

Wayne Alvarez McDonald (AT '87), 51, died July 26, 2016.

He was born in Takoma Park, Maryland, on Sept. 1, 1964. He was a 1983 graduate of Shenandoah Valley Academy in New Market, Virginia studied electronics and automotive technology at Andrews University.

Wayne was a member of the Collegedale Community Adventist Church and was employed for the past 13 years as a mechanic at TDOT in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Wayne also worked for Auto Zone for 10 years in the Chattanooga and North Georgia area.

Wayne's passion in life was cars. He loved collecting classic cars and he raced his 1975 Toyota Celica in the Road Rally Chump Car division.

Survivors include his mother, Jane Alvarez-Gold; step-father, Howard Gold; sister, **Elaine Alvarez** (CERT '83) and several cousins.

Noble Barnes Vining Jr. (BA '41), 98, died Oct. 3, 2016, in Longwood, Florida. He was born Sept. 2, 1918, in Atlanta, Georgia.

After completing his education at Southern Junior College and Emmanuel Missionary College, and then serving for four years as a medic during WWII, he spent 40+ years in printing (Stanborough Press, Philippine Publishing House, AUC College Press, Southern Publishing Association, and SMC College Press). During his years at SMC College Press, he was the managing editor of "The Southern Tidings," a monthly journal that serves Adventist church members in all of the southeastern states.

During his 30+ years of retirement, he authored several books, two sets of Bible studies entitled Bible Research and Bible Research II, plus a host of other smaller projects.

He is survived by one son, **David LeRoy** (att.) **Vining**

(Ann), two daughters, Judith Anne Vining Campbell (Kirk), and Elizabeth Stromberg Williams (Dallas), six granddaughters, two grandsons, four great-granddaughters, and five great-grandsons.



John S. Wang (BA '56) died Oct. 6, 2016, in Loma Linda, California. He was born Oct. 26, 1934 in Qiao Tou Zhen, Nanjing, China.

The family was among the first Adventists in China.

When he was 2-years-old his father, James D. Wang, came to the U.S. to fulfill his dream for advanced education. The family was reunited and moved to Chongqing, where his father became president of China Training Institute.

After WWII ended they moved to Hong Kong and John attended Sam Yuk High School. He came to America in 1949 on one of the last ships before the Communists took over China. He graduated from Emmanuel Missionary College in 1956 and moved to Loma Linda for medical school where he met Betty, a student nurse.

They graduated on the same day, June 3, 1960, from the College of Medical Evangelists, now Loma Linda University School of Medicine, and were married on Nov. 27, 1960 in Oakland, California.

After internship at White Memorial Hospital he joined the Public Health Service and was stationed in Staten Island, New York. He subsequently did a

radiology residency in Chicago, then moved to Silver Spring, Maryland to work at Washington Adventist Sanitarium, then to Kettering, Ohio, where he worked at Kettering Medical Center. The family spent time in Ohio, California and Texas, and finally moved to Loma Linda after retirement, where John enjoyed singing in the William Chunestudy Men's Chorus, volunteering at Loma Linda Broadcasting Network, and spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of almost 56 years, Betty; his children **Waylene Wang Swensen** (BA '82) and **Ron Swensen** (BS '80), Marilene Wang Watson and James Watson, Samuel Wang and Andrea Hawkins Wang, and Steven Wang and Helena Yip Wang; nine grandchildren, including **WayAnne Watson** (BSM '15); sisters Esther Lau, Ruth Liu, and **Rebekah Wang Scriven** (BA '74), and numerous nieces and nephews.

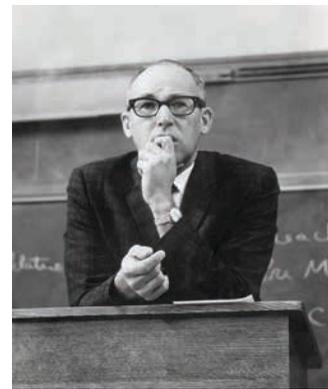


Julia Ann Yvonne (Howard) Lewis (MA '68) died Nov. 10, 2016, in Gainesville, Florida.

She attended the historic Langston High School and then Oakwood College (University) and Andrews University, where she met **Joseph P. Lewis I** (att.). On Dec. 22, 1969, Julia and Joseph Lewis were married.

Her calling and her passion was teaching English and reading in K-12 classrooms. Julia worked in every facet of the church while supporting her husband's ministry.

She is survived by her husband Joseph P. Lewis I; son, Joseph P. Lewis II; a daughter, **Kathleen Lewis** (BSCLS '03); and her siblings, Jerry Ray Howard I, Hattie Louise (Herman) Braxton, Vernon Maurice Howard and Emily Ruth (Alonzo) Cooper.



Wilber Alexander (MA '57, former faculty), 95, died Nov. 16, 2016, in Loma Linda, California.

After his ordination into the ministry in Lynwood, California, in 1954, Alexander joined the faculty of Loma Linda University as an associate professor of practical theology for nine years.

Before rejoining the faculty of Loma Linda University in 1973, he earned two master's degrees and a PhD and wore many professional hats: chair of the Department of Church and Ministry, Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary; chair, Andrews University Department of Religion & Biblical Languages; pastor, White Memorial Church, Los Angeles; and public relations secretary, Southern California Conference of Seventh-day Adventists.

Alexander served as the first dean of the Faculty of Religion at Loma Linda University and was appointed special assistant to the president for spiritual life and wholeness in 1991.

In 1996, he founded and became director of the Loma Linda

University Center for Spiritual Life and Wholeness. For Alexander, whole person care was all about listening to patients' stories.

Alexander was the author of numerous articles and three books. His distinguished career earned him many awards, including Loma Linda University School of Medicine's Senior Educator of the Year Award, La Sierra University Alumnus of the Year and the Distinguished Service Award from both Loma Linda University and Loma Linda University Adventist Health Sciences Center (now Loma Linda University Health).

Laura J. (Brueggeman) Tressler (BS '65), 73, died Nov. 26, 2016 in Concord, Michigan, of pancreatic cancer.

Laura was a graduate of Andrews University and Michigan State University, where she earned her master's degree in education. Andrews University helped Laura fulfill her three greatest dreams: to teach school for 30+ years, to visit Switzerland, and to teach Navajo children, which she did for 5½ years.

Laura is survived by her husband William Tressler of Apollo, Pennsylvania, two sons: Wayne (Renee) Stilson of Parma, Michigan and James (Christina) Stilson of Concord, Michigan, and three grandchildren. She is also survived by stepchildren **Vicky (Gilbert) Pioche** (att.) and Keneth (Lesa) Tressler and four step-grandchildren.

Bernice Lunz Taylor (DIP2YR '55, BS '63, MAT '77), 89, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, died Dec. 2, 2016.

She contracted polio at age 14, but with determination, survived and went on.

Bernice earned a BA at Emmanuel Missionary College and MA in education at Andrews University. She taught in Adventist elementary schools for



30 years, including the Berrien Springs Village SDA School for eight years, and also in St. Johns, Wilson, Allegan, and Lawton, Oklahoma.

Bernice visited Jamaica, South America, Norway, Alaska, Newfoundland, Canada, and more. She sailed through the Strait of Magellan in Chile and flew over the South Pole and visited every state but Hawaii.

She volunteered for many years at the Berrien County Senior Center, the Good Neighbor Center, and Berrien General Hospital.

At age 65, Bernice married **Harry Taylor** (BA '34), a retired English professor at Andrews University.

Bernice is survived by two sisters, **Helen Hyde** (DIP2YR '43, BS '71, MAT '79) of Jackson, Michigan, and **Ardyce Moravetz** (BS '62) of Battle Creek; brother-in-law, Richard Rorabeck of Berrien Springs; and many nieces, nephews, grand-nieces & grand-nephews.

Gary Wayne Shearer (att.), 75, died Dec. 6, 2016 in Battlefield, Missouri.

In May of 1960, Gary joined the church at Kansas City Central after reading his way into Adventism at the age of 19.

After Andrews, Gary graduated with honors in 1965 from Union College with degrees in history and religion. He married Lanis Simmons in 1966.

Gary earned a master's degree in library science at Emporia State University (Kansas), then took his first faculty position as

Paul Henry Denton (EdD '82, former faculty), 80, died Nov. 7, 2016 in St. George, Utah. He was born Dec. 31, 1935 in Woodlake, California to Erwin D. and Paula Bachman Denton.

Paul was born and raised in Woodlake, California, where he attended elementary and high school. He graduated from Fresno State University in California with his bachelor's and master's degrees. He received his doctorate from Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan.

Paul devoted much of his life in service to others. While pursuing his bachelor's and master's degrees, he worked with the U.S. Forest Service fighting forest fires in King's Canyon National Park in California.

In 1965, Paul and his young family moved from their home in California to Zambia, Africa where Paul served as a missionary and teacher at Rusangu Secondary School. Following those years abroad, Paul obtained a position at Andrews University, where he devoted the rest of his professional career to teaching and especially toward preparing other teachers for the field.

Paul loved woodworking, photography and learning. He was endlessly fascinated by technology and invention, and focused his teaching specialty in the use of media in education.

These interests led him to unusual adventures. Having developed new techniques for 'point-of-view' media, he stood for hours in hospital operating rooms, filming surgical techniques for training surgeons. Shortly after the Arab-Israeli War in the early 1970s, Paul found himself serving as the chief photographer for a major archaeology expedition co-sponsored by Israel and its neighbor, the Kingdom of Jordan. In the late 1970s, Paul traveled over 27,000 miles on trains, buses, Jeeps, taxis and trucks throughout India, Pakistan, Burma, Bangladesh and Nepal making a documentary film about the work of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Surviving family include his wife, **Beverly** (att.) of Washington, Utah; sons, **Kevin** (att.) (Jody) of Ann Arbor, Michigan and **Kris** (BS '82) and his wife **Holly** (BS '82) of Winnetka, Illinois; four grandchildren, McKenzie, Taggart, Connelly, Sawyer; sister, Margery Tonascia of San Moreno, California. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.





reference librarian at Loma Linda University (California). He built up their reference department, then the Heritage Room for the E.G. White Estate.

After 14 years at La Sierra, Gary moved to Pacific Union College and Lanis worked at St. Helena Hospital as an RN. Though he was primarily a reference librarian, Gary also served as Adventist Studies librarian and chair of special collections. He also conducted astronomy labs for the physics department.

While at PUC, Gary compiled over 50 bibliographies on myriad subjects. He became a guest speaker on Ellen White and other Adventist topics and assisted Jim Nix in conducting Adventist history tours in New England. After retiring, he was named librarian emeritus.

During 2011, Gary began exhibiting symptoms of Alzheimer's and contracted a lung disease in early 2016. When he passed away, his beloved Bible was under his hand and Lanis, his wife of 50 years, and his three children were with him.

Gary is survived by his wife, Lanis; his three children, Lisa Kemp, Erik Shearer and Rhonda Dustin; his mother, Norma; and four siblings, Jeanne, Kay, Peggy and Darrell; six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Leo Arthur Beardsley (BA '67), 72, of Havre, Montana, died of bladder cancer Dec. 16, 2016.

Leo graduated from Cedar Lake Academy, received his bachelor's degree from

Andrews University and his master's degree from Montana State University.

Leo began his Montana adventure moving west at the age of 25 with his new bride. He spent more than 25 years educating the youth of the state, with particular dedication to public elementary education.

Leo had numerous personal interests. He was an avid hunter and trapper, hiker, camper, gardener, singer-songwriter, poet, pilot, woodworker, grandfather, one of the early members of the Bullhook Bottoms Barbershop Chorus, and an elder of the Havre Seventh-day Adventist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, **Sally (Hammond) Beardsley** (BS '68) of Havre; his son, Kipling Beardsley and his husband, Matthew Nelson; his daughter, Shelly Harris and grandchildren Logan and Ryleah Harris; his sister Nancy Beardsley and brother, Jerry.

Nona Mae (Roosma) Ludeman (former staff), 87, died Dec. 24, 2016, in Niles, Michigan.

Nona married Robert Ludeman on June 30, 1949, in a double wedding ceremony with her sister Anna and Delbert Clark.

Nona worked as a secretary at Upper Columbia Academy in Spangle, Washington, while her husband taught math and science at the same facility, from 1957–1967. They then moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan. Nona first worked in the Andrews University library, and then as executive secretary to the president of the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, while Robert was a professor at Andrews University until their retirement in 1994.

Nona volunteered at several Seventh-day Adventist organizations in Berrien Springs such as Neighbor to Neighbor, Adventist Frontier Missions, Your Story Hour, ASAP, and Pioneer Memorial Church. Fol-

lowing retirement, Nona and Robert spent their winters volunteering at the Seventh-day Adventist Pine Lake Resort near Orlando, Florida.

She is survived by her husband, **Robert Ludeman** (former faculty) of Niles, and by three nieces and four nephews.



Lawrence Burtnett (BS '56), 87, died Jan. 5, 2017, in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

He graduated from Andrews University with a bachelor's degree in business management. This is where he met Clara Belle Carson of Hillsdale, Michigan. They were married in 1951.

After graduation Larry moved his family to Nashville, Tennessee, where he worked for Southern Publishing Association as a periodical manager. Many years later that company merged with Review and Herald in Hagerstown, Maryland where he retired after 39 years.

In retirement Larry and Clara first moved to Crossville and then to Chattanooga.

He is survived by his wife; Clara Belle, children; Dan (Debbie) Burtnett, Dennis (Cindy) Burtnett, and grandchildren; Ryan, **Ashleigh** (BA '10, current staff), Brittney and Courtney.

Margaret Evelyn "Peggy" Kroncke (MA '70), 89, died Jan. 6, 2017 in Temecula, California.

Peggy attended Washington Missionary College in Takoma Park, Maryland, where she



received a BA in English and speech in 1949. She married **John Andrew Kroncke** (MA '66, MA '73, DMin '74) on Sept. 10, 1950.

Peggy went on to a prolific career, first as an elementary and junior high school teacher in Pennsylvania, Indiana and Michigan, where she taught English to hundreds of students. In 1980 she became a university administrator at Andrews University where she served for a decade as director of freshman education and vice president for Student Affairs.

Along with her teaching career, Peggy also served for 40 years alongside her husband as they ministered to congregations of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Pennsylvania, Indiana and Michigan.

Peggy was a woman of many talents and she enjoyed artistic endeavors such as china painting, knitting and singing in the church choir.

Peggy spent her retirement years along with her husband in Palm Beach County, Florida; Las Vegas, Nevada; and finally in Temecula, California.

Peggy was pre-deceased by her husband in 2012 and her son, **Arthur J. Kroncke** (BA '76, MA '78) in 2013.

She is survived by her son, **John Kroncke Jr.** (BS '80) and his wife, **Rachel** (BS '81); her grandson, Johnathan Kroncke; and daughter-in-law, Lavonne Kroncke.

Jacquelyn Marie Davidson (att., former staff), 86, of Niles, died Jan. 11, 2017, in Niles, Michigan.



Jacquelyn was born Jan. 22, 1930, in Toledo, Ohio, the daughter of Raymond and Minnie (Markes) Shay. She married William W. Davidson on Feb. 17, 1951, in Toledo. She earned her teaching certificate and taught church school in Athens, Ohio, and Parkersburg, West Virginia. In 1970 the family moved to Berrien Springs, where Jacquelyn worked as office secretary for Ruth Murdoch Elementary School on the campus of Andrews University, and later for Food Services. She was a church member at Pioneer Memorial Church, later transferring to the Edwardsburg Adventist Church.

Survivors include her husband, **William** (former faculty); three sons: William Jr. (Cathy), **Mark** (att.) (Karen), **John** (att.) (**Karen**, BS '81); two daughters: **Shawna** (att.) (Dan) Guiett and Carol (Charles) Mendoza; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Cebert Barrington "Barry" Edwards (BMus '75, MMus '77) died on Jan. 19, 2017. Born Aug. 21, 1949, in Jamaica, Barry was raised in a religious home, the third of five children. He took piano lessons from his mother and sang in a quartet with his brothers.

Barry studied engineering at West Indies College (Mandeville, Jamaica) while also exploring his passion for music, joining numerous ensembles. In 1969, he transferred to the School of Music

at University of Hartford (Connecticut), performing in operas and directing a church choir.

In 1975, Barry's brothers convinced him to join them at Andrews University, where he sang with the Good News Quartet and met **Karleen Rennalls** (BS '78). They married three years later.

After graduating, Barry earned advanced certificates in school building, school district administration and a master's in educational technology. In 1977, he began teaching voice, music history and chorale at West Indies College. Barry, his brother Donnie and friends Herbie and Oswald revived the College's historic male quartet, The Heralds.

In 1979, Barry and Karleen welcomed their first child, **Christopher** (BT '09), and over the years added Melissa, Jeremy and Kester. A year later, Barry became chair of the music department at Greater New York Academy. Barry became the church organist and a founding



board member of the South Bay Junior Academy. He served for 11 years, helping the new school grow from 15 to 70 students.

Barry's 30-year career also included special education, teaching music to students of various levels of cognitive development, communication, emotional and behavioral disorders and physical and developmental disabilities.

Shortly after retirement, Barry was diagnosed with a rare terminal disease called Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. Karleen's loving care allowed him to enjoy life until his death.

Luz Haydeé Ruiz-Tenorio (BA '97, MDiv '00) was born Jan. 30, 1958, in Miraflores, Peru.

She and her sister Willyta moved to the U.S. in June 1979 as student missionaries. Luz resided in Berrien Springs and was administrative assistant for the School of Architecture & Interior Design.

Luz was well-educated in Bible and religious studies, having earned an AA in Bible work and personal ministry from Loma Linda University and BA in theology and MDiv from Andrews University.

She loved to play the piano and sing; she sang often, both solos and in numerous choirs.

Luz was always concerned for non-Christian family members. On one trip to Peru, Luz visited her grandparents' hometown to make sure every resident received a Bible. Her grandparents suffered persecution and all Bibles in their village were burned. Ninety years later, thanks to Luz, each family received a Bible again.

She was also the force behind her mother's dream to build an elementary school in Palpa,



Peru, which became reality in 2013. One hundred students were enrolled; only one was Adventist.

Luz believed in empowering young women, praying that younger generations

of women would enroll in God's work. She wrote two papers supporting women in ministry and translated several others on the topic.

When asked why she hadn't applied to conferences which support female pastors, Luz replied, "I have my own mission here. Many of these students will be working in secular environments and they need to know God before they leave."

Following more than six weeks of agonizing pain in misdiagnosis, Luz was diagnosed with stage four bone cancer in September 2016, and went peacefully to sleep in Jesus at her sister's and brother-in-law's Wisconsin home on December 25, 2016.

In her last few weeks, Luz implored family and friends, "Let's promise to be faithful so we can meet in Heaven."

Luz is survived by her sister **Willyta** (MAYM '05, former staff) and brother-in-law **Douglas** (MBA '90) **Wamack** of Columbus, Wisconsin. She was predeceased by her mother, **Wilfrida Tenorio-Ruiz** (MA '95).