

## OBIT'S SUMMER-FALL 2009



### **Leroy Lane Albers**

Former pastor of the Mt. Vernon Hill S.D.A. Church during the late '60's - early '70's, Elder Albers, passed away 30 May 2009 in TN. He was born 06 Feb 1925. His wife, Lois (former faculty) predeceased him.

Surviving are two daughters, Shiree ALBERS [Tim] Nichols and Rene ALBERS [Victor] Czerkasij; 4 grandsons; a sister, June Johnson. A memorial service was held 13 June 2009 at the Collegedale S.D.A. Church in Collegedale, TN.

(Info fr Memorial program)

### **Barbara LEONARD Bates '51**

Barbara passed away 16 Apr 2009 at her home in Tavernier, FL on a Florida Key following a brave four year battle with cancer – colon, bone, brain. She had many good friends from MVA that she had kept in touch with during the years.

Survivors include two sons, Larry and James Bates; 4 grandchildren; a sister, Doris LEONARD Hunt-[Gerald "Bud"] Fann '46 of Tuscan, AZ. {Note: Jack Hunt '47, first

husband of Doris, died 1999 after 52 yrs of marriage}. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Cindy BATES Malesci in 1998.

Barbara always spoke so much about how she loved her home on the water. So a memorial service, attended by her relatives and close friends, was held on Sunday, 19 Apr 2009 and her ashes were spread on the water.

(Info fr Eva TRUBEY Badger '51, son, James Bates)

++Note: James Bates requested notice be put out to alumni

### **Marylou LENG Blosser –'43**

Marylou of Port Orange, FL passed away 17 Apr 2009. She was born in Pittsburg, PA to Joseph and Hazel Leng on 23 Oct 1923. Marylou was a nurse, who graduated in 1948 from the Washington Sanitarium and Hospital School of Nursing in MD. She worked in Fairfax, VA and at Kettering Medical Center in Kettering, OH where she helped open maternity departments. She retired in 1988. In 1990 she moved to FL. Marylou was a member of the S.D.A. Church in Daytona Beach, FL. Marylou attended her 65<sup>th</sup> Class reunion at MVA in April 2008.

She is survived by her husband of 60 yrs, Bill Blosser of Port Orange, FL; a son, Gary [Karen] Blosser '68 of

Roswell, N.M; a daughter, Pattie BLOSSER [Nelson] Hall '68 of Miami, FL; 3 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren. Services were held on 21 Apr 2009 at the Volusia Memorial Funeral Home in Port Orange, FL.

(Info fr Brian Christenson, obit)

### **Albert E. Brendel**

Elder Al Brendel, former pastor of the Mt. Vernon S.D.A. Hill Church in the early 1960's, passed away in Dayton, OH. He was born 08 Dec 1922 in Buffalo, NY to Al Brendel Sr, and his wife, Bernice. Besides working in Ohio, Elder Brendel also pastored in Nigeria, West Africa. From 1964 until retiring in 1988, he served as director of pastoral services at Kettering Medical Center in Dayton, OH. Elder Brendel was a universally-loved man who exemplified God's unconditional love for everyone. He always managed to see the best in everyone.

Survivors include his wife of 62 yrs., Betty Brendel of Waynesville, OH; son, Albert "Bert" E. Brendel, III '69, of Millers Creek, NC; two daughters, Beth BRENDEL, Beverly BRENDEL (Daniel) Cobb. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings, Alice, Edith, and Herbert. A memorial service was held at the Kettering S.D.A. Church, Kettering, OH on 13 June 2009.

(Obit fr Brian Christenson)

## **Florence Helen SIVEY Carter –'41**

Helen, 87, of Mount Vernon, OH passed away on 22 June 2009. She was born in Bellefontaine, OH to Jesse and Ova WALLACE Sivey on 16 Sep 1921. She was a member of the Mt. Vernon City S.D.A. Church, Mt. Vernon, OH.

She is survived by her two sons, Ronald Larry (Gloria) Carter '63 of Rocklin, CA and William Carter of Mt. Vernon, OH; brothers, Harold [Carol ROSS att 47 (Cl '49)] Sivey att 47 (Cl 49) and Lowell (Mildred) Sivey '55, both of Fredericktown, OH; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Charles Sivey '63; former husband, Walter Carter '39.

A memorial service was held 27 June 2009 at the Mt. Vernon City S.D.A. Church in Mt. Vernon, OH.

(Obit fr Mt. Vernon News, Mt. Vernon, OH; Memorial Service; Loretta KRINER Priest '48)

## **Harold Conner – '32**

Harold of Marshall, MI, passed away 24 Dec 2007. Harold lived on a farm in Martinsville, OH then attended MVA his junior and senior years. He attended La Sierra and Columbia Union College which he finished in 3 yrs. At Emory Univ. in Atlanta, GA he graduated with a D.D.S. in

1942. He married his first wife, Clara JOHNSON in 1942 and they had three daughters. Harold did 3 yrs. of postgraduate work in the USAF completing a certificate in oral surgery. He served in the USAF in Montgomery, AL, from 1942-1945. He practiced oral surgery in Bethesda and Silver Spring, MD from 1945-1980 when he retired to Gainesville, GA. He married the second time in 1989 to Audrey FROTE, who survives him. His hobbies included flying, water-skiing, & wood working.

(Info fr wife, Audrey FROTE Conner, 75<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion Autobiography for Alumni Weekend 2007)

### **MayBelle REDFIELD Crawford –‘25**

MayBelle, 102, passed away in Orangevale, CA on 25 Jan 2009. She was born 13 Aug 1906 in Reinersville, OH to Clarence Trip and Mary Alice PEDICORD Redfield. Her father graduated from MVC/MVA in 1903 (the first graduating class when the school was a college) and her mother attended in 1924. One sister, Rhea Pedicord REDFIELD Johnson, graduated in 1924.

Her family has a long history in the SDA church organization including health reform, education, and with the organizers of the Battle Creek (MI) Church in the 1860's. MayBelle's father, Clarence Redfield, was a SDA minister, who served as home missionary secretary of the Ohio Conference and Columbia Union. MayBelle received

her early education by private teacher at home but did graduate from the Mt. Vernon church school in Mt. Vernon, OH. She started at MVA in 1921 and graduated as a four year senior in 1925. In October of 1928 she married Charles Morris Crawford. Together they spent 39 yrs. in denominational work plus 10 more years after retirement. Charles jobs included work at the Pacific Press in IL, as Sec/Treas. of the Caribbean Conf. and Book and Bible House Manager in FL. MayBelle was a nurse in Chicago, IL and owned a nursing home in FL. Their service included work in the Caribbean, Canada, the Far East, and many places in the U.S.A. In their late 70's they traveled throughout the Far East, visiting the churches and Charles, as a church auditor, assisted with their books. They moved to NC to retire. MayBelle's final move was to Sacramento, CA to be near her granddaughter, Caron Mae Ramsey-Lewis.

MayBelle was always happy and enjoyed life, including her first plane ride at age 12 in 1918. A lifelong SDA and vegetarian, she lived a spiritual life, loving people. She considered everyone she met as a candidate for heaven. MayBelle regularly attended the Sacramento S.D.A. Church in Sacramento, CA. Known for her vitality and sense of humor, she was able to drive until age 96. Through her later years of life, she kept in contact with many friends via computer, including some at MVA. In 1993 MayBelle attended the 100 yr. centennial celebration of MVA. When she turned 100 in 2006, she was happy to celebrate with MVA representatives, Richard "Dick" Raub '47 and his wife, Yvonne BUTTERTON Raub '47.

Survivors include a daughter, Mildred Aletha CRAWFORD Christiansen of Santa Rosa, CA; four grandchildren, Caron Ramsey-Lewis of Carmichael, CA, Arnold Christiansen of Houston, TX, Sandra Grant of Santa Rosa, CA, Charles Christiansen of Martinez, CA; 11 great grandchildren; 3 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 yrs., Charles Crawford; a sister, Rhea P. REDFIELD Johnson.

(Info fr Caron Ramsey-Lewis, Northern CA Conf. of SDA; 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration article in MVA Alumni News Fall 2006 –Issue 44; MVA records; The Hiawathan 1925; Jean HAYES Haldeman-former faculty, Purple book –100 yr Centennial Book)

### **Clara Julia WOLCOTT Engen '39**

Clara passed away 23 Feb 2009. She was born 21 June 1918. She was grounded in God's word from an early age. Clara was a teacher in the S.D.A. school system and has touched many lives for Jesus. She will be missed by many. Her dying wish was to see Jesus on that "great resurrection morning," in a "moment and twinkling of an eye."

Survivors include her husband of 66 yrs, Hartman Engen; sons, Bruce Engen and Greg Wellborn; daughters, Sharon ENGEN Overton and Esther ENGEN [Bob] Wolcott; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a brother, R.

Andrew [Louise BARTLETT] Wolcott '39 of Lyes, TN; a sister, Merita WOLCOTT [Larry] Gavin '49 of Ft. Myers, FL. She was preceded in death by five siblings, including Cecil Wolcott–att 41, (Cl 42) and Lawrence Wolcott '39.

A Celebration of her life, which included a DVD of her beloved poems and family pictures, was held on 14 Mar 2009.

(Info fr Merita WOLCOTT Gavin '49)

### **Jacquelyn TAYLOR Gair '41**

Jacquelyn passed away on 09 Feb 2009 in Silver Spring, MD. Jacquelyn fell on Christmas Eve and broke her hip. She later died from complications from the hip fracture. After teaching school in the Mountain View Conference for several years, she went to work for the Chesapeake Conference Education Dept. While attending Washington Missionary College (Columbia Union College) she met and married her college sweetheart, Alan R. Gair. She worked to help him get through medical school and also to help him establish his practice in the Washington D.C. area. They were blessed with three daughters: Joan GAIR Stull of Columbia, MD, Brenda GAIR Day of Laurel, MD, and Janet GAIR Bouland of Laurel, MD. Jacquelyn was preceded in death by her husband.

(Info fr Joan GAIR Stull)

## **Carl F. Gibson**

Carl F. Gibson, age 74, of Wakeman, passed away 20 Oct 2009 at his residence after a farming accident. He was born 11 April 1935. He graduated from Mount Vernon Academy in 1953. He devoted his life to farming with his father and later on, with his son, Ben. He was an active member of Clarksfield SDA Church and served as chairman of the school board for the elementary school. He was also a former MVA board member and an avid supporter of Mount Vernon Academy, taking a great interest in the lives of its students. Carl will be remembered for his kindness, generosity and willingness to help others. Survivors include his wife of 17 years, Carol; children, Benjamin [Vanessa] Gibson of Clarksfield, Sharon GIBSON [John] McKeown '80 of TN, and Mark [Lisa] Gibson '82 of Lebanon; stepchildren, Barbara [William] Sennfeld of IN, Michael Yurovich serving in the U.S. Army in Korea; Julia Sushytska (whom he loved as a daughter); 11 grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Carol A. Gibson '56 of Clarksfield and an aunt, Ruth Chapin of Dublin.

## **Helen M. TOMESANYI Graham – att '36, (Cl 37)**

Helen passed away 07 Feb 2008 in Clearfield, PA. She was born 02 Jul 1918. She was a member of the Clearfield Church in Clearfield, PA. A Columbia Union College graduate, Helen taught church school in Coudersport, PA prior to getting married. She married John D. Graham who preceded her in death.

Helen is survived by a son, Daniel R. Graham; three grandchildren; five great grandchildren. Besides her husband, a sister, Margaret A. TOMESANYI Wright '38, also preceded her in death in Jul 2005.

(Info fr Obit, Daniel Graham)

### **Ruth GRIFFITHS Greenland '60**

Ruth, 66, of Columbus, OH, passed away 06 June 2008 following a long illness. She was born to Charles and Mary Alice Griffiths. Ruth was a wonderful baker, who worked at several bakeries in Columbus. She enjoyed reading and being a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend.

She is survived by her husband, Phil Greenland; son, Gary [Michelle] Greenland; daughters, Mary Lou GREENLAND [Donald] Wojciechowski, Tracy GREENLAND [Doug] Ward, and Jennifer GREENLAND; 10 grandchildren; sisters, Alice GRIFFITHS [Ron'56] Thomas '56 and Mary Ann GRIFFITHS [Bill] Kniesley '58 both of West Carrolton, OH. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents and an infant son, Jimmy Griffiths. Services were held at Schoedinger North Chapel in Columbus, OH on 12 June 2008. Interment was in Fairview Memorial Park.

(Info fr Phil Greenland, Obit, Alice GRIFFITHS Thomas '56)

## **Eugene E. Hanawalt –'37**

Eugene of Flat Rock, AL, passed away at the home of his son, Mervin, on 14 Apr 2009, three days prior to his 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. He had had a stroke in March 2009. He was born 17 Apr 1915 in Columbus, OH to Charles Keller and Grace Creole. From about age five Gene was raised by his foster parents, Gen and John Hanawalt. In 1946 he was discharged from the Army Air Corp where he had served state side as a medic during WW2. After retirement, Gene kept busy with his many interests including building model airplanes, bird houses and feeders. He enjoyed bird watching, traveling, camping, and drawing ships and planes. He also enjoyed his large model trains display. He was married to Madge WOLCOTT Smith Hanawalt. At 92 Gene traveled with his son, Mervin, from AL to attend Alumni Weekend and celebrate his 70<sup>th</sup> MVA class reunion. It was a real inspiration to visit with him.

Survivors include three sons, Mervin [Merianda] Hanawalt of Flat Rock, AL, Daniel Hanawalt, and Dwight Hanawalt; a daughter, Delores Bain; a step-daughter, Breta WOLCOTT [Barry '65] White. Gene was cremated and his ashes kept by his son, Mervin.

(Info fr Loretta KRINER Priest '48; Breta WOLCOTT White; Merainda Hanawalt)

## **Thelma TATRO Hardee –'44**

Thelma of Tappahannock, VA passed away 16 Apr 2009 as a result of injuries sustained in an auto accident. She lived in Mt. Vernon, OH as a child.

Survivors include her brother, Keith Tatro '43 of Getzville, NY. She was preceded in death by her husband. A memorial service was conducted for her. She was cremated.

(Info fr Keith Tatro '43, Wade Young '43, Ruth Adams)

## **James D. Harsany '54**

James, 72, passed away in Mt. Vernon, OH, on 20 Feb 2009. He was born in Lincoln Park, MI on 11 Sep 1936 to James G. and Anna CHUNKO Harsany. Jim worked as a stonemason and also at Loma Linda Foods in Mt. Vernon, OH. He loved gardening, the outdoors, and especially to sing. He was a member of the Mt. Vernon SDA City Church.

He is survived by his sons, James Douglas [Cindy] Harsany '78 of Sunbury, OH, Dave [Colleen] Harsany '80, and Stephan [Angel] Harsany att.'81 (Cl '84) of Fredericktown, OH; a brother, Andrew [Karen] Harsany '59 of San Jose,

CA; sisters, Carol HARSANY Tremblay '68 of Grand Ledge, MI, and Helen HARSANY [Jim] Fisher '57 of Mt. Vernon, OH; grandsons, Joshua Harsany '06 of Lincoln, NE, Stephen Harsany {attending MVA , '10}; granddaughters, Crystal Stitzer and Caitlin Harsany {attending MVA, '10}; and longtime friend, Carolyn WOLFE Harsany att '58 (Cl '58) of Mt. Vernon, OH.

The Dilley-Lasaster Funeral Home in Mt. Vernon, OH handled the arrangements. A memorial service was held 14 Mar 2009 at the Mt. Vernon SDA City Church in Mt. Vernon, OH.

(Info fr Obit, Memorial service, Helen HARSANY Fisher'57)

### **Bonnie WESSELY Hill –'68**

Bonnie, 59, of Johnstown, OH, passed away 13 June 2009 at home. She was born 22 June 1949 in Tacoma, MD to Frank and Muriel MOOK Wessely (former faculty). She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

She is survived by her husband of 38 yrs., Paul Hill; son, Albert Hill; daughter, Kelly HILL [Scott] Freas; two

grandchildren. A private graveside service was held 18 Jun 2009 at the Mt. Vernon Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, OH.

(Obit fr Brian Christenson, MVA Annuals)

### **Erwin F. Hodde – '36**

Erwin, 91, of Greenville, TN, died 19 Jul 2009 at home. He was born 29 JUNE 1918 in Cincinnati, OH to William and Minnie NIEMAN Hodde. He graduated from Washington Missionary College in 1941 with a B.A. in Bible. Erwin married in 1957 to Maxine WEBSTER in Glendale, CA. He worked in the ministry in VA then in patient care giving at Adventist hospitals in Worthington, OH, Orlando, FL, and Glendale, CA. He enjoyed gardening, composing poetry, and published regularly in the editorial page of the Greenville Sun. Erwin faithfully attended church.

Survivors include his wife of 72 yrs, Maxine; one sister, Alice HODDE Robbins (att. '31) of Loma Linda, CA; two nieces, JoAnn Robbins and Lois HODDE DeWitt '57 both of CA as well as several great and great-great nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by one brother, William H. [Naomi VAN HORN '30] Hodde and a sister, Alberta HODDE Wade '34.

(Info fr Obit, notification by Lois HODDE DeWitt '57)

## **Dr. Phillip G. Hoffman**

Dr. Hoffman passed away 29 Oct 2008 in Houston, TX. His father was an Adventist missionary in Japan at the time he was born. He was a graduate of Pacific Union College then Ohio State University, where he received his doctorate. For 70 years he was married to Mary HARDING Hoffman '36. In 1955 they moved to Houston, TX where he was Vice-President then President for over 20 years of the University of Houston in Houston, TX.

Survivors include his wife, Mary HARDING Hoffman '36, now in an assisted living center –Houston, TX; 3 daughters in TX; 6 grandchildren; 1 great-granddaughter. He was predeceased by a son.

(Info received 03/25/09—Mary HARDING Hoffman; phone conversation with Mary HARDING Hoffman 5/24/09)

**\*\*NOTE:** Mary requested that it be put in the obit that she was now in an assisted living center.

**Hope ANDERSON Hummel '42**

Hope, 87, of Millersburg, OH, passed away 30 Nov 2008. She was born 01 Dec 1921 in Lakeville, OH to James and Ruth LaBARR Anderson. In 1944 she married Garno Hummel who preceded her in death, 16 Nov 1985. Hope worked as an interior decorator for 50 yrs. with her husband. As a member of the S.D.A. church, she served in many offices including pianist. She enjoyed traveling and was a life member of the Holmes Co. Historical Society. She was active in the Antique Festival and the Early American Days committee in Killbuck, OH.

Survivors include a daughter, Garnet [Pat] Sebastian of Dayton, OH; many nephews, nieces, and cousins. Besides her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents and a sister.

Services were held 08 Dec 2008 at the Alexander Funeral Home in Millersburg, OH. Clyde Ondrizek '49 officiated. Burial was in Nashville Cemetery.

(Info fr Garnet Sebastian; Obit)

### **Harold Richard “Rick” Hunt, Jr.- att '73 (Cl '74)**

Rick, 54, passed away suddenly from a stroke on 19 Aug 2009 in CA. He was born in Los Angeles, CA on 21 Mar 1955. Rick attended MVA from 1971-1973 then graduated in 1974 from Andrews Academy. He received a B.S. degree in accounting from Southern College (now Southern Adventist University) and received a Master's in Business

Administration from the University of Tennessee. Rick was a golfer, sailor, pilot, marksman, son, brother, husband, father, business partner, and friend to many.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy Hunt; a daughter, Hannah HUNT; his father, Dr. Richard Hunt; his mother, Bonnie Hunt of TN; a brother, Steve [Barbara HAYES '75] Hunt '75 of McDonald, TN; a sister, Bonnie Jean HUNT Cockrell '77.

A memorial service was held in Collegedale, TN on 26 Sep 2009.

(Info fr Memorial Service; Jean HAYES Haldeman – former faculty)

### **Ellen Kelly –former faculty**

Ellen, 103, passed away 05 Aug 2008 in TN. She was born in Cedar Lake, MI. She married Richard O. Kelly in 1929. They lived in MI, IL, GA, TN, as well as Mt. Vernon prior to retirement near Collegedale, TN in 1969. She was an active homemaker, gardener, seamstress and had a lifelong commitment to educating children. In the 1950's Richard

worked as head of maintenance at MVA while Ellen did commercial mending and sewing for the laundry. Ellen was a member of the Collegedale S.D.A. Church in Collegedale, TN for 40 years and the Adventist Retired Workers Club.

She is survived by her daughter, Billie [Paul] Burdick '53 of Ooltewah, TN; two grandsons; 7 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren. Her husband, Richard Kelly, preceded her in death in 1985. A memorial service was held 16 Aug 2008 at Heritage Chapel, Chattanooga, TN. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Tower, MI next to her husband, Richard.

(Obit, Doris Goronzy, MVA annuals 1950's)

### **Janet McCOY Miller- '58**

Janet, 69, passed away on 28 Aug 2009 in Miamisburg, OH. She was an only child whose father, an Adventist minister, died tragically, when she was only eight years old. After graduating from MVA, Janet attended Washington Missionary College (now Columbia Union College) and became a teacher. Janet was a very creative and well-liked

person. She enjoyed taking pictures and was a good photographer.

Survivors include her husband, Myron Miller of Miamisburg, OH; three sons, Leighton Miller, Christopher Miller, Daryl Miller; one grandson, Sammy Miller.

(Annonny. source)

### **Russell G. Miller –'47**

Russell passed away on 18 Aug 2009 in Sacramento, CA. He was born in Pittsburg, PA on 05 Nov 1928. From his youthful start of being a tent evangelist and singer, Russell became a recording artist who produced over 40 musical albums. At one time he was Vice Pres. of West Coast Operations, Country Music Division for Elektra Records. He was a motivational speaker and concert performer. Russell was the founding minister of the Spiritual Center for Positive Living in Cameron Park, CA and was ordained as a Religious Science minister in 2003.

He is survived by his wife, Ellen Miller, of Sacramento, CA; daughter, Deborah Osis of San Miguel, Mexico. The family held a private memorial service.

(Obit Info, Ellen Miller)

## **Hugh Robert “Bob” Morrison – ‘55**

Bob passed away at his home in Falls Church, VA on 12 Jul 2009 following a 3 year battle with colon cancer. He was born 07 Apr 1938 in Pittsburg, PA to Hugh and Gertrude GEHENIO Morrison. During his freshman year at MVA, Bob took a course in printing. From then on most of his life was associated with printing or publishing in one way or another. In 1961 he enlisted in the U.S. Army. After attending basic training at Ft. Knox, KY and Army Information School at Ft. Slocum, NY, he was stationed to a Nato Support Base in Fontainebleau, France, where his duties included Post photographer. After army discharge, he earned a BA degree in English from Howard Univ. For almost 30 yrs. he was a writer/editor with National Geographic Society. During his career there, he was contributing author to eight NGS books. When his name was added to the masthead, it was said that he was one of the youngest to achieve this milestone. After retiring, he ran for public office and was elected treasurer of the city of Falls Church, VA for four terms. Then his photography hobby turned into a vocation as he started a photography business. Bob was active in many community activities and organizations. In 2005 he was honored with a Volunteer of the Year award.

Bob is survived by his wife, Meredith Morrison; two sons, Hugh Robert “Rick” Morrison, Jr. and Justin Morrison; a daughter, Elizabeth Jeanne MORRISON of Falls Church, VA; a sister, Jeanne (Lyle) MORRISON Jepson '58 of

East Stroudsburg, PA. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hugh and Gertrude Morrison. He was cremated in Falls Church, VA.

(Info fr obit, Jeanne MORRISON Jepson '58, death certificate)

### **Lucia M. GATTEN Neibarger**

Lucia of Mt. Vernon, OH, passed away 20 Apr 2009 at home. She was born to Willis Gatten '53 and Marilyn PYLE King in Newark, OH. She enjoyed sewing and making quilts.

She is survived by her husband of 33 years, Phil Neibarger of Mt. Vernon, OH; son, Phillip Neibarger of Mt. Vernon, OH; father, Willis Gatten '53 of Clayton, NC; 3 sisters, Cyndie Webb of CA, Tonya Hoar and Sonya [Wayne] Bollin of Howard, OH. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Leah Neibarger and her mother, Marilyn PYLE King. On 24 Apr 2009 in Mt. Vernon, OH services were conducted by the Dowds-Snyder Funeral Home with burial in Mound View Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, OH.

(Info fr obit)

### **Clarence Morris Philpott – '53**

Clarence passed away 07 Jan 2009 in Phoenix, AZ while attending a ministerial meeting. He was born 01 Apr 1935 to Lloyd and Lucille Philpott in Clarksburg, WV. After graduating from MVA, he attended Union College where he got his pastoral degree in May 1960 and was ordained in 1965 at Chesapeake Conference campmeeting. Clarence pastored for 43 ½ yrs. serving in several states that extended from the east to the west coast. In Aug 1969 he married Alma Lou HARLEN in Tacoma Park, MD. She passed away in 2003. In June 2007 he married Francine CLOW in Flagstaff, AZ. She passed away in Aug 2007. Clarence enjoyed model trains and hiking. He is survived by two married sons, Daniel Philpott and Edward Philpott and their wives; four grandchildren. Besides his two wives, he was preceded in death by his brother, Frank Philpott in 1980.

Memorial services were held in Springerville, AZ on 14 Feb 2009 at the Springerville SDA Church, where he pastored.

(Obit fr Jack Robinson '68/Brian Christenson '68)

**Charles F. Potts, Jr. –'65**

Charles, 62, passed away on 30 June 2009. He was born in Akron, OH on 08 Dec 1946. He was a graduate of the University of Akron. Charles owned Western Reserve Remodeling Service.

He is survived by a brother, Robert [Nancy] Potts att '56 (Cl '57) of N. Canton, OH; a sister, Patricia Quackenbush, of Stockport. He was predeceased by his parents. A memorial service was held 12 Jul 2009 at the Akron First S.D.A. Church in Akron, OH.

(Info fr Obit, Robert Potts'56)

### **Wilfred B. "W.B." Robinson- '40**

W.B. passed away 14 Oct 2008 at 87. He was born 06 Jul 1921 in Barcelona Spain to Harold and Irene Robinson. He grew up in Mexico as his parents were missionaries there. After graduating from MVA, Wilfred attended Washington Missionary College (Columbia Union College) and graduated with a BA in theology, business administration, and pre-dental. He planned to go to Mexico to work as a dentist but instead accepted a call to become a pastor in Salisbury, MD. Later, he worked in Mexico as Executive Treasurer for the Inter-Oceanic Mission. After returning from Mexico, he served in Baltimore, MD, New York City, NY, Oklahoma City, OK and finally in Ft. Worth, TX at the Southwestern Union. His denomination work totaled 42 yrs. He was married Joan "Jodi" DANIEL of OH for 62 years. They had four children: Laura Beth, Roy Alan, Lee Scott, Rita Kay.

Besides his wife and four children, survivors include a son-in-law, Roland Schneider; a daughter-in-law, Cyndie

Robinson; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Lillian ROBINSON [Roger –faculty '59-'71, att '43 (Cl '45)] McNeily '43. A memorial service was held 18 Oct 2008 at the Ft. Worth S.D.A. Church in Ft. Worth, TX with Elder Cyril Miller and Benjie Leach officiating.

Reported by Don Wharton (interviewed for Cl of '39); Jodi DANIELS Robinson, Laura Ruth ROBINSON Schneider, Obit, 50 yr Reunion Book Class of 1940; Candy McNEILY Christenson '71.

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## **Shanna Roush**

Shanna, 30, of Monclair, CA, passed away 11 Feb 2009. She was born 01 Feb 1979 in Marion, OH to Debbie YOUNG Odom '73. Shanna loved animals, collected dolphins and was known as the family comedian.

Survivors include her fiancée, Brad Gentile; father, Johnny Odom, mother, Debbie YOUNG Odom '73 of Montclair, CA; sister, Anissa Lines; uncle, Mark Young '76; aunt, Cheryl YOUNG (Bret '77) Opdyke '78. She was predeceased by her grandparents, Elder Sidney and Evelyn (former faculty) Young.

(Info fr Cheryl YOUNG - Opdyke '78)

### **Renan Sandoval- '95**

Renan passed away in 01 Oct 2008 of stomach cancer. He was born 18 Nov 1976. Renan graduated from MVA as a four year senior. He loved to play soccer and was described as a very cheerful, helpful, and caring person. A memorial service, conducted by Ohio Conference President Raj Aitken, was held in at the Akron First SDA Church in Akron, OH on 02 Oct 2008

(DVD received fr Leonard Brown, Sr.)

### **Theodore "Ted" Shull –'59**

Ted, 70, of Spring Valley, OH passed away in Kettering, OH on 28 Aug 2009 from a stroke. He was born in Detroit, MI on 22 Aug 1939. John "J.R." (former MVA principal 1947-1963) and Audrey CAFLISCH Shull were his adoptive parents. He attended Washington Missionary

College and Andrews University, where he met his wife. He was drafted into the Army and served from 1962-1964 in D.C. serving in the "White Coats." Ted worked for 45 yrs. as Grounds Superintendent at Kettering Medical Center, Kettering, OH. He was an elder at the Kettering S.D.A. Church and a past President of the National Professional Grounds Management Society. He enjoyed golf, softball, and spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 46 yrs., Janyce Shull of Spring Valley, OH; three sons, Ted J. [Sonya] Shull, Don [Greta] Shull, Chuck [Heidi] Shull; six grandchildren; one brother, Bill Shull of Jackson, TN; four sisters, Alice Webster of Kettering, OH, Jackee SHULL '59 of Gaithersburg, MD, Sharon SHULL Cook '65 of Denver, CO, Lynda SHULL Dill '69 of Canal Fulton, OH. Ted was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Richard Hughes and Thomas Hughes.

Services were held 01 Sep 2009 at the Kettering S.D.A. Church, Kettering, OH. Burial was in Miami Valley Memory Gardens in Centerville, OH.

(Info fr obit, Memorial Service , Bruce Stepanske '58)  
**Mary Louise MASTERS Sipe – '47**

Mary of Bucyrus, OH, passed away suddenly on 04 Mar 2009 at age 79. She was born 05 Feb 1930 to Virgil and Mabel Masters. For over 30 yrs. she owned and operated a ceramic business. She enjoyed bird watching, reading history, ceramics, and tole painting. She was a member of

the Seventh-day Adventist Church and was an elder. She is survived by daughters, Sondra SIPE of Bucyrus, OH, Beverly SIPE [Jay] Polson '73 of Columbus, OH, and Paula SIPE [Neal] Guttenberg and their children, David and Elizabeth; a sister, Jeannette [Charles] Keyser of SD; . She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, a sister, and a son.

At her funeral many people said that she never had an unkind word to say to anyone. She is at peace with the Lord and soon we will see her again.

(Info fr Beverly SIPE Polson '73)

### **Charlotte HAYES Smith – '37**

Charlotte of Cleburne, TX, passed away on 23 Jul 2009 following declining health following a stroke. She was born to Samual L. and Rose MACOMBER Hayes on 11 Jul 1920. She grew up in FL and attended MVA her junior and senior years. She attended Mt. Vernon Hosptial school in Mt. Vernon, OH which she graduated from. While here she met her husband, Ken Smith, who she married in Feb 1944, and worked with Dr. Harry Miller (MVA grad 1893). After working in two hospitals in PA, she moved to MA where she became a RN. Then for about 20 yrs. she lived in Berrien Springs, MI before moving to TX to her daughter's home. In 2007 Charlotte and her husband traveled three days to attend her 70<sup>th</sup> yr. MVA class

reunion at Alumni Weekend. She told us then, “I do love MVA.”

She is survived by her husband, Ken Smith; son, Kenneth [Sue] R. Smith; daughters, Rosemary Kay SMITH [George] Phelps, Peggy Beth SMITH, Charlotte Ruth SMITH [Rick] Gardner; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by a daughter, Nancy Sue SMITH [Bernard] Adams, who died suddenly at work in April 2009.

Services were held at the Alvarado S.D.A. Church in Alvarado, TX on 01 Aug 2009. Graveside services and burial were at Rose Hill Cemetery in Berrien Springs, MI where she awaits the second coming of Christ. (Info fr obit, Kenneth Smith, 70 yr Class of 1937 Reunion Autobiography sheet)

## **Ruth Stychi**

Ruth passed away 05 May 2007 in Columbus, OH. She was born in Granville, OH on 13 Sep 1915. Ruth was a member of the Coshocton Seventh-day Adventist Church, Coshocton, OH.

Survivors include daughter, Norma Jean THOMPSON Umbaugh '52; sister, Faith Van Schaik; granddaughters, Pamela J. Walters of Granville, OH and Karen S. UMBAUGH Frazier '78 of Newark, OH; 4 great grandchildren; 3 great- great grandchildren.

(Info fr Obit)

**Jack Tegler –former staff**

Died Spring 2008

(No other information was available)

(Info - neighbor sent card)

**Jayne GOODALL Westin –'48**

Jayne, 76, of CA passed away 20 Jul 2008. She died of cancer. Her only child, Heather, survives her. Jayne was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Wil Westin, an orthopaedic surgeon.

(Obit by Jane DUNWOODY Gold '49)

**Arthur Wilson – '41**

Art, 86, was born 17 Oct 1923 and passed away 15 Feb 2009. At the time of his death he was living in Minor Hill, TN. After graduating from MVA, he served in the U.S. Army, 197<sup>th</sup> Infantry with one year overseas in WW2 in the

Aleutian Islands. After discharge, he moved to Miami, FL and lived there 32 yrs. For seventeen years he was married and had two children, James and Jody. He owned and operated a paint and body shop in Miami for 15 yrs. and a land clearing and excavating company for 10 yrs. In 1965 he remarried adding wife, Betty and step-daughter, Lisa, to his family. In 1977 they moved to Minor Hill, TN and built a house and shop. Here he owned and operated an antique business and a heavy equipment sales company. His wife, Betty, was a nurse. (Notification of death by return mail)

(Notification of his death was via returned mail;Info fr SSDI & 50 yr. reunion book Class of 1941)

### **Kenneth “Ken” Ronald Wilson - ‘61**

Ken passed away at his home 14 Apr 2009 following a 2 year battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig’s disease). He was born in Akron, OH to Lester and Goldie METCALF Wilson on 12 May 1943. As an ordained S.D.A. minister, Ken enjoyed conducting baptisms and weddings including those of his three children. Ken worked as a Bible teacher for 37 yrs., 22 of which were at Battle Creek Academy in MI.

Survivors include his spouse, Joyce Wilson; three children, Kelley, Chris, and Claire. Services were held 23 Apr 2009 by the Bachman Hebble Funeral Service. A memorial service was held at the Battle Creek Tabernacle, Battle Creek, MI on 25 Apr 2009.

(Reported by J. Lee Wilson '41; Obit fr Pat Dye)

**Ken Wood**

Died Aug 2008

(Notification by returned mail)

**Zella Mae YODER Yoder**

Zella passed away 13 Feb 2009 in Auburn, GA at the home of her son, Don Yoder. She was born 10 Sep 1913 in Wooster, OH to Ernest and Florence GRUNDER Yoder. She married Harold J. Yoder in 1933 and had six children, which attended MVA. Zella was a homemaker, quilter, and frequently was found helping people. She worked at the family grocery store across from the Academy in Mt. Vernon, OH. At church she served as the organist and community service leader.

She is survived by her sons, James [Nancy] Yoder '52 of Bonanza, OR and Donald [Carol] Yoder '56 of Auburn, GA; daughters, Sylvia YODER [Ron] Crary '53 of Portage, WI, Carol Ann YODER [Leo] Christensen '57 of Avon Park, FL, Janis YODER [Ray] Greenley '62 of Woodbrige, VA; 18 grandchildren; 46 great grandchildren; 12 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her

husband, Harold Yoder in 1999; son, Harold E. Yoder '60 five years ago; a brother and sister.

Funeral services were held in OH.

(Info fr Carol Yoder—funeral arrangements being made at time info was received; Obit info)

### **Rachael FLORY Yuschak**

Rachael passed away 25 Feb 2008 in Frederick, PA. She was born in Ft. Seneca, OH on 24 Jul 1925 to Harvey and Ruth SHAULL Flory. She graduated from nursing school in 1966 and retired in 1986. She was a member of the Evergreen Church in Boardman, OH.

She is survived by her husband, Peter Yuschak; 3 daughters, Rose YUSCHAK [Peyton] Bodley of Jefferson, MD, Tina YUSCHAK [Russ] Nesmith '73 of Frederick, PA, and Karen YUSCHAK '75; a brother, Harvey Flory '48 of Ft. Myers, FL; a sister, Margaret Kathryn FLORY Pourhassani '47 of Lisbon, MD.

(Info fr Obit)