

Deaths

Robert A. Thompson

(BA '60, MA '61), 86, of Fayetteville, Tennessee, died October 23, 2015.

He was born June 20, 1929 in Bass Station, Indiana, son of the late Frederick Thompson and the late Nellie (Wilhelm) Thompson.

Robert (Bob) grew up in an extended family home at Bass Station. He attended grade school in California Township and graduated from North Judson High School.

He was married in 1948, bought a farm near the home farm and planned to stay indefinitely. In 1956 he felt a call to the ministry and went to Emmanuel Missionary College in Berrien Springs, Michigan, graduating in 1960. He stayed an additional year at the school (now Andrews University) and received his Master of Divinity in 1961.

Bob served the Seventh-day Adventist Church for the next 40 years as a pastor, evangelist and administrator in various locations throughout the world. One of his favorite posts was as the president of the Indiana Conference which he served for several years.

His last post was as the president of the Middle Eastern Union of SDA which included the countries of Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, UAE and Yemen.

After retirement Bob moved back to his farm at Bass Station. He was instrumental in building the Community SDA Church near his farm. After the church was built, he moved to Alabama, then Florida, and finally Tennessee. His last home was a country home near Fayetteville, Tennessee.

Surviving are his wife, **Violet (Karowski) Thompson** (att.) of Fayetteville, Tennessee; sons

Lawrence (BS '75) (Linda) of Coldwater, Tennessee and **Daniel** (BA '79, MDiv '83) (**Linda** (BS '81)) of Pensacola, Florida; brother **James Thompson** (att.) of Cicero, Indiana; sisters Kathryn Macklin of Berrien Springs, Michigan and Margaret Miles of Collegedale, Tennessee; grandsons Douglas (Melisa) Thompson and **Jonathon** (BMus'13) (Evaine) **Thompson**; granddaughters **Amy** (att.) (Jeff) **Dunfield** and **Rachelle** (BFA '09) (**Brenton** (BMus '09)) **Offenback**; and two great-granddaughters Jillian Thompson and Kayleigh Offenback.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Gerald Thompson, brother Clarence Thompson and sister Betty Fieg.

David Lewis Russell (BA '60), 76, died suddenly at his home in Blacksburg, Virginia, on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015.

David completed a doctorate in mathematics at the University of Minnesota-St. Paul in 1964. During his career he was a professor of mathematics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison from 1965 to 1988, and at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech), Blacksburg, from 1988 to the present.

During his years as a professor, he guided over 30 students who obtained a PhD or a master's degree in mathematics and he authored over 125 scientific publications.

He specialized in the fields of mathematics known as ordinary and partial differential equations, systems theory, elasticity, mathematical modeling, and control theory. He was particularly interested in practical applications of mathematics and carried out work for the UW Modelling Information Processing and Control (MIPAC) Facility, Honeywell Inc., Battelle



Laboratories, the U.S. Army Fire Control Division, the U.S. Naval Surface Weapons Center, the U.S. Army Applied Mathematics Steering Committee, and was a member of the NSF Panel on Future Directions in Control Theory.

Goong Chen, a professor of mathematics at Texas A&M in College Station, Texas, earned his doctoral degree under Russell at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, in 1977. Having kept in touch over the years, Chen describes Professor Russell as "...a world-renowned expert in the field of control theory of differential equations." Chen noted that Russell's research "...won recognition as a true pioneer and giant in the field." He "...shaped to a great extent the future direction of distributed parameter control theory for decades after it was published."

David was an Andrews University Alumnus of Achievement in 1980. He also garnered many other honors and awards, including being a U.S. National Defense Education Act Fellow, a member of the Editorial Boards for the SIAM Journal on Control, and a consulting editor for the Proceedings (A) of the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

He was well-known for his quiet intelligence, kindness, integrity and humor. He was a capable carpenter, a skilled

artist, an avid reader and opera fan, and a world traveler who could communicate in several languages.

"Dave Russell liked to express contrarian opinions, always gently and with humor. He was a distinguished mathematician and an exceedingly humane person," said Professor Peter Haskell, chair of the Virginia Tech Department of Mathematics. "He often stood up for an assistant professor or graduate student who was going against the grain. Due either to the power of charity or the clarity of Dave's insight, that young mathematician often went on to achieve more than anyone but Dave expected."

David held his Andrews professors and friends in high regard and was always delighted to see them or hear from them. He was also a treasured family man and is sadly missed by his wife, Susan Li Russell, and children, Jessica Wu Russell and Robert Wu, and by the children from his first marriage to **Rebecca Kovener Russell** (att.); Raymond (Janice) Russell; James (Marion) Russell; Matthew (Sveta) Russell, and four grandchildren. Also surviving are his sister, **Carolyn (Aubrey) Osmond** (att.), nieces and nephews, extended family, and many friends and colleagues.

William Liversidge

(MA '72, former faculty) died Sept. 25, 2015 at his home in Palm Springs, California. He was 74.

A native of Melbourne, Australia, Liversidge went as a missionary to New Guinea in 1973 where he served as a pastor and directed the training of ministers at Somona Adventist College. In 1975 he transferred to the Western Pacific Union Mission based in the Solomon Islands and directed several departments.

Gottfried Oosterwal (former faculty), 85, of Berrien Springs, Michigan passed away Monday, Nov. 9, 2015, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo.

He was born in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, to the late Hillebrand and Margarethe T. (Obrikat) Oosterwal.

Oosterwal's formative years were spent in Rotterdam during World War II. He had a passion for people and studied theology, history and anthropology at Cambridge and University of Utrecht, receiving his doctorate in 1956. In October 1957 he married Emilie Tilstra; to this union of 41 years, three children were born.

They were missionaries to Papua New Guinea, and he became known as "the missionary's missionary." After teaching at Philippine Union College, he moved to the United States to teach anthropology and missions at Andrews University in 1968. With his interest in anthropology and passion for missions, he cofounded the Mission Institute to prepare outgoing missionaries for their missions abroad.



Later in life he founded the Center for Intercultural Relations, where he continued his passion for bringing people together and raising awareness for cultural diversity. He most recently focused on medical care and treatment of the whole person, recognizing that cultures have different expectations and needs for healing. He was the author as well as subject of many books and articles.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Siegfried Oosterwal (1930); and a sister, Kriemhild "Hilde" Hantelmann (1982).

Gottfried is survived by his daughter, **Verona Valentine** (att.) of Roselle, Illinois; two sons, **Dantar** (att.) (Kathey) of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and **Erik** (BS '90) (**Susan** (AS '86)) of Dowagiac, Michigan; five grandchildren: Erik-Philip and Matthew Oosterwal of Dowagiac, Michigan, Audrey and Eva Oosterwal of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and David Valentine of Roselle, Illinois; a brother, Siegfried "Flip" (Margreet) Oosterwal of Bergen, Netherlands; and a sister, Elfriede Oosterwal of Goes, Netherlands.

Liversidge and his family immigrated to the United States in 1978 when he became pastor of the Central Adventist Church in Las Vegas, Nevada. In 1980 he was elected ministerial and lay activities director of the Southwestern Union Conference, where he began church growth research and the development of the seminars for which he would become well-known within the denomination.

In the mid-1980s he brought his church growth training program to the Columbia Union Conference where he served as associate ministerial director.

In 1987 he formed an independent ministry based in Silver Spring, Maryland, and initially incorporated as Creative Growth Ministries. Since that time he worked as a self-supporting evangelist and resource person with what is now called Creative Media Ministries, a member of the Adventist-laymen's Services and Industries (ASI).

Using an inductive approach

to Bible study, Liversidge taught seminars for pastors and lay leaders on salvation in Christ, New Testament principles of spiritual growth, spiritual gifts and the ministry of all believers, inductive Bible teaching and understanding the Book of Revelation. He was often invited to be a guest speaker for retreats, special weekends and camp meetings.

Teaching series on television featuring Liversidge are currently carried by the Loma Linda Broadcasting Network, the Hope Channel and Three Angels Broadcasting Network. He wrote two books and authored six video series on DVD and ten audio series on CD.

Charles W. Cole (M.Div. '73), 72, of Coudersport, Pennsylvania, died August 12, 2015 in Buffalo, New York.

Born June 29, 1943, in Long Beach, California, he was the son of Frederick E. and Nettie B. Cole.

Charlie was a 1962 graduate of Coudersport High School and earned an associate's degree from Paul Smith Forestry College in New York, a bachelor's degree from Columbia Union College of Takoma Park, Maryland, and a Master of Divinity from Andrews University.

On August 4, 1968 he married Linda Setzer. Together they had three boys: Jay, Corbett and Nathan.

Charlie loved being involved with many groups and organizations. His accomplishments included being an ordained minister with the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He served as pastor at the Shadyside SDA Church (now the McKnight Road SDA Church) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as well as the Mifflintown/Lewistown/State College district.

Charlie also enjoyed playing the bass guitar and keyboard with his friends, the "Ollie and the Go Go's band" and was involved with many productions

with the Potter-McKean Players, a community theatre group. He held numerous positions with the Coudersport Fire Department, among them being fire chief from 1986-88, assistant chief, board member, life member, fire instructor and he attained many certifications relating to those duties. He was a volunteer with the Coudersport Volunteer Ambulance Association, and was an EMT and paramedic for Cole Memorial Hospital and Soldiers and Sailors Hospital in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. Charlie was involved with the first paramedic program in the region.

On July 29, 1989, he married the former Carol Lajcsak, and gained a stepdaughter, Katie Keck.

After retiring from Charles Cole Memorial Hospital in Coudersport in 2008, he continued to work part-time, spent his days walking his dog and served as a Sabbath school teacher and elder in the Coudersport SDA Church.

Surviving are his wife, Carol Cole of Coudersport; stepdaughter, Katie Keck of Manchester, New Hampshire; brother, Kenneth (Terry) of Coudersport; his former wife, Linda Lohr of Coudersport; his son Jay (Connie) Cole, and granddaughters Alyson and Sarah of Centerville, Ohio; his son Corbett (**Dina** (BS '97, MSPT '98) Cole, and grandchildren Gabriel and Liberty of Harrison, Tennessee; his son Nathan (Cara) Cole and grandsons Austin and Jaxson, of Bel Air, Maryland; and cousin Billie Jo (John) Zweig of Lorton, Virginia.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Gary S. Waterhouse (M.Div. '71) of Oregon City, Oregon, died at home on Tuesday, July 14, 2015.

Born Nov. 29, 1946 in Minneapolis, Minnesota, Waterhouse graduated from Maplewood Academy in Hutchinson, Minnesota in 1964 as senior class president. He attended Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska and received a BA in theology from Pacific Union College in Angwin, California in 1968.

After graduating from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary in 1971, he started ministry in his home state of Minnesota and also pastored in the Central California and Alaska conferences. While living in Juneau, Alaska, he served as the Alaska vice president for government relations of the Northwest Religious Liberty Association (North Pacific Union Conference of SDA) at the Alaska State Legislature from 2002–2009. He retired to Oregon after 40 years of pastoral service.

Lifetime hobbies included photography and many sports, especially golf, and he led youth groups on canoe trips to the Boundary Waters Canoe

Area Wilderness in northern Minnesota. When in California, he spent as much time as possible in Yosemite National Park, whether hiking, climbing, or taking photographs. In retirement he continued as an elder in the Tabernacle Church in Portland, Oregon, and greatly enjoyed his grandchildren.

Gary is survived by his wife **Arna (Dyresen)** (att.); son **Mark Waterhouse** (att.) and wife LaVonna (Becker) of Caldwell, Idaho; daughter Mindy Thygeson and husband Hans of West Linn, Oregon; and five grandchildren.

Joyce Elaine Wilson (att.), 87, of Battle Creek, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, May 26, 2015.

She was born Jan. 1, 1928, daughter of Maureen (Fisher) and Lyle Iden. Joyce was raised by her grandparents, Hazel and Franklin Fisher and was a graduate of the Emmanuel Missionary College Accelerated Teaching Certification program near the end of WWII; and later graduated from Kellogg Community College with a degree in secretarial science.

Before starting her family, Joyce taught in a one-room school in Cadillac, Michigan. After starting her family, she worked at Sullivan Milk Products, was a real estate agent for DeLano Realty and operated her own daycare. She retired from the VA Medical Center.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 70 years, **Deryck “Lee” Wilson** (att.); daughters Cheryl (David) Cunningham and Wendy (Eric) Miller; son **Brian Wilson** (BS '87, MS '89); grandchildren Brandon (Mary) and Adam Miller; **Jennifer** (att.) (David) Cunningham Benninghoff; Craig (Amber) Cunningham; and Deryck (Sarah Heuser) Cunningham; and seven great-grandchildren.

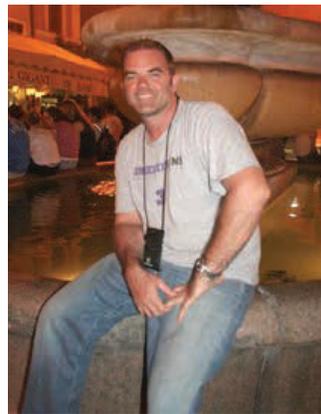
She was preceded in death

by her parents, grandparents, brother and eldest son Deryck “Derry” Lee Wilson Jr.

Mark Arnold Farenick

(BSIT '91), 48, of Chandler, Arizona, died April 22, 2015.

Mark was born in Pontiac, Michigan, on Nov. 9, 1966, to **Arnold Farenick** (BS '71) and June (Fessenden) Farenick (deceased). Mark was an amazing older brother to his sister **Diane (Farenick) Myers** (BT '91, current faculty) and fun-loving uncle to Zoe and Raven.



During his school years he made many lifelong friends growing up in Centerville, Ohio attending Spring Valley Academy, then later in Stoneham, Massachusetts at Edgewood Elementary. For high school he moved with his family to Oshawa, Ontario (Canada) and attended Kingsway College, where he graduated in 1985.

After graduating, he decided to see what the world had to offer and decided he wanted to learn French. He studied at Collonges for a year and was met by his dad and sister so they could travel Europe together for a month before coming home to Canada. The following year he traveled to England and attended Newbold College where he spent many weekends and breaks exploring England and

Europe. His love for travel and adventure never ceased!

Returning to Michigan to continue his education, Mark attended Andrews University and majored in French and aviation. After graduation he lived and worked locally.

Mark loved the changing of seasons, but was tired of shoveling snow during the Michigan winters so started looking for a new adventure. Arizona was the answer. In 2003, he moved to Chandler and enjoyed finding great places to eat, soaking up the sunshine, beautiful desert views, and exploring new places.

Mark's life was short, but he lived it well. In August 2014 he attended a reunion at Newbold College and enjoyed more time traveling in Europe. The news when he returned home to Arizona was not good—he was diagnosed with colon cancer.

Mark was loved by many and his laugh and positive outlook on life will be missed by his family, cousins, aunts, uncles and many friends from all over the world.

Two celebrations of Mark's life were planned—one in Chandler, Arizona in April and one in May on the campus of Kingsway College during the weekend of his 30th high school reunion.

Mark was buried with his mother in Whitby, Ontario, Canada.