



Alvin Richard Klein



Kofi Owusu-Mensa



JoAnne Favors

1950s

Alvin Richard Klein (BA '54) recently finished an intensive two-volume writing project that he's been working on for the past 19–20 years. It chronicles his family's history, beginning with his Dad's parents, Ed & Elizabeth Klein, who came to America from the Ukraine of Russia. Volume one also includes his mother, Ann Kathryn Korody and family coming from Hungary and Romania. The second volume continues with the Ted and Ann Klein family, of which Alvin is a part. Revealing how a large family lived in rural America more than a century ago, it also highlights how both families were led into the Seventh-day Adventist Church. At 406 spiral-bound pages, this is a true treasure for family members and close friends. Alvin writes, "I am excited that before my 88th birthday (April 27, 2016) I have been blessed by our loving Lord to have finished this project."

1970s

Kofi Owusu-Mensa (MA '70), retired professor of history from Valley View University in Accra, Ghana, recently visited the Andrews University campus after giving a presentation at the eighth triennial conference of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Historians. The conference, titled "Periods of Transition," was held at La Sierra University, March 17–19, 2016. Kofi presented "Christian Abraham Ackah of Kikam and the Roots of Seventh-day Adventist Christian Education in Ghana, 1903–1912." He is also the author of two books: "Ghana Seventh-day Adventism: A History," published in 2005 and "Thirty Years of Valley View University, 1979 to 2009," published in 2010. Both were published by Advent Press, Accra, Ghana. Though retired since 2005, Kofi still travels to make presentations in many places.

1980s

Derek Morris (MDiv '80, DMin '87) was recently named president of Hope Channel, the Seventh-day Adventist Church's international television network with 43 affiliate channels. His previous position was editor of Ministry magazine.

Morris, an associate secretary for the Adventist world church's Ministerial Association since 2010, begins his new role with an already established relationship with Hope Channel. For more than six years he has served as host of Hope Channel's most-watched program, "Hope Sabbath School," a weekly, interactive Bible study program.

Morris holds a Doctor of Ministry in preaching from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Charlotte, North Carolina, and a Doctor of Ministry in practical theology from the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary.

JoAnne Favors (MS '89) announced her candidacy for the 28th Legislative District House seat (Chattanooga, Tennessee) in the August 4 Democratic Primary. She currently serves on the Health, and Insurance and Banking Committees and has served as vice chair of the Democratic Caucus, Health Professions chair, and House Democratic Whip. She was also appointed as Tennessee Director for Women in Government, Inc., and serves as co-chair for Mayor Andy Berke's Council on Women in which over 200 women participate. She arranges for A Day on Capitol Hill each year for her constituents to travel to Nashville and learn about the political process.

Her professional, political and civic background includes obtaining a master's degree in nursing administration and adult health from Andrews University, being elected as state representative in 2004, being the first African American female to be elected to the Hamilton County Commission in 1998 and 2002, serving as executive director of the Southside and Dodson Avenue Community Health Centers, associate professor of nursing at Chattanooga State Community College, head nurse and clinical nurse specialist. She has received many honors and service awards, and is a frequent speaker at civic, religious and educational events.

1990s

Maurice Ngai (MBA '92) has been appointed as a new independent director, chair of the Audit Committee and a member of the Compensation Committee for SPI Energy Co. Ltd., based in Shanghai. SPI is a global provider of photovoltaic (PV) solutions for business, residential, government and utility customers and investors. Ngai is the founder and CEO of SW Corporate



Rick McEdward



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Services Group Limited, a company providing company secretarial, corporate governance and compliance services. Prior to that, he was the director and head of listing services of an independent integrated corporate services provider. He has over 25 years of corporate and professional experience, working in senior management posts of company secretary, executive director and chief financial officer.

Ngai obtained a doctoral degree in finance at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, a master's degree in corporate finance from Hong Kong Polytechnic University, a master's degree in business administration from Andrews University of Michigan and a bachelor's degree in laws at University of Wolverhampton. He is in a selected talent pool of State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration of the State Council (SASAC) and is serving as an independent non-executive director of several reputable listed companies.

Rick McEdward (MDiv '93) was elected president of the Seventh-day Adventist Church's Middle East and North Africa Union, a region that has half a billion people and is one of the most difficult places in the world to share the gospel. He has served as director of the Global Mission Centers for World Religions and associate director of the Office of Adventist Mission since 2011. The MENA Union Mission Oversight Committee elected McEdward to replace Homer Trecartin, who asked to return to the United States for health and family reasons. McEdward also served as associate director of the Institute of World Mission at the Andrews University Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary. He received his undergraduate degree from Walla Walla College (now Walla Walla University) in 1990 and his Master of Divinity from Andrews University. He completed a doctorate in missiology from Fuller Graduate Schools in 2012.

2000s

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga recently announced the appointment of **David Rausch** (PhD '08) as vice provost for Academic Affairs. Rausch has a PhD in leadership from Andrews University and MBA from Samford University. Rausch also completed post-doc graduate work in education technology at Michigan State University and is certified as an instructor/administrator in a number of Learning Management Systems as well as being certified as a Quality Matters Peer Reviewer.

Rausch joined the UTC faculty in 2009. He has served as director of the doctoral program in Learning and Leadership and director of the School of Professional Studies. Prior to coming to UTC, Rausch held faculty and administrative positions at Samford University, Davenport University, Northwood University, Macomb Community College, and as visiting faculty for the University of Santo Amaro, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

In addition to his extensive experience in higher education, Rausch has also worked in marketing and sales, strategic planning, investments and securities, and served in the U.S. Navy for four years.

Deaths

Virginia Ellen Eakley (DIP2YR '46, BS '59, MA '63), 91, of Berrien Springs, Michigan died on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at her home.

She was born to Verna M. and Leroy A. Eakley on May 13, 1924, in Oak Harbor, Ohio.

Virginia graduated from Bethel Academy in Arpin, Wisconsin, in 1943, and Emmanuel Missionary College (now Andrews University) in 1947. She worked as a Seventh-day Adventist elementary school teacher for 40 years in Ohio; Cicero, Indiana; and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School in Berrien Springs. She enjoyed traveling, writing poetry, and her cats and dogs.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her older sister,



Annabel E. Sevison; her younger sister, Marion Moyer; her cousin, Marvin (who was raised by her parents); and friend, **Phyllis Standen** (former faculty).

Survivors include her cousin, David Goodsight; stepniece, Laura Frey; and stepnephew, Lester Sevison.

Agnes E. Gibson (former staff), 100, of Berrien Springs, Michigan, died April 3, 2016, in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Agnes was born March 10, 1916, in Rainy River, Ontario, Canada, the daughter of Charles J. and Anna (Ferris) Louiseau.



In addition to caring for her family, she had been postal clerk and manager of the Andrews University Post Office for 40 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lewis Philip Gibson, in 1958; two brothers, Stanley and Gilbert Louiseau, and her son Garth, who died April 25, 2016.

Agnes is survived by her son, Robert (Debbie) of Pentwater, Michigan; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and her sister, Margaret Squire of Pentwater.

Grace (Benedict) Delaware Hamilton (BS '61) died on March 31, 2016, in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Grace was born January 3, 1910, in Bristol, Wisconsin to Elizabeth Higgins Benedict and LeGrand Benedict.

In her 106 years, Grace lived through much history, including the 1918 influenza epidemic. She also campaigned with her mother and sister to gain the women's right to vote. Living through the Great Depression was a vivid memory and caused her to always be creative in ways to reuse, rebuild, repurpose and recycle.

Grace attended Carroll College in Waukesha, Wisconsin and completed her undergraduate work at Andrews University. She earned her graduate degree in education from Bowling Green University in Ohio. She also studied at McCormick Seminary in

Chicago, University of Pittsburgh and Western Michigan University. She taught school in Michigan, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

On June 7, 1930, Grace married Everett Delaware, a Presbyterian pastor. Until his retirement, Grace worked at his side in such roles as Sunday school teacher, choir director and secretary. He passed away in 1983.

One year later, at a Carroll College reunion, Grace met Harold Hamilton, a man she had dated in student days, who was also widowed. The two married in 1985. They were together until Harold died in 1996.

Grace led a rich, full and active life. She looked upon retirement as an opportunity to try new things, enrolling in woodworking classes, braiding rugs and caning chairs. She also became an active volunteer in the community, even tutoring young men in jail as they acquired their GED. In her 90s, she tutored foreign students in English.

Grace was preceded in death by two infant children, Charles Beals Delaware and Mary Jo Delaware; and an adult daughter, Nancy Lee Delaware.

She is survived by daughter Elizabeth and her husband **John Sangerloo** (BA '61) of Reno, Nevada; and son, John Everett Delaware (Nancy) of Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Dennis Frederick Wales (att.), 75, of Berrien Springs, passed away March 21, 2016 at his home.

Dennis was born Nov. 15, 1940 in Stambaugh, Michigan to Ernest & Gladys (Shoquist) Wales. He married Janet Bengry in Stambaugh on Sept. 3, 1960.

He graduated from Iron River High School and then attended Andrews University. Dennis was president of D.W. Enterprises and J. & D. Properties. He loved his family and enjoyed spending quality time with them.

Dennis is survived by his wife Janet; daughter Kim (**Gary** (att.)) **Keiser** of Berrien Springs; sons **Dana** (att.) (Dawn) Wales of Berrien Springs and **Scott** (BBA '90) (**Valerie VanAllen** (BS '87, MSPT '88)) Wales of Berrien Springs; grandchildren Preston & Derek Lane, Aaron Keiser, **Cody** (BBA '16) & Kailey Wales, Callahan, Cienna & Celton Wales; brothers **Robert Wales** (att.) of Houghton, Michigan and **Richard Wales** (att.) of St. Joseph, Michigan.

Dennis was preceded in death by his parents.

Jerry R. Coyle (MA '55), 85, died March 20, 2016, in Maryville, Tennessee. He was born Nov. 30, 1930 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

While attending Platte Valley Academy, he joined the



Seventh-day Adventist Church. He then went to Union College in Lincoln, graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1954. In 1955 he received his master's degree in religion from the Seminary in Washington, D.C. He served as pastor-teacher in Fergus Falls, and Blackberry, Minnesota.

On August 18, 1957 he married Virginia Durichek in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They pastored districts in St. Paul, Lamberton and Duluth, Minnesota.

Following that they moved to St. Joseph, Missouri and Charlotte, North Carolina,