's food distribution during civil unrest.

Later, while pastoring in California, the U.S. government asked him in 1969 to serve as an advisor to the South Vietnamese government during the Vietnam War. He coordinated and built refugee camps for millions of displaced persons fleeing from the bombing in their villages.

He returned to the United States in 1974, pastoring in Maryland and Pennsylvania before accepting a call in 1980 to the Adventist Church's world headquarters to serve as a deputy director of SAWS.

He began by serving as deputy director for Seventh-day Adventist World Service (SAWS), which then employed 12 people in its home office and 300 people worldwide. Nebblett secured the first grant for SAWS in 1981—\$10 million from the United States Agency for International Development—based largely on his understanding of

government agencies. Soon after securing the grant, the organization became the Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA), which now employs 85 people in its international office and 6,000 people worldwide.

Nebblett worked non-stop on multiple projects and traveled extensively throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America to assess humanitarian needs with government leaders. Colleagues said he constantly pushed the agency to expand its operations. It's estimated that he helped to secure roughly \$100 million in grants for ADRA's projects.

Nebblett visited 150 countries and the couple lived in 42 different houses during his ministry.

Nebblett was the son of a custom tailor in Honduras. Like his father, he made clothes for himself throughout his life and was known as a dapper dresser.

He left ADRA in 1985 to pastor in Washington, D.C. He also formed an independent humanitarian organization for a few years before Alzheimer's disease set in, which he lived with for the final decade of his life.

He is survived by his wife Ivy, four children, including **Milton E. Nebblett Jr.** (BS '86) and daughter-in-law **Shaunielle Nebblett** (BA '82) and 10 grandchildren.

Alice "Duffy" Fahrbach (DP '44, BS '49), 86, died June 9, 2012, at her home in Munising, Mich. Alice was born in Charlevoix, Mich., on August 17, 1925, the third child of Don and Susan (Sisley) Duffie. She attended Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Mich., and received a BSN in nursing from Loma Linda University in California. In 1951, she married **Don Fahrbach** (BA '51) in the backyard of her parents' home in Central Lake, Mich.

Alice and her family lived for 10 years in Cleveland, Ga., and for three years in Benghazi, Libya. In 1969, the Fahrbachs moved to Munising. Alice loved the rivers, Lake Society, and most of all, her many friends in Alger County. She never wanted to live anywhere else.

After college, Alice worked as the girls' dean at a boarding school in Minnesota and as a nurse in Michigan and California. When she became a mother, her focus shifted to her family, friends and church. In 60 years of church membership, Alice was never without a weekly role as a children's teacher, musician or school leader. In addition to

serving at a mission hospital in Libya, she and Don traveled on medical missions to Kenya, Peru, the Philippines, Nepal, India, Indonesia and other countries. For 23 years, Don and Alice provided annual relief work at the Adventist Clinic in Guam. Locally, Alice was an active member in Bible study groups.

Her friends recall Alice as a cheerful presence, always on the move. An avid birder, she learned to identify local warblers by sight and song. She enjoyed being outdoors, and regularly cross-country skied, hiked, kayaked, and was last seen water-skiing on her 83rd birthday.

She was loved and treasured by her family for her unconditional love, quick humor, uncomplaining endurance, and faithful devotion to her Lord.

Alice is survived by **Don** (BA '51), her husband of 61 years; daughter **Jan** (BS '78) (Ron) of Kaneohe, Hawaii; daughter **Nancy** (BArch '86) and her husband Curt (BS '85); son **Thom** (BA '84) (Jean); and son **Dan** (BA '77) (Abigail), all of Portland, Ore. She also leaves several nieces and nephews, six grandchildren: Julia, Jana, Reed, Jens, Willa and Silas, and a brother, David (Daisy) Duffy. She was predeceased by her sister, Virginia.

Ronald J. Wylie (BA '59), died May 15, 2012, in Maryland.

A trained lawyer who spent many years in federal service, Wylie went into private practice in 1987 and specialized in healthcare law and government relations. He was also active in the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He served on the boards of Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Md.; Highland View Academy in Hagerstown, Md.; Spencerville Adventist Academy in Spencerville, Md.; Miracle Meadows School in Salem, W.Va.; the Adventist World Radio in Silver Spring, Md.; and many others.

He was the first president of the Columbia Union Adventist Attorney's Association, now known as the Adventist Lawyers Association of Greater Washington. He also served as president of the Columbia Union chapter of the Adventist-laymen's Services & Industries (ASI) for several years, and served as a vice president of the national ASI.

Wylie became part-time executive director of ACSGW in 2004, and led the not-for-profit coalition of seven churches doing community services and development in Silver Spring and Takoma Park, Md.

Wylie leaves behind his wife, Junamae Wegner, son Rodney and his wife, Nicole, stepson Gene Wegner and his wife, Linda, and two grandsons Jacob and Brayden Wylie. Margaret Pascoe, his first wife, preceded him in death.

John “Benton” Taylor (MA '61), 92, of Westerville, Ohio, died April 10, 2012, at his home. He was born on Feb. 11, 1920, in Baltimore, Md., to Eva (Tyler) Taylor and John Wildey Taylor. His parents, two infant brothers and two adult brothers preceded him in death.

Benton attended and graduated in three years from Plainfield Academy in New Jersey. He later graduated from Washington Missionary College (now Washington Adventist University) in 1947 with degrees in theology and business. He was able to work his way through academy and college, along with several summers spent in literature evangelism to gain educational scholarships. He would later earn an MA in education from Andrews University.

On Dec. 23, 1945, he married Ruth Reusing, a fellow student, from Cincinnati, Ohio. Benton began his career as an educator—both as a teacher and administrator—and his first call was to teach religion and business at Plainfield Academy, from which he had graduated almost ten years earlier. Their first son was born there, a second son was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and a daughter was born in Cincinnati, Ohio. His career in education took him to several Seventh-day Adventist schools in Maryland, Ohio, Florida and Kentucky, 25

years of which were in Ohio.

After 35 years of service for the church, Benton retired in 1982, and a few years later the couple moved to the Shenandoah Valley in Virginia. They had a house built in Strasburg and were active in the church there. The last three years were spent in Westerville, Ohio, where Benton was a member of the Worthington Church, and where, coincidentally, he had taught school 60 years earlier.

Benton is survived by his wife of 66 years, Ruth; son **John B. Taylor Jr.** (MA '73) (Barbara), Indiana Academy, Cicero, Ind.; son **Jeffrey Taylor** (M.Div. '81) (Dawn), pastor in Takoma Park, Md.; daughter Marsha (Steve) Morgan, Westerville, Ohio; six grandchildren; one sister, Nancy Monninger of Asheville, N.C.; and many nieces and nephews.

Margery (Friestad) Taggart (BA '49), 89, was born in Marseilles, Ill., on Dec. 17, 1922. She passed away peacefully in the home of her daughter, Georgia Zachman, in Minneapolis, Minn., on March 26, 2012.

Her parents, Fred and Isabelle Friestad were immigrants from Norway; Isabelle a professional seamstress and Fred a full-time farmer in LaSalle County, Ill. They came to know and believe the Seventh-day Adventist message at tent meetings near their home early in their life together. They were able to convey this message to all five of their children. In addition, Margery had a twin sister, Marion Eloise, who died from a congenital heart defect at the age of 6 weeks.

Margery was married to her college sweetheart, **George Taggart** (BA '49), an SDA minister, writer and literature evangelist leader, for 54 years.

The Lord blessed Marge with excellent health and a long life. She and George sacrificed to send all four of their children to Seventh-day Adventist schools from elementary through college and beyond; in addition, instilling in them a love for the Lord from an early age. She is sorely missed by family and friends for her positive outlook on life and her deep faith.

In her later years, this text became a favorite of hers: “God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of love and power and a sound mind.” 2 Timothy 1:7

Margery’s father Fred was a hero to her for many reasons, but the most important was his unwavering belief in his Saviour Jesus Christ and the blessing of the Adventist message. On Fred Friestad’s gravestone reside the words “Asleep in Jesus.” Margery now shares this precious promise with him.

Marge was preceded in death by her husband in 2002, her parents, her brothers Frances and Stanley Friestad, and her sister **Arlene Friestad** (BA '48). Arlene Friestad is well-known to the Andrews University campus as the former long-time women’s dean at Lamson Hall.

She is survived by daughters **Trudy Sirany** (BS '76), Rhonda Ravell and Georgia Zachman, son Todd, 11 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and one sister, Delores Prokupek.

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Joseph W. Warren Sr. (faculty), 63, died at home on Oct. 4, 2012, as a result of cancer. He was born in Rocky Mount, N.C., on July 2, 1949, to James and Margerye Warren.

Young Joe was curious and fun loving, his sense of adventure occasionally garnering him more parental attention than he had bargained for. He was a diligent student and also helped with farm chores on his Grandfather Warren's farm in Spring Hope, N.C., establishing him as a hard worker. Joseph attended elementary and junior high school in Spring Hope and Greensboro, N.C.

He graduated from James B. Dudley High School in Greensboro in 1967, and then went on to attend Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) in Huntsville, Ala. He served as editor of the college newspaper, *The Spreading Oak*, and academic vice president of the United Student Movement. Joseph completed a Bachelor of Arts in English, graduating *summa cum laude*, in 1971.

But Joseph was interested not only in academics at Oakwood. It was on that campus that he met Cynthia Taylor of Clearwater, Fla. A year after his graduation, Joseph and Cynthia were married on his 23rd birthday, July 2, 1972. Family and friends in the Berrien Springs area were blessed to celebrate the couple's 40th wedding anniversary with them this summer. They shared the early years of their marriage in Columbus, Ohio, where Joe was enrolled in the doctoral program at The Ohio State University.

Family life has always been a special focus of the Warrens. Family worships and special occasions are positive memories for Joseph and Cynthia's three children—Camille, an attorney in Seattle, Wash.; Joseph II, a school counselor in Norcross, Ga.; and Jerrick, a medical student at Howard University in Washington, D.C. Joseph II is married to Nerissa and they recently added a baby girl, Noelle, to the family.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church was Joe's spiritual home all of his life. He often referred to himself as an "orthodox" Adventist, intent on passing on Adventist values, traditions and doctrines. He believed in the powerful and comforting promise of prayer, and over the years he was active with the Lake Region Conference



Joseph W. Warren Sr.

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as a member of the Executive Committee. He was a member of the Highland Avenue and Niles Philadelphia Seventh-day Adventist churches where he served in a variety of areas. His responsibilities ranged from youth leader, deacon, elder, Sabbath School teacher, and, most recently, coordinator of men's ministry. He and Cynthia also presented marriage seminars across the nation as part of their church's family life ministry.

Joseph's entire professional career was spent at Andrews University in the Department of English. In 1976 he accepted John Waller's invitation to join the faculty while he was still pursuing his doctoral study. His areas of specialization included composition, 19th- and 20th-century American literature, African-American literature, short story and technical writing. He was an innovative teacher who stressed critical thinking in his students' work.

When he completed his doctoral studies in 1982, he was advanced to the rank of associate professor and became one of the first African-American faculty with a doctoral degree at Andrews University.

Throughout his 35 years in the Department of English, Joe was willing to go beyond the expectations of his students and think outside traditional boundaries in problem solving. His colleagues always

looked to him as a team player and proud supporter of Christian education.

Joseph was well known on the Andrews campus as a leading force in many ways, but in particular as chair of the planning committee for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. He also served as the sponsor of Nu Sigma, the Andrews University chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the national English honor society; and was an active mentor for the Black Student Christian Forum.

Last year, when he received his 35-year Service Award, *FOCUS* magazine stated, "Joseph Warren...has influenced countless students during his 35-year tenure at Andrews University. For example, a student reflected on the 'personal touch' he brings to his classes, how he treats and teaches his students, how he knows his students' names and provides feedback on assignments." Such dedication to his students won him their respect and devotion.

Joe's caring spirit was evident off campus as well. He was a faithful son who was attentive to his parents in Florida; additionally, he often cared for people in Berrien Springs, giving them rides when needed, visiting the sick and shut-in at nursing homes, as well as providing encouragement and offering prayer. His full life is a lesson in Christian responsibility and generosity.

Warren is survived by his wife of 40 years, Cynthia; three adult children—Camille, Joseph II (Nerissa), and Jerrick; one granddaughter, Noelle Cynthia Jean Warren; his father, James W. Warren Sr., and six siblings: Juan (Linda) of Los Angeles, Calif.; James III (Creola) of Phoenix, Ariz.; Juanita W. Buddy of Decatur, Ga.; Judith W. Hawkins (James) of Tallahassee, Fla.; Joyce W. Warren of Moorestown, N.J.; and Justina W. Murrell (Jerry) of Hyattsville, Md.; plus uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces and cousins.

A memorial scholarship fund has been set up in honor of Dr. Warren. The fund will support English majors through scholarship or endowment. Make checks payable to Andrews University and send to the Office of Development, c/o Mary Nell Rosenboom, Griggs Hall, 8903 U.S. Highway 31, Berrien Springs MI 49104-0660. Online donations may be made at www.andrews.edu/go/give/2jwarren.