

BMA Alumni News

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Alumni Spotlight

**Stanley Grube,
Dorothy Porawski, Celeste Ryan Blyden**

Stan Grube (1956) was recently recognized by the Corona, CA Chamber of Commerce for his many years of service in the health field industry.



The Chamber of Commerce administration writes: “A lifetime of service in the health-care arena has provided Stanley M. Grube (Stan) (1956) the opportunity to ‘do his thing!’ Stan has been an icon in the greater Corona area with impact in California and Washington, D.C. Known as ‘Mr. Positive’, Stan roamed the halls of Corona Community Hospital (which was later purchased and became Corona Regional Medical Center), where he prided himself as the CEO of our local hospital, and knowing the names of his employees, their family members including children and grandchildren. Stan has over forty years of experience as a CEO of Acute Care hospitals and the parent corporation.

Obtaining a master’s degree from The George Washington University, and a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Columbia Union College (nka Washington Adventist University), Stan utilized his education, connections and persona to accomplish many advancements in our region!

On a local level, Stan was instrumental in the creation and development of many non-profit organizations. Often with a team of fellow business folks; the Corona-Norco Family, YMCA, Peppermint Ridge and Chair of United Way are just a sampling of his philanthropic portfolio. He served on the Corona Airport Advisory Committee, the CNUUSD’s Year-Round Education Task Force, Riverside County’s Emergency Medical Care Committee (1985 to our current), Medically Indigent Task Force (1986-1990), and the First 5 Commission (2010-2014). Serving the Corona Chamber as the top volunteer (then it was called president, today’s terminology is Chairman of the Board), Stan worked with the business community to ensure great development would transpire in Corona. He boasts about opening Eagle Glen Golf Club during his year as president, even without a final certificate of occupancy – he found ways to make things happen, hiring professionals to stand fire-watch and other things.

His company Morris, Marion Associates, Inc. was named after his father (Morris) and his father-in-law (Marion). We often joked when a solicitor called asking to speak to Mr. Morris or Mr. Marion, Stan would graciously take

the call, then educate the person, to be honest, and ask for the person in charge. Married in 1958 to the love of his life, Betty, they have two sons (Greg and Doug). Betty passed in March 2020. Today, Stan enjoys spending time with his sons, their wives, seven grand-daughters and nine great-grandchildren. To Stan, family and friends are everything. He truly exemplifies the spirit of this lifetime achievement award... named in honor and memory of another prior Chairman of the Board for the Corona Chamber, Mr. Don Garling.”

Stan is an active member of the Alumni Association, and serves as the class agent for the 1956 class. As class agent he stays in touch with each of his former classmates on a regular basis, and keeps them updated on each other as well as BMA Alumni Activities. He has participated on the Sabbath School panel discussions for the past two Alumni Weekends; and has been instrumental in making sure his class is recognized as the first graduating class of Blue Mountain Academy.

Dorothy (Dolly) Porawski (2000) was one of the alumni who travelled from afar to attend Alumni Weekend 2022. Dorothy’s travel was two-fold in that she was visiting in the US for her sister’s wedding and Alumni Weekend was an added bonus to her travelling. Currently residing in Poland, Dolly does not get to visit Blue Mountain often. Prior to attending BMA Dorothy attended the Greater Philadelphia Jr. Academy and was a member of the Souderton SDA church. Having a love for education, an SDA education at that, Dolly wanted to continue high school at an academy that would offer opportunities in Christian surroundings. Upon graduating from BMA, Dolly thought of becoming a pastor, however, the direction of music education became her destination.



Attending Southern Adventist University for three years, Dolly took a year as a student missionary abroad and never returned to the US to live. Finishing her MA of Vocal Performance at the Fryderyk Chopin Academy of Music, Dolly remained in Poland and from 2003 to 2020 volunteered at the Polish College of Theology and Humanities. Dolly’s volunteer services turned into administering the School of Foreign Languages, and she also opened the first SDA lower education institution in Poland, The Bilingual Preschool Sonlight (currently The Compass Educational Center), located on the college campus formally since 2018. Dolly enjoys knowing she played a major role in the pre-school opening. In 2018 the curriculum was expanded and enrollment grew to maximum capacity. While serving the Adventist population, enrollment also includes children of whom at least half are from the neighboring communities.

Always involved in the music world, Dolly has participated in opera groups, festivals, has led choirs and music camps, including yearly participation in the Polish music Festival Hosanna. In 2017 she released two solo albums, one in Polish and one in English, titled “Live Out Thy Life Within Me.” She is currently working on a third of Sally DeFord songs in Polish.

In reflecting upon her life at Blue Mountain Academy, Dolly states, “Music Director, Tom Buller, pulled all the best out of me. He was demanding and requiring which at that time was still a learning style I responded really well to. He entrusted me with most aspects of planning the Bel Canto tours and getting the Messiah ensemble together. Looking back now, I don’t know how many 16-year-olds would be given tasks like that today, but I loved it and I appreciate the responsibility he entrusted me with. It was a privilege which I am proud of today.” Dolly has many fond memories of Blue Mountain Academy, and while the cafeteria menu of Mr. Allen’s “slop” is among them, most involve the performing and touring opportunities. Of one memory in particular, Dolly recalls, “At the beginning of my senior year while getting the music department ready, Mr. Buller said to me, ‘Dolly, we don’t have a tuba this year. Maybe you would do it?’ (I was doing the music certificate, but on violin. I had never played brass before in my life!). I said, ‘Sure!’ He was like, ‘No, really. I’m serious!’ I said, ‘So am I!’ I picked up the tuba on the first band rehearsal of the school year. By the time of Music Fest at CUC a few months later, I was playing along with students who had been learning their instruments for years.”

Dolly continues, “BMA deepened my love for music, leadership, and theology. All of those things have shaped who I am and what I do today. BMA strengthened my identity as a SDA, which seemed good to me at that time.”

Dolly has two sons, Russell and Wessley. Her love of Theology continues and she graduated in 2022 with a MA in Religion from Andrews University. An entrepreneur, Dolly currently offers educational courses in English, math and life skills. As Class Agent, Dorothy tries to keep up with her former classmates and hosts Friday evening vesper services via ZOOM for and with her friends from BMA. Dolly also provided special music during Alumni Weekend 2022.

When asked what advice she would give to current students of BMA, Dolly states, “Think for yourself and dig deep for truth. God's love for you is outrageous. Believe it and embrace it.”

In November of 2021, **Celeste Ryan Blyden (1988)** was elected as the new executive secretary for the Columbia Union by members of the Columbia Union Conference Executive Committee. Celeste began serving in her new role January, 2022. She made history in 2014 when she became the first female vice president for the Columbia Union; and is making history again as the Union’s first woman to become the executive secretary.

“Celeste has demonstrated a real leadership in her current position,” Conference president (and also a has been a pastor, shepherd and she led her department very role as vice president for strategic relations, Celeste was the editor and *Visitor* magazine and host of the She is a wife, mother, book author, leader who believes that “God is able all that we ask or think, according to



passion for mission and effective says Dave Weigley, Columbia Union BMA alumnus, class of 1970). “She encourager to those around her, as effectively over the years.” In her communication and public publisher of the Columbia Union *Visitor News Live* online program. speaker, church elder and ministry to do exceedingly abundantly above the power that works in us.” (Eph.

3:20, NKJV) Though Celeste grew up in upstate New York, she spent much of her life in the Columbia Union territory, attending Pennsylvania Conference’s Honesdale church, graduating from Blue Mountain Academy, and earning a double major in Counseling Psychology and Journalism/Public Relations at Columbia Union College—now Washington Adventist University—in Takoma Park, Md., in 1993. She later earned a master’s degree in Organizational Communication from Bowie State University (Md.). To deepen her ministry effectiveness, Celeste will soon complete a master’s degree in Pastoral Ministry from the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary at Andrews University (Mich.) and is an ordained local church elder. She states, “Once God drafts you for service, no matter how challenging it may be at times, you become hooked because serving on His team is the most fulfilling and satisfying adventure.”

Celeste and her husband Austin are blessed with two amazing daughters—Larraina and Sarita. The family loves traveling, beaches and water parks, cooking and baking, and spending time with their small group ministry families.

Excerpts for this article are taken from the [Visitor](#) magazine with Celeste’s permission. You may read the full article at: [Celeste Ryan Blyden Elected to Serve as Next Columbia Union Executive Secretary | Visitor Magazine \(columbiaunionvisitor.com\)](#). Credits for the full article belong to David Richmond.

Students in Motion – Academy Life, BMA

This past year the Academy worked on creating a filming project with the objective to promote Adventist education through storytelling. Here is the synopsis:

When five students show up late for school registration, the Principal assigns them to a new initiative called: “The Secret Ambassadors.” At first, none of the students take the assignment seriously, but eventually, something that started out as a project changes their lives forever.

BMA has become the first academy to create an original plot series in the North American Division. Students and staff are part of the cast of this project. Genre: TV plot series of 7 episodes available on YouTube.

Cast: Lukas Buggel, Jedaiah Lim, Corbi MCGovern, Antonio Amaris, Sarah Hoyos, Austin Heller, Daniel Falcao, Ismael Carrasco, Daniel Perez, Elibeth Brenton, Miriam Rodas, Miguel Couto, Nathalia Phu, Kyle Williams, Jordyn Schaeffer, Lidianny Guzman, Danilo Proj, Isaias Sosa, Jayden Bonie, Clevannah Facey, Keililah Chesney, Savannah Hovan, Helmi Calles, Wilson Guerrero, Ludwig Estrella, Starring David Mioranza, Erwin Hein, Burney Culpepper and Bruce Kimball.

Produced by Ruben Olm and Esther Hernandez; written and directed by Javier Guichard and David Guichard.

Website: <https://www.bma.us/the-ambassadors-series>

Episodes: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLWkQw_NnwK9N4HInclhCGDYS1t5tScyEb

Blue Mountain Academy believes that education is more than just academic learning. “Mission Focus,” joining Jesus and His mission to reach friends, community, and the world, is one of the core values that shape the BMA experience. Learn more at www.bma.us.

This article is dedicated to Jedaiah Lim (Oct. 14, 2003 – June 14, 2022). Jedaiah was a recent 2022 graduate when he lost his life while swimming.



Highlights of Alumni Weekend 2022

As friends gathered together to reminisce of times past, honor those who are no longer with us, and to enjoy new moments together, Alumni Weekend 2022 became another moment in time for alumni to enjoy being back on campus. Although it was a smaller gathering than in past “in-person” years, alumni traveled from afar to attend. There were alumni from Alaska, the west coast and mid-west along with the east coast alumni, and those who travelled to Blue Mountain from outside of the country. Classes 1970 and 1971 had an exceptional presence along with honor classes 2002, 1982, 1972 and 1962. Former faculty members, Melody and Duane Wardecki, travelled from Wisconsin to visit with family and former students. They also participated in the alumni business meeting held on Sunday, April 24, 2022.

The Class of 2002 started the weekend with Friday evening Vespers featuring **Erin Duman Peckham (2002)** as the presenter for evening service. Providing the analogy of the intrinsic value of gold compared to the extrinsic value, Erin brought to life the intrinsic value of our lives, how it relates to God’s creation of us, and how important it is for us to realize just how much God values us. **Alexander Archer (2012)** presented Sabbath morning’s sermon of being “Better Together” based on Genesis 11; and how we need to follow God’s plan for our lives, not our plan, consulting God in all things. Explaining that all we do should be for the glory and honor of God, with God at the center. Being “Better Together” with God, making Him the first person we consult in all matters. Alexander ended his sermon with a challenge of spending more time with God, as one must first believe they are better individually *with* God; “recognizing in order to be better together as a community, we must be accountable individually for the skills, talents, gifts and calling that God has for us... using the gifts God has given each of us in order to further His work.”



VARIOUS HONOR CLASSES SIT TOGETHER FOR CHURCH SERVICES

Additional alumni who deserve to be recognized for their participation in bringing alumni weekend together are:



Raquel Garcia (2022) is the youngest participant of the Sabbath School panel discussion representing the class of 2022, the newest members of the Alumni Association. Born and raised in Venezuela, Raquel moved to the US in 2018. She is the President of her class, and will continue her active role with the class as one of the class’s co-agents for the Alumni Association. Raquel enjoys drawing and reading as well as playing soccer. She hopes to become a pediatric nurse practitioner. In Raquel’s words, “I like to uplift God in everything I do.”

Providing Special Music during Sabbath School Services was **Dorothy Porawski**, class of 2000. “Dolly” is one of the alumni who travelled a distance to attend Alumni Weekend, and is featured in the article “Alumni Spotlight”. We were very fortunate in having Dolly share her musical talents during Alumni Weekend. As class agent Dolly also provided a vespers service for her classmates during the weekend.

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Andre Clarke (1988) – Andre had already accepted the invitation to participate in the Sabbath School panel discussion when he also stepped in last attended BMA for both his graduation, he attended graduated with a B.S. in Arcadia University, and is District teaching eighth Church in Pennsylvania; store, and serves on the an alumnus). Two of



Sabbath morning to visit other churches. To this day, Andre states he, “enjoys listening to music Sabbath morning, in part thanks to Theodore (Teddy) Allen waking up the boys’ dorm with Wintley Phipps’ songs.” Of his other fond experience, Andre feels the service-learning opportunities of participating with fellow choir members in the worship service at other churches on Sabbath mornings were important to his spiritual development. In Andre’s words, “Those trips showed me that *it is more blessed to give than to receive.*”

minute as the commentator for the panel discussion. Andre Junior and Senior year, graduating with the class of 1988. Following Oakwood College (now Oakwood University) from 1988-1992 and Biochemistry. He also earned a Masters of Education in 2000 from currently pursuing an Ed.D. Andre works for the Cheltenham School grade science. He attends the Bucks County Seventh-day Adventist and is their AV Coordinator, a worship leader, manages the church board for Huntingdon Valley Christian Academy (of which he is also Andre’s BMA memories is of waking to music and getting on the bus

Wendy Tauro Lombard (1993) was one of the participants in Sabbath evening’s Vespers. Wendy reflects on BMA as a place with a sense of community – “...from the very minute I got there with the first bonfire night, family groups that made me feel at home. It gave me the change to figure out who I was outside of the family I was raised in, a home in Boston which had always dominated my identity.” Wendy states she has amazing friends from BMA, wonderful people she still keeps in touch with; and acknowledges Mrs. Hartman as a compassionate staff member. Married with two adult children, Wendy completed her undergraduate work at Andrews University in Clinical Nutrition and her graduate work in Public Health from Loma Linda. She is the president and owner of Consult Nutrition, Inc., operating from New England to the Midwest, has been an adjunct professor on and off at Andrews University and has served on their Nutrition Dept. Advisory Board. For fun Wendy enjoys participating in Marathon/half marathons at Disney, backpacking, camping, and traveling in general.

Ron Messinger (1982), another participant in the Sabbath evening’s Vespers, hails from Washington state. Ron’s parents, Herb and Shirley Messinger, were faculty members at BMA, thus Ron spent his elementary and high school years at BMA’s and BMES’s campuses. Ron attended CUC (now WAU) until 1984 (math/comp science major) and WWC (now WWU) graduating 1988 with a BS in Engineering, Electrical and spent one year as SM in England. Married to Debbie Stone in 1986, Debbie and Ron have three adult children and one grandchild. Active in his church as elder, Pathfinder Director, chorister, and youth/children’s SS leader, Ron also sings in a few men’s chorus groups. Ron has also been on three short-term mission trips.

Additional alumni who participated in the Sabbath evening Vespers “Where Are They Now?” interview are **John Fleming (1982), William Luby (1982), Julie Karpenko Reid (1992), Alumni Association VP Jim Slater (1985), and Edwin Stickle (1982).** **William Luby** also provided special music.

The Academy’s various music groups and student actors presented their Spring musical, “The Lamb of God” in the afternoon. It was well received by the alumni who chose to view the program. Thank-you students! There are so many others who participated throughout the weekend by providing special music, prayer and behind the scenes support in many different capacities. The Alumni Association Executive Committee THANKS YOU all! We would also like to thank the administration of Blue Mountain Academy for their continued support with the Alumni Weekends, and also for providing technical support so alumni who were unable to attend in-person could participate via livestream. ***If you missed any of the services and would still like to hear/view them, you may do so by accessing BMA’s website: www.bma.us/alumni-weekend.***

In preparation for Alumni Weekend 2023, Vice Presidents, Amy Ortiz Moretto (1985) and Jim Slater (1985) will be reaching out to the various class agents of the honor classes to assist with the planning of Alumni Weekend 2023. Honor classes will be 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013, and 2018; in addition to the alumni of Lake Ariel and Philadelphia Academies. If you are interested in participating, please contact the AAEC at bmaalumniassoc@gmail.com. Class agents for Honor classes 1983, 1988 and 1993 are needed – please consider becoming a class agent for your class.

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ALUMNI WEEKEND 2022 IN PHOTOS



MARK HEISEY, '72; GEORGE DAVIS; AND HARRY BANKS '62



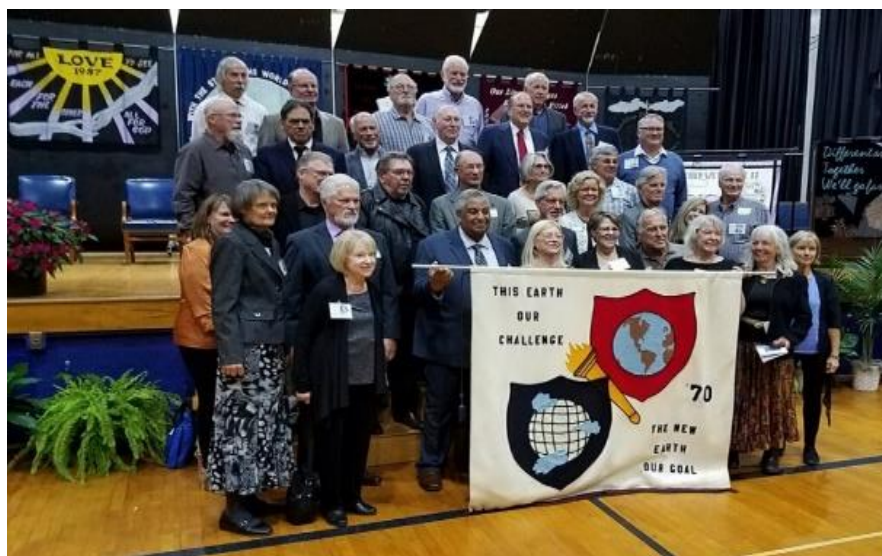
SABBATH EVENING VESPER PRESENTORS, L TO R:
BILL LUBY, '82; WENDY TAURO LOMBARD, '93; JULIE KARPENKO REID, '92;
JOHN FLEMING, '82; RON MESSINGER, '82; DR. EDWIN STICKLE, '82; AND
AAEC VICE PRESIDENT, JIM SLATER, '85



DWIGHT SALKEY '83, AAEC PRESIDENT,
VISITS WITH JUDITH AIKEN '70



GUEST SPEAKER, ALEX ARCHER '12
SHOWS HIS TALENTS ON COURT



ALTHOUGH CLASS OF 1970 COULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN AN IN-PERSON ALUMNI WEEKEND DURING THEIR 50TH YEAR, THEY TRAVELLED FROM AFAR TO VISIT WITH FRIENDS AND GET A GROUP PHOTO.



RANDY RAHMING, DARREN BOYD, JOSE RAMIREZ -
ALL FROM CLASS OF 2012



ALUMNI VS CURRENT STUDENTS ANNUAL BASKETBALL GAME –
GUESS WHO WON!



CURRENT STUDENTS AND ALUMNI GET TOGETHER IN THE GYM



ALUMNI DAVE GRIFFIN, PAUL HENDERSCHEDT, AND RON BRONSON
STILL GET TOGETHER WHEN TIME AND TRAVEL ALLOW – OVER 50
YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP. ALL ARE FROM THE CLASS OF 1971.

Alumni Association Information

- **WELCOME! to five new class agents:**
 - Class of 1962 – Co-Agents Donna Ryan and Ed Cale
 - Class of 1972 – Jackie Hildebrandt and Kathleen Manchec will co-agent for their class. After serving his class for 50 years, Mark Heisey has decided to retire as class agent. We thank Mark for his dedicated service over the past 50 years.
 - Class of 2022 – Raquel Garcia
- **CLASS AGENTS NEEDED** for the following named classes: 1957, 1973, 1983, 1988, 1990, 1993, 1997, 2007, 2009, 2015, 2016 and 2017. **Please NOTE:** classes 1983, 1988, and 1993 are honor year classes this upcoming Alumni Weekend 2023. If you are of a class needing an agent, please consider becoming one.
 - Class agents help in the preparation of alumni weekends during their honor years; and help communicate to their former classmates regarding various BMA Alumni activities, special events at BMA and general information. Class agents also help keep the association updated on alumni contact information, and the passing of classmates. If you are interested in becoming a class agent, please contact us at bmaalumniassoc@gmail.com.
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■ **ALUMNI NEWSLETTER:**

- If you are interested in submitting an article or sharing information to be posted in the newsletter; or are interested in receiving the newsletter via email, please contact us at bmaalumniassoc@gmail.com . Please include your graduating year, and your maiden name if applicable.

■ **Missing Alumni and Former Staff Members:**

- If you are in touch with former staff members please ask them to provide us with their contact information so we may include them in receiving the Alumni Newsletter. Former staff members are just as much an important part of Lake Ariel, Philadelphia and Blue Mountain Academies as the alumni are.
- We have several missing alumni as evidenced by the return mail we receive. We want to be able to reach everyone with updated news regarding Alumni Weekends, special programs, and keeping everyone informed via the BMA Alumni Newsletter. Please remember to update your contact information with us. If you are aware of alumni from your class who may be deceased, please let us know. You may notify us of the information via bmaalumniassoc@gmail.com .

- ***The Appalachian*** has been reinstated by BMA's administration. You may access *The Appalachian* via Blue Mountain Academy's website at www.bma.us . If you are interested in submitting an article to *The Appalachian*, please contact either Rosemary Eyer or Burney Culpepper at reyer@bma.us or bculpepper@bma.us .

News You Can Use

On Thursday, April 21, 2022, the Pennsylvania Conference staff, Blue Mountain Academy staff and students, along with others gathered for the Pennsylvania Conference Center. The new facility is located with an entrance on the The automotive center, industry, portion of the building.



The new office features a meetings and a large auditorium, Center, for larger meetings and seminars, training, and other resources to equip churches, schools, and members for the mission of reaching everyone, everywhere.

ribbon cutting at the new office/Mission and Evangelism in the front portion of the IA Store is located next to the office Mountain Road side of campus. and warehouse are still in the back

conference room for smaller the Mission and Evangelism designed to be a place to record

The Pennsylvania Conference staff dedicated the new facility on Sabbath, June 18, 2022 immediately following Sabbath morning worship at camp meeting.

(Article submitted by Tamyra Horst, Communication Director, Women's and Family Ministries Director, Pennsylvania Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists.)

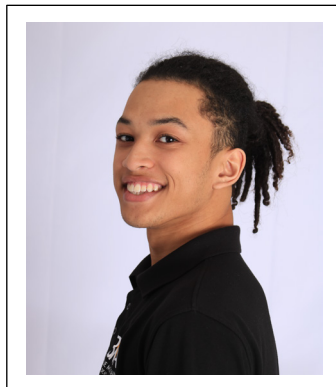
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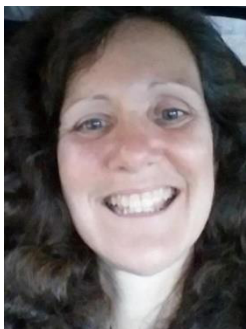
☐ I will turn their mourning into gladness;
I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.☐
Jeremiah 31:13 NIV

Class of 2022: Jedaiah Zhan-Shi Hotep Silvanus-Lim – 06/14/2022 – Blue Mountain Academy family writes: *“We are grateful to have known Jedaiah, or as we liked to call the power to draw a smile on everyone who to all the staff. Jedi’s memory will remain as upcoming series, “The Ambassadors.” We work and interact with him in the making message will encourage our hearts to ambassadors. His influence will remind us to life for God’s Kingdom. As we look to the God’s grace, we will see Jedaiah again. Very come again and take all those who love Him away every tear from their eyes; there shall There shall be no more pain, for the former Jedi is survived by his Mother, Shanna Lim, and sisters; two sets of Grandparents, a host of cousins and family that will miss him dearly. Jedi lived by his favorite Bible verse, “Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.” Matthew 5:13. Let us honor Jedaiah’s memory by being the “salt of the earth.” Let us use our influence to be a beacon of Christ’s love.*



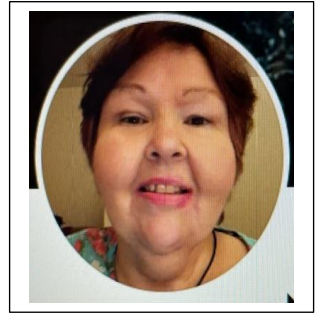
him, “Jedi.” He was a friend to us all. He had was around him and was always respectful he brings to life the character of Jake, in the are very thankful for the time we had to of this project and we are certain his continue on fulfilling the mission to be that every action and word can bring others future, let us never forget that one day, by soon, the Life-giver Himself, Jesus Christ, will to a much better place, where ‘God will wipe be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. things have passed away’ Revelation 21:4.”

his Father, Eugene Townsend, nine brothers



Rena Mae Romero-Hartigan – Passed on April 3, 2022. Rena attended Blue Mountain in the late 70’s – early ‘80’s; and earned her nursing degree from Atlantic Union College. Rena was the President, Owner and Operator of Careride Wheelchair Transportation for over 27 years. A devoted member of the SDA church, Rena found great comfort in her faith and within the church community. When Rena wasn’t sharing her faith with others, Rena loved being outdoors, especially hiking and fishing; and especially loved being with family. Rena leaves behind her husband, Daniel; two sons, Brenton and Braighan; two daughters, Monique and Patrice.

1977: Christine Stublely – Passed 05/06/2022 after a long illness. Following her graduation from BMA, Chrissy, as she was affectionately known, attended Delaware County Community College; and worked as a property manager prior to becoming ill. Christine is survived by her son, Joshua, his fiancé Autumn; her sister and brother-in-law, Lynnette (Stublely) and Fred Lyles; and two nephews, Jonathan and Timothy, many cousins and friends. Even through her own health issues, Christine remained positive, encouraging others. She will be remembered as one who cared for others, and could make those around her smile and laugh. Chrissy will be sadly missed.



1971: Donna Kay Ramsey Pedigo – transitioned to a restful sleep on June 13, 2022. Although Donna lived in constant pain for several years, she showed courage, determination and optimism throughout her illness. Following her graduation from BMA, Donna attended Columbia Union College (nka Washington Adventist University), graduating with a B.A. in elementary education. Donna taught at Beltsville Adventist School before becoming Highland View Academy’s Development Director. She was also the Director of Development for the Education Department of the Chesapeake Conference for Seventh Day Adventists. Donna is survived by her husband, Robert; her daughter, Erica; step-children, Kristen and Robert, and their families; and her brother, Jeff. A memorial service was held July 8, 2022 via ZOOM. Childhood and life-long friend, Pastor Ken Denslow, President of the Lake Union Conference, conducted the service.

1968: Richard Schimp, Sr. – January 12, 1948 – January 15, 2022 passed away unexpectedly at his residence. Richard was the son of the late Raymond L. and Margaret Jane (DeGarmo) Schimp, Jr. A U.S. Veteran, Richard served his country in the US Army and was involved with Operation White Coat. He worked as a truck driver and a machinist for Miller Welding and Rola Jensen. Richard is survived by his son, Richard L. Schimp, Jr., two grandchildren, a brother Robert Schimp, and a sister, Lila Deapen.



1968: Susan Galey TeHennepe, age 71, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, born June 14, 1950, passed away on Friday morning, June 10, 2022. Susan was the daughter of William Forrest and Hazel Irene Galey. She is survived by her son, Jeff TeHennepe and his wife, Melissa; granddaughter, Olivia TeHennepe; sister, Tricia Johnson and her husband Michael; several nieces, nephews and other family members. Services to celebrate Susan were held Friday, June 17, 2022, at Roselawn Funeral Home. For those unable to attend, services were “Live Streamed” and can be reviewed on the Facebook page for Roselawn Funeral Home & Memorial Gardens—Murfreesboro, TN. Please visit their website to leave thoughts and messages on Susan’s page that will be included in the family’s “Life Remembered Book.”

** **1976 John Mesko** – passed 12/30/2021 and was incorrectly reported as an alumnus of the class of 1974. Our sincere apologies to John’s family and the to the classes of 1974 and 1976.

We are only able to report on those persons whose information has been submitted by time of printing.

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Photo by Donna Ryan, class of 1962.



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