

Richard I. Morris (former staff), 88, died May 13, 2017, in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Richard was born Sept. 16, 1928, in Decatur, Michigan, the son of Alba and Mildred (Huber) Morris. He was the great-great-grandson of Dolphin Morris, the first pioneer settler of Van Buren County. He proudly served his country with the U.S. Army.

On June 20, 1948, in Glenwood, Michigan, he married Jeanette Hall. The couple made their home in Berrien Springs for the last 45 years, coming from Decatur. Richard was a mason by trade and helped build Pioneer Memorial Church, where they were members. He later worked at Plant Services at Andrews University for many years until retirement. He enjoyed working in his yard and loved traveling around the world with his wife.

He is survived by a nephew, Ron (Sheridan) Morris of Millburg; and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanette, two daughters, Janice and Judy, brother, Roger, and an infant brother.

Riva Fidel Robinson (BA '54), 89, died April 30, 2017, in Palm Springs, California.

He was born on Nov. 7, 1927 in San Andres, Colombia, South America.

After graduating from high school, Riva followed in the footsteps of his father by becoming a seaman. He was on his way to becoming a sea captain when he changed course and decided to further his education.

Riva attended Emmanuel Missionary College, graduating with a double major in business and history and a minor in French. On July 18, 1954, he married Vivien D. Townsend.

At the age of 40, Riva re-

turned to school to study medicine at Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, Mexico. He practiced medicine for many years in Paw Paw, Michigan and in Santa Maria and Blythe, California.

His education was sponsored through generous loans and gifts from friends and family. He then paid it forward by assisting untold others with furthering their education.

After retiring from medical practice at the age of 79, he wrote four books, including a biography of his mother and an autobiography.

Riva was a modern-day Renaissance Man. He loved music, history, science and travel and spoke French, Spanish, English and Creole fluently. There were two passions in his life: religion and baseball. He was a lifelong member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and was instrumental in starting and nurturing churches in Santa Maria and Blythe and the Rocky Point School in Providence, Colombia.

He is survived by his wife Vivien Robinson of Vacaville, California, his children, **Riva F. Robinson Jr.** (M.Div. '85), Ronald E. Robinson, Ronda Ringer and Richard Robinson; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild and two step-grandsons.

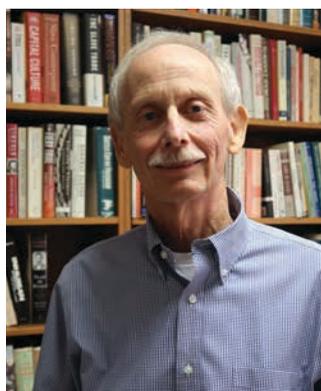
Charles Robert Dowell (BS '60, MMus '70), 84, died April 16, 2017 in St. Joseph, Michigan.

He was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, to Walter Ernest and Rhea (Short) Dowell on August 15, 1932, the only son of six children. He served in the Army from 1953–1961 and was stationed mainly in Germany.

He was a music teacher in the Southwest Michigan area for many years. He then started his own insurance business and served his clients with kind, thoughtful and ethical care until he retired.

He will be remembered for his infectious smile and his willingness to help anyone in need. He loved to sit on the porch watching the birds and the sunset, and talking about the years he sang in the men's quartet.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents and sisters Bessie and Sally. He is survived by three sisters: Nancy, Martha, and Kathy; his wife, Judith Ann Deck Dowell; his children: Randy (Leslie) Dowell, Teri (Chris) Dowell Guzicki, and Mike Dowell; and six grandchildren.



Benjamin Gerald McArthur, (BA '73), 66, of Collegedale, Tennessee, died April 10, 2017.

He was born Feb. 12, 1951, in Lincoln, Nebraska, to John and Ruby (Shafer) McArthur. He graduated with a degree in history in 1973 from Andrews University and in 1979 received his PhD in American history from the University of Chicago.

Ben was a respected teacher and an active scholar. From 1979–2017 he taught in the History Department of Southern Adventist University in Collegedale, Tennessee, except for a three-year period from 2009–2012 during which he served as the academic dean of Southwestern Adventist University in Keene, Texas. He published three books and numerous articles during his long academic career.

Ben was also a member of the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church, an avid

tennis player, and a Nebraska Cornhuskers fan.

He is survived by his beloved wife Callie, whom he married in 1980; his daughter Emily McArthur deCarvalho and her husband Rob deCarvalho; his son Mills McArthur who is pursuing doctoral studies at his father's alma mater—the University of Chicago; two grandchildren, Lily and Alec; and his five siblings: Sue Krueger, Frank McArthur, John McArthur, James McArthur, and Linda Krein.



Melvin Gene Krause (former staff) died March 25, 2017 in Seattle, Washington, due to kidney failure as a result of metastatic prostate cancer.

Mel received his pilot's license while enlisted in the Army and was a graduate from Oregon College with a degree in education.

He functioned as the chief flight instructor and program director of the Andrews University aviation department from 1973–1977. The highlight of his time at the university was delivering a de Havilland Beaver that had been purchased from an Army Surplus facility.

Following his time at Andrews, he taught 2nd and 3rd grade students in Cassopolis, Michigan from 1978–1995 and spent his summers flying as a crop duster in Plainfield, Wisconsin. In his spare time, Mel

also enjoyed building homes and constructed three of them for his family in Berrien Springs

After retiring in 1996 he moved to Newberg, Oregon, then to Niles, Michigan and finally Auburn, Washington.

Mel was predeceased by his wife, **Phila-Mae** (BS '81) in 1987. He is survived by his son, **Tony Krause** (MSPT '92), daughter-in-law **Jeannie (Tison) Krause** (MSPT '90), daughter Tammie (Krause) Schear, son-in-law Brian Schear and three grandchildren.



W. Larry Richards (MA '63, BD '68, professor emeritus) died March 18, 2017, at home surrounded by his family, accepting his passing just as he lived his 81 years—with infinite grace, dignity and tranquility.

Richards received his undergraduate degree from Pacific Union College, his Master of Divinity from Andrews University and his PhD from Northwestern University.

Larry was a church pastor, professor in Pacific Union College's Department of Theology, seminary professor in the New Testament department at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and director for the Greek Manuscript Research Center at Andrews University.

Richards contributed to Adventist theological discussion through teaching and writing for decades. Most notable was

his commentary on the books of First and Second Corinthians and his very popular "Read Greek in 30 Days (or less)."

Bille Kelly Burdick (BS '75), 84, of Ooltewah, Tennessee, died Feb. 5, 2017, in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Bille was born March 31, 1932, in Shelby, Michigan, the daughter of Richard and Ellen (Collins) Kelly. She earned her bachelor's degree and was a teacher for a time before devoting herself to being a homemaker and caring for her family.

Survivors include two sons, **Gary Burdick** (current faculty) of Berrien Springs and Rich Burdick of Montrose, Colorado; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Burdick.



Robert Don Moon III (CERT '81, BBA '84), 55, died Feb. 3, 2017, in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Bob was born Feb. 27, 1961, in Charlotte, Michigan to Robert Don Moon Jr. and Marie Louise Penner Moon. He was joined by sister Cami and brother Jim.

He grew up in Berrien Springs, Michigan attending Andrews Academy and later graduating with a bachelor's degree in accounting from Andrews University, where he met Annette Trubey. They married on May 22, 1983. Seven years later they had Kara Dawn, who was followed by Alison Renee and Robert Don Moon IV.

Bob completed his MBA from Webber University while working for Adventist Health Systems (AHS), where he started his career in the audit department. Bob enjoyed a distinguished career with AHS, serving as their Chief Financial Officer (CFO) in several regions for 20 years, followed by his career at Catholic Health Partners.

Bob became the CFO for Christus St. Vincent Regional Medical Center in Santa Fe, New Mexico in 2013. He led a team of dedicated colleagues and served on the Board of Directors Finance, Audit & Compliance, and Investment Committees where he contributed significantly in his pivotal role to the mission of the organization.

In Bob's spare time he loved playing basketball, golf, hiking and skiing, and he enjoyed them most when it was with his family. You would rarely find him on vacation with fewer than five, as he so generously allowed his children to bring a friend. He found extra joy in dragging them on treacherous uphill bike rides and long hikes.

Bob's biggest delight was the accomplishments of his children, whom he loved and inspired as a role model in business and in life.

He is survived by his parents, **Robert Don Moon Jr.** (att., retired staff/faculty) and **Marie Louise Penner Moon** (MA '76, retired faculty); his wife, **Annette Felisa Moon** (BBA '83). and their children: **Kara Dawn Moon** (att.), **Alison Renee Peterson** (BBA '14) and **Robert Don Moon IV** (BBA '17). He is also survived by his brother, **James Moon** (BA '95, MDiv '98) and sister, **Cami Cress** (BS '85).

He was predeceased by his grandparents: Robert Don Moon Sr. and Beatrice Moon.

Genevieve Rose (Clark) Goosey (BA '52), 86, of Berrien Springs, died Dec. 3, 2016.

She was born March 14, 1930 in Hinsdale, Illinois, graduated from Broadview Academy in 1947, then Emmanuel Missionary College in 1952 with a BA in education. She married Wilburn Goosey June 3, 1952, making their home in Berrien Springs. She worked 42 years as teacher/librarian, the last 36 years in the Benton Harbor School System. She was a member of the Village Seventh-day Adventist Church for 64 years.

Genevieve is survived by her children: Brenda (Larry) Thomas, Linda (Mark) Bennett, Glenda (Joe) Winnell, David (Diane) Goosey, Melinda (Don) Milliken and Rhonda Sheehan; 21 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Aida Acosta Weiss (former faculty) died Nov. 10, 2016. She was born in Victoria de las Tunas, Provincia de Oriente, Cuba, on Sept. 1, 1935.

Aida earned a BA in chemistry from Southern Missionary College in 1958, and a master's degree in metabolic nutrition from Columbia University in 1962. That same year she married Herold Weiss and continued studies toward a doctoral degree at Columbia University. In 1968 she became an instructor in the chemistry department at Andrews University.

After the birth of her two sons, she dedicated herself to the raising of her boys, and when her parents retired and came to live in Berrien Springs, she became their caregiver.

Pursuing her artistic inclinations and talents, she took classes on china painting and became an admired china decorator, much to the delight of her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, **Herold** (MA '57, BD '60); her sons, Dito and Carlos (Melanie); her brother, Edwin Orval Acosta (Bruce Tichenor); and five grandchildren.

George Hillry Akers (former faculty), 90, of Collegedale, Tennessee, died Feb. 4, 2017.

He was the son of the late Hillry B. and Kitty H. Akers and was preceded in death by his son, Douglas Allen Akers, and sister, Miriam Dalecki. The Akers family lived all over the United States but spent a majority of their time in Berrien Springs, Michigan at Andrews University, where Akers mentored education students and was the first dean of the School of Education. The Akers retired to Collegedale, Tennessee in 2003.

Akers, who earned his PhD from University of Southern California in 1966, was a lifelong educator and administrator for the Seventh-day Adventist educational system. He served over 51 years from 1947 to 1998 in teaching and leadership roles and continued to be active until recently on a voluntary basis. Over his career, Akers served at the academy level as boys' dean, teacher and principal; at the college and university level as professor, dean of students and academic vice president and president. Akers was also an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and head of the worldwide Adventist education system for five years.

His family, close friends, and many students and colleagues will remember him for his warmth and charm, both at a personal level and professionally. He's remembered fondly as an insightful and inspirational speaker, teacher and administrator who particularly focused on the integration of faith and learning.

He will also be remembered for his likeness to President Richard Nixon and one spur-of-the-moment escapade in 1970 when he was president of Columbia Union College in Washington, D.C. and was mistakenly identified as Nixon and admitted to Camp David, causing a security furor as recounted in the December 5, 2009 Chattanooga Free Press.

Survivors include his loving wife of 68 years, **Imogene A. Akers** (MA '67), of Collegedale, Tennessee; son, **Daniel** (BS '77) (Darlene) **Akers**, of Oceanside, California; four grandchildren: Daneen (Stephen Eyer) Akers, Deeanne (Garret) Akerson, Kallen (Josh) Thornton, and Cade Akers; five great-grandchildren: Lily, Enoch, Thaddeus, Abel, and Lucy; sister, Eolin Ann (Donald) Tripp, of New Market, Virginia; and several nieces and nephews.



Robert Arthur Williams (former faculty) died on Nov. 5, 2016 in Wyoming.

He was born May 31, 1925 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the eldest of four children of Forrest and Gladys Williams. He married the love of his life, Leora Kilbourne, in 1946.

Bob received his undergraduate degree in English from Western Michigan University, a master's degree in speech from University of Michigan and a PhD in counselor education from Michigan State University. He held a certificate in secondary teaching and was licensed as a psychologist in Michigan.

Bob's first job was teaching at South High School in Grand Rapids. In the early 1950s, he taught speech at La Sierra University. He worked as a school counselor and then director of Pupil Personnel Services for the Grand Rapids school system. After completing his PhD, he worked for the Oakland County Public Schools based in Pontiac, Michigan.

In 1972 Bob was hired by Andrews University to chair the Department of Education. Later he was appointed graduate dean. Beginning in 1983, Bob became the president of Kettering College of Medical Arts. Upon his retirement in 1990, he and Lee bought a motor home with the plan of spending their time visiting their children and grandchildren. Those plans were delayed by an invitation in 1991 to work with David Greenlaw in developing Florida Hospital College of Health Sciences. When the school opened in 1992, Bob was appointed its first academic dean. The next year, Bob retired again and became assistant to the president at Florida Hospital

College, a part-time position he held for the next 22 years.

Bob served on the Michigan Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and on President Gerald Ford's Advisory Committee on Title IV. He also served as president of the Michigan Chapter of the Association of School Counselors and president of the North Central Association of School Counselors.

He is survived by Lee, his wife of 69 years, his four children, Greg, Vicky, Kevin and Bill, 10 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren and by his sister Maris Kilbourne. He was preceded in death by his two younger brothers Don and Forrest.



Ruth Helen Kaiser (BS '55, MA '64), 93, of Berrien Springs, died Oct. 8, 2016, 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** (BA '99, MDiv '02, DMin '15) of the international Malawan family; and many friends from her Sabbath School class and church family.