

Class Notes

2010s

2010 Blair Daly married Melody Miles in July 2015. Blair is the drummer for a Seattle-based band, Stubborn Son.

2011 Taylor Telford graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in May 2015 with her M.Div. and was recently ordained as a teaching elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She is now serving as a year-long pastoral resident at Beacon, a new worshipping community in Philadelphia through PC(USA)'s 1001 New Worshipping Communities initiative.

2014 Bethany Carrillo is living in Seattle and is proud to be a Whitworthian. She sends her love to all her fellow alumni who continue to cultivate a life worth living, with depth in their hearts and perseverance in their minds. Go, Bucs!

DEBUT

2012 a boy, Scoutson, to Martha and **Travis Todd**, July 29

DEPARTURES

Sarrah A. Powers, '14, died March 29. **Nicole L. Theis, '14**, died June 9. **Luke Beardemphl, '16**, died May 22, 2015, from recurrent Hodgkin's lymphoma. At Whitworth he majored in pre-med and biophysics, planning to pursue a career in radiology. Although his time at Whitworth was brief, Luke was known for his abiding faith and for making strong relationships across campus and in the Duvall Hall community.

2000s

2001 Julie Gilstrap married Shea Tisdale on Dec. 22 in Raleigh, N.C. **Wendy Fortune** is the math teacher for all junior high and high school students living on the *Africa Mercy*, the world's largest non-governmental hospital ship. The ship is currently docked in Toamasina, Madagascar. Mercy Ships provides free surgeries to the world's forgotten poor.

2002 Stephanie (Stern) Carlson recently moved to Yakima, Wash., and became director of communications and marketing for the Yakima Union Gospel Mission.

2003 Becky (Trefts) and Mark Finney moved back to Spokane to plant a branch of the Evangelical Covenant Church. Each earned a master of divinity degree from Fuller Theological Seminary. Becky also holds a master of science in marital and family therapy from Fuller Seminary.

2004 Tod Weber is an independent consultant, based in Germany.

2006 Bonnie (Schwartz) Kim is in her third year of teaching middle school and high school music at Centennial Christian School, an international school in Seoul, South Korea, that serves mostly Korean students.

2007 Melissa Binford married Tim **Beck** on Dec. 11 in Boise, Idaho.

DEBUTS

2000 a boy, Jet James, to **Heidi (Bohnett) and Sky Blake, '01**, Oct. 8, 2013

2000 a boy, Miles, to **Jenny (Hutchens) and Zach Kaluza**, April 4, 2014

2002 a boy, Ethan Michael, to **Mary (Krogmann) and Shawn Hellwege**, Dec. 8

2002 a girl, Akulina, to Murat and **Melissa (Vining) Shamanov**, April 18, 2011

2003 a girl, Winnifred, to **Brooke (Ellis) and Cassius Ledebor, '15**, Dec. 11, 2014



HOMECOMING WEEKEND

Celebrate the past, present and future! All alumni and their families are invited to return to campus Oct. 7-9 for Homecoming Weekend 2016. Members of the classes of '66, '76, '86, '96, 2006, and 2011 will celebrate their milestone reunions with special gatherings. The Class of '56 and earlier classes are invited to join in the 60-years-plus reunion. Additionally, all alums of the music family are invited for the grand opening of the Cowles Music Center. For more information and to register, visit connect.whitworth.edu.

2004 a boy, Raymond Joseph, to **Elizabeth (Smelser) and Nichlas Fox**, Sept. 23

2005 a boy, Luke Lawrence, to **Emily (Fletcher) and Mark Schuidt, '07**, Jan. 11

2005 a girl, Lillian Mae, to **Tiffany (Bruce) and Chris Teal**, April 22, 2014

2005 a boy, Alden, to **Kara (Hagman) and Shawn Van Leeuwen**, Oct. 25, 2014

2006 a boy, Asaf Koveh, to **Teranne (McComas) and Niek Arentsen**, Oct. 14

2006 a girl, Scarlett Yerang, to **Bonnie (Schwartz) and Sungsoo Kim**, April 21, 2015

2006 a girl, Eden, to **Amy (Bement) and Ernest Policarpio, '05**, Jan. 7, 2015

2007 a boy, Viktor Everett, to **Stephanie (Gillman) and Kyle Bisch, '08**, Nov. 30

2007 a girl, Edith Christine, to **Rachael (Erikson) and Michael Lafferty**, Aug. 5

2007 a boy, Jack Isaiah, to **Kate (Fuller) and Justin Peterson**, Jan. 30, 2014

2007 a girl, Dorothy Fern, to **Renée (Roberts) and Samuel Rudolph**, Dec. 22

2008 a boy, Parker, to **Morey Jones and Amanda Burnett, '11**, June 16, 2015

2008 a girl, Rebecca, to Candace and **Andrew Zugner**, March 1, 2014

2009 a boy, Kellen, to **MaryKate (Anderson) and Andrew DeBoer**, Oct. 10, 2014

2009 a boy, Judah Wesley, to **Abigail (Horner) and Steven Johnson**, July 9



FAMILY WEEKEND 2016

All parents and families of current students are invited to celebrate Family Weekend Oct. 14-16. Registration opens soon at connect.whitworth.edu.



Discovery 2016

We've started our fourth year of the Alumni Discovery Project! This summer, 19 student ambassadors are meeting with alumni to hear stories about life before, during and after Whitworth. Since 2013, nearly 1,100 alums have shared their stories. If you receive an invitation, or if you'd like to know more about this important project, please visit www.whitworth.edu/discoveryproject.

DEPARTURES

2001 Aana (Elsen) Blalock died Jan. 25. Aana taught first and sixth grade and was also a piano teacher. She and her husband, Jack, traveled all over the world for Jack's career as a civil engineer with the U.S. Air Force. Aana enjoyed poetry, art and running and recently completed a 5K through a German forest. She is survived by her husband and her sons, Peter, Joshua and Matteo.

1990s

1992 Matt Freeman was appointed the executive director of the Idaho State Board of Education in June 2015. He served previously as the board's deputy director and chief fiscal officer. The board provides governance and oversight of public education in the state. **Julie (Johnson) Riddle** published a memoir, *The Solace of Stones: Finding a Way through Wilderness* (University of Nebraska Press) in April. Her essay, "Shadow Animals," which is included in the memoir, received a Special Mention in *The Pushcart Prize XXXIX: Best of the Small Presses 2015*.

1993 Anna Schowengerdt is the associate vice president for new business development at Save the Children USA, an international humanitarian aid and development organization that works in 120 countries, including the U.S., to help the most deprived children, families and communities.

DEBUTS

1996 a girl, Abrienne Anais, to **Darlyn (Hansen)** and Salvatore **Dinovo**, Sept. 28

1998 a girl, Ivy Anna, to **Kelly Snow**, Dec. 6

DEPARTURES

Betty A. McCormick, '90, died Dec. 16. Betty and her husband served as missionaries in Zimbabwe for five years and later moved with their family to Palau for two years. After retirement, they served in the Peace Corps in Panama for two years. Betty is survived by her sons, **John, '84**, and **Robert, '85**. **Elouise Margaret Simms, '92**, died Dec. 11, 2013. She is survived by her husband, Michael Simms, and her children, Tanner, Nicolas and Amanda. **Cheryl (Reece) Squires, '93**, died Jan. 8. Cheryl taught kindergarten, first and second grades at Deer Park Elementary for 30 years. She was also an avid walker, participating in 32 Bloomsday races. She is survived by her husband, Bill Squires, and her loving family. **Leslie K. Weaver-Burdett, '97 M.Ed.**, died Nov. 26. Les earned her B.A. at Eastern Washington University and worked at Excelsior Youth Center, in Spokane.

1980s

1984 Pete Swicker retired in December from his position as a special agent with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. After almost 25 years with the DEA and seven years with the U.S. Marine Corps, he looks forward to spending much more time with his son, Isaac (15), and his wife, Violy.

DEPARTURES

James E. Dorr, Jr., '82, died Aug. 7, 2014. **Scott B. Jackson, '84**, died Dec. 27. Scott's employment concentrated on the human-service field, working with children and adults with mental/developmental disabilities or substance-abuse problems, and helping people in assisted-living situations. **Anna (Erickson) Wise, '85**, died Nov. 28. Anna attended Princeton Theological Seminary and graduated with an M.Div. She served at many Presbyterian churches and as a chaplain for a hospital and hospice services. She is survived by her brothers, **Andrew Erickson, '84**, **Frederick Erickson, '87**, and **Robbin Erickson, '89**, and her sister, **Mary (Erickson) Carlsen, '90**. **Joyce L. Ostby, '89 M.Ed.**, died Nov. 25. Joyce was a social

worker for the state of Washington for 30 years. She was also an American Kennel Club obedience judge, traveling across the Northwest to participate in shows. Joyce was active in the Greater Spokane Shetland Sheepdog Club, as well. **Karlin (Lokker) Mick, '82**, died in April 2015. She is survived by her husband, Westin, and by sons Garrett and Tyler and their families.

1970s

1972 Robert Hurbi retired from Allstate Insurance Company after 40 years of service in the claims department. He and his wife, **Sheryl (Johnson)**, are enjoying traveling in their RV, visiting family and many of the national parks in the Western United States.

DEPARTURES

Gerald E. Carpenter, '70, '74 MAT, died Nov. 7. Jerry worked for the University of Washington print shop while attending Seattle Pacific University. He and his family moved to Newport, Wash., where they owned and operated *The Newport Miner* and *The Gem State Weekly* newspapers for 13 years. During this time, he began teaching at Spokane Community College. **Sara M. (Badgley) Moody, '74**, died Oct. 17, 2014. **Terry A. Read, '77**, died Nov. 17. **Lynn Allemanni-Hepworth, '77**, died Jan. 31 at her home, in Ariel, Wash. Lynn worked for Old National and First Interstate Banks and also served 15 years for the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services and the state department of corrections.

Jan N. Marshall, '77, died Jan. 4. Jan was passionate about music, playing with Whitworth's and Gonzaga's community orchestras, as well as singing with the Hamblen Park Presbyterian Church Celestial Singers. She also served as a deacon at HPPC. Jan is survived by her husband, Jim, son David, and sisters Kathleen Stevens, Annie Stevens and Sue Faulkner.

1960s

1964 Marilyn (Halliwell) Duren recently married Dick Bastear, a friend of 20 years. She went from having one son to having a blended family of seven adult children, 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

1965 Joanne (Robbins) McNeal sang with the Edmonton Metropolitan Chorus at Carnegie Hall, in New York City, on March 7. The chorus sang an Allan Bevan composition, *Nou Goth Sonne Under Wode*, a moving meditation on the crucifixion of Christ, sung in Middle English. She says, "What a thrill to be able to perform at Carnegie Hall as the finale of my singing career!"

1967 Lynn (Bell) Woodworth retired from teaching in Florence, Ore., in 2013. Lynn was a classroom teacher for three years and a Title 1 teacher for the remainder of her career. She is president of the Emerald Empire Reading Council, a local council for the Oregon Reading Association, which is part of the International Reading Association.

DEPARTURES

W. Edward Allan, '60, died Oct. 28. **Carol Campbell, '60**, died Jan. 26. Carol was a secretary and homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Don. **Robert Duryee, '63**, died Dec. 6. Bob attended Fuller Seminary and served as pastor to many Presbyterian churches. He also owned a chimney-cleaning business in Spokane. After retirement, he continued ministering by leading Bible study groups and vacation Bible schools, as well as by serving as an elder and deacon and singing in the choir. Bob is survived by his wife, **Marie (Closter) Duryee, '63** and **'92**, children Darchelle Duryee, **Guy Duryee, '91**, **Amy (Duryee) Oakley, '92**, and **Dirk Duryee, '95**, as well as Dirk's wife, **Caryn (Wilson) Duryee, '95**, and grandchildren. **Charles Massey,**

Software Pair a Hard Team to Beat

By Josh Cleveland, '01



In fall 2013, **Michael Mpare, '03, '05 MIM**, founded Redmond, Wash.-based ScrumPoint, LLC, after securing a promising deal with a vendor company for Microsoft. From the very beginning, the core competence of the business has been in software development and providing software solutions and turnkey outsourcing services for enterprises of every size.

ScrumPoint has blossomed over the last few years. Not only has it grown into a team of professionals who are hardworking, committed to perfection, with a curiosity for growth and an appetite for fun, but it has given these professionals the privilege of being involved in exciting and innovative projects.

After graduation, Mpare served as an admissions counselor at Whitworth, and he can't help but continue to keep his eye out for great talent. While attending a Seattle-area Whitworth alumni chapter event last November, Mpare met **Michelle Koy, '14**, and the rest is history; Koy joined the ScrumPoint team as project manager and scrum master shortly thereafter.

The community-oriented nature of the ScrumPoint team's Whitworth experiences continues to find its place at the office. Koy says, "We refer to one another as part of a scrum family. The family atmosphere I experience at work reminds me of my time as a student."

"Whitworth has given me a solid base to extend my skills in a sometimes uncertain and dynamic corporate arena," Mpare says. "My liberal arts education helps me draw from an integrated and interdisciplinary knowledge set with respect to my audience and whatever challenges I face."

ScrumPoint's is just one story of alums from across the eras making meaningful connections at work and in their communities. When you meet another Whitworthian, ask about his or her story; you never know when you'll make a connection, or find a door opening before you! To learn more about ScrumPoint and the work of its employees, please visit www.scrumpoint.com.

A Journey of Relationship, Commitment...and Coffee

By Josh Cleveland, '01

When **Glen Guenther, '09**, lived with Wilson and Karla Chavez in a homestay in Cerro Rodondo, Honduras, during Whitworth's 2008 Central America Study Program, he couldn't have guessed how his new friends would change his life.

"We developed a bond through the rhythm of waking with the sun, drinking a fresh morning brew, picking coffee for a large landowner at sub-market wages, and returning home to talk theology and read the Bible by candlelight," Guenther says.

That relationship resulted in a decision to found a coffee farm, Finca Los Hermanos (The Brothers' Farm), to help lift the Chavezes' community out of poverty. Since then, they have been engaged in a beautiful struggle. "Growing specialty coffee is exceedingly difficult," Guenther says, "and when the founding partners of a business are divided by culture, geography and comparative wealth, communication and expectations are hard to manage."

In 2014, Guenther earned his master of arts in global social entrepreneurship through the University of Denver's Josef Korbel School of International Studies, in a program that allowed him to explore how small-business development in the global south could lead to social and economic empowerment.

Guenther connected with President Barack Obama's director of global entrepreneurship at the U.S. Department of State, who suggested he apply to the president's Global Entrepreneurship Summit, in Nairobi, Kenya. At this summit – an invitation-only gathering of entrepreneurs who connect with business leaders, mentors and high-level government officials – "I gained insight into the minds of people who target initiatives for funding, and they challenged me to refine my model and gave me personalized feedback on our coffee farm system," Guenther says.

In addition to his work with the Chavezes, Guenther currently works in healthcare-project management and lives with his wife, **Sara (Preston), '10**, in Madison, Wis. "I am continually grateful for my education," he says. "I learned at Whitworth to work with my hands to transfer knowledge back and forth between mind and heart in a continual process to honor God, follow Christ, and serve humanity."

If you'd like to learn more about Finca Los Hermanos, email info@glenalberto.com.



'65, died on Feb. 9. Chuck was active at his church and volunteered in the community faithfully for many years. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and other family. **Margaret (Hood) Jay, '65**, died Dec. 28. Margaret loved playing golf with the Summerfield Women's Golf Club, as well as traveling with her husband of 50 years, Glenn. **Robert J. Brouwer, '66**, died Sept. 17. Bob graduated from the American Baptist Seminary of the West, in Covina, Calif. He served as a pastor in Covina, Phoenix, and Scottsdale, Ariz., over the course of 40 years. **Ruth (Schiemann) Rapp, '68**, died Dec. 8. Ruth immigrated to the United States from Germany in 1962 with her husband, Franz, and became a U.S. citizen in 1967. She served as a teacher and then as a nurse, retiring in 2000. She was a lifelong member of the New Apostolic Church and an active member of the German American Society.

1950s

DEPARTURES

Robert E. Farley, '50, died July 25, 2012. Robert served 32 years on the St. George's School faculty, starting as a math and science teacher, moving on to principal and ending as a drama teacher and director. He also performed in several productions for Spokane Children's Theatre and Spokane Civic Theatre. **Charlotte A. (Tackett) Galloway, '50**, died Nov. 1. **Kenneth L. Moen, '50**, died Nov. 5. Ken served in the U.S. Army and later became a middle-school math

and science teacher, as well as a counselor. He was an involved member of the Presbyterian Church who filled many roles in various congregations. A scholarship for students in the School of Education at Whitworth has been established in his name. **Rev. Morris Yocum, '50**, died June 24, 2015. Morris served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He received a bachelor of divinity degree from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary, in Portland, Ore., and pastored his first church, Grace Baptist, while attending seminary. Morris served as senior pastor at various churches in different states over the course of his career. **Rev. C. Philip Schiller, '51**, died Nov. 12. Phil attended San Francisco Theological Seminary and he served many Presbyterian congregations throughout Washington. After he earned his master's degree in sociology from Pacific Lutheran University, he worked at a career-counseling center in Tacoma, Wash. Phil is survived by his wife, **Shirley (Gilson), '51**, and children, **Sandra Smith, '77**, and **Thomas, '82**. **Clayton D. Bostic, '53**, died Sept. 23, 2014. **Rodney J. Gould, '55**, died Nov. 13. **Barbara A. Cornehl, '56**, died Oct. 10. Barbara taught music and chorus for 30 years, mostly at North Pines Junior High, in Spokane, where she received many honors and recognitions. She was an active member of the Spokane Dream Center Church, where she played the piano. **Ann (Glandon) Cramer, '56**, died Feb. 1. Ann served as an educator for many years, and her greatest joys were her kids, quilting and giving. She is survived by her husband, **Gordon, '55**, and their family. **Thomas Perrin, '56**, died Sept. 9, 2009. **Katherine (Oord) Boersma, '57**, died Dec. 20. **Kathleen M. Clark, '58**, died Oct. 25. **William Ronald Smythe, '58**, died Feb. 12. Ron's first position was as principal at Tulalip Elementary School, and he served 27 years in a variety of leadership positions until his retirement, in 1992. **Donald E. Heyerly, '59**, died Nov. 1. Don and his wife owned and operated Don's Drive-In, in Greenville, Calif., from 1974-92. He sponsored softball, baseball and bowling

teams, and he gave his time in scorekeeping and umpiring for local sports teams. Don founded the Goldiggers softball tournaments.

1940s

DEPARTURES

Gladys (Logsdon) David, '45, died Dec. 25. Gladys served as a nurse in the U.S. Army for two years. She graduated from Deaconess School of Nursing and received a master's degree from Oregon State University. **Jean (Duncan) Nanney, '46**, died Nov. 13. She co-owned a travel agency and especially loved taking trips to England. **Allan C. Turner, '46**, died Dec. 4. Allan farmed for more than 30 years, and he planted trees across the state of Wisconsin. He was active in the North Scott Baptist Church, in Pardeeville, Wis., where he was a member for many years. **Elizabeth Douglas, '47**, died Jan. 6. Betty Ann ministered alongside her husband, **John, '51**, in Tacoma, Wash., Eugene, Ore., and Pasadena, Calif. Their family moved to Kenya in 1974 to help start Daystar University. Betty Ann also served as secretary of the School of World Missions at Fuller Seminary. **Phyllis J. Newton, '49**, died Oct. 4. Phyllis taught physical education for 30 years, mostly at North Pines Junior High, in Spokane. She was a dedicated member of the Spokane Dream Center Church. **Kenneth Russell, '49**, died Jan. 14. Kenneth, a U.S. Navy veteran, worked with Sterling Drug, Inc., for 38 years before retiring to Sarasota, Fla.



Alum Helps Establish Pirate Links through New Program

By Josh Cleveland, '01

If you know **Bill Curry, '73**, you know a man with a generous heart and a deep devotion to Whitworth and the many relationships he's built with his fellow Pirates over the years. And he's not finished yet.

Curry, who serves as board chair for Huntron, Inc., has recently become a mentor to students in the Whitworth School of Business through the Piratelink program. Alums across the nation can participate in the mentorship program, and Curry finds it especially easy to connect with current students. "To get one-on-one time with students is great," he says. "I hope I can give a tip or two that may help in a student's job search."

This spring, Curry was matched with **Brett Pray, '16**, an economics major and music minor from Sisters, Ore. Curry recently hosted Pray and other finance students at a dinner with Whitworth Trustee **Ken Roberts, '68**, sharing insights with the students on the industry and on possible upcoming opportunities. "Most often, I try to get students to meet and contact people in the companies and locations where they hope to work," Curry says. "When we get that defined, I can help with networking and advising on job-application opportunities."

"Bill has been teaching me how to hunt for opportunities rather than just wait for them to come to me," Pray says. "On top of that, he's coaching me on getting my foot in the door through a cold call, contacts, interviews and research."

Curry met his late wife, **Nancy (Gajafsky), '76**, at Whitworth, and their son, **Mike, '07**, studied here, as well. Curry has served as a trustee, on the foundation board, as a class reunion committee chair, and in countless other ways.

"I knew Bill was going to be helpful in teaching me and giving me experience," Pray says, "but I never thought I'd be getting as much help as I have been. I'm extremely grateful for how much Bill has helped me as I finish my time at Whitworth."

If you are interested in learning more about opportunities to mentor Whitworth students, please contact Danika Heatherly, '10, at dheatherly@whitworth.edu.

Attend an event and stay connected!



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and return there often to learn more about upcoming events for Whitworth parents, families and friends!



In Memoriam

WANDA COWLES



Whitworth lost a true champion when **Wanda (Toliver) Cowles**, a former Whitworth trustee, Spokane philanthropist, educator and advocate for gifted-learning programs, died Jan. 23. She was 85. Wanda and her husband, James P. Cowles, chair of the board of the Inland Empire Paper Co., donated generously to Whitworth. Their gifts include \$3 million in 2011 to fund the endowed

Margo Long Chair in Gifted Education, which is currently held by Jann Leppien, Ph.D. Most recently, the Cowleses served as honorary co-chairs of The Campaign for Whitworth.

“Wanda Cowles was a close friend to Whitworth, and we miss her dearly,” says Whitworth President Beck A. Taylor. “Her passion for education, particularly gifted education, helped to shape many of Whitworth’s teacher-preparation and teacher-certification programs. Students will benefit from her generosity for generations to come.”

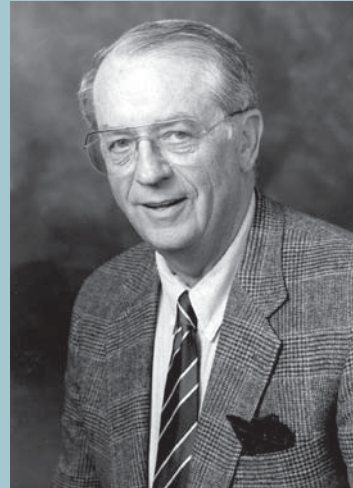
Wanda earned an associate degree from Los Angeles City College and a bachelor’s degree in education from U.C.L.A. She then spent seven years teaching elementary school in Los Angeles, and for two years she taught for the Department of the Army in Germany (where she met her future husband, Jim, a Spokane native). Wanda earned a master’s of education from Stanford University, and the following year she and Jim moved to Spokane.

While Wanda did not formally teach in a classroom again, she was an inspired and inspiring teacher to all who knew her. She devoted herself to improving teaching and learning for all students and teachers in the Spokane area, and she worked at the local, state and national levels to broaden and extend gifted education. She received the Whitworth Distinguished Community Service Award in 1985.

Wanda is survived by her husband, James P. Cowles; her son and daughter-in-law, James L. Cowles and Katelena Hernandez Cowles; her grandchildren, Celia Cowles and Gabriel Cowles; her sister, Faye Thompson; and her brother, Boyd Raymond Toliver.

Whitworth hosted a memorial service for Wanda on Feb. 13 in Cowles Auditorium. In lieu of flowers, Wanda requested that donations be made in her memory to Whitworth, in support of the Margo Long Chair in Gifted Education.

ROBERT DINGMAN



Robert “Bob” W. Dingman, a member of the Whitworth Board of Trustees from 1974-84, died Feb. 17 at age 89. He was a resident of Conejo Valley, Calif. Bob served in the U.S. Army in World War II. After recovering from severe combat wounds, he earned a bachelor’s degree from Houghton College. In 1979 he founded Robert W. Dingman Co., an executive-search firm. In

addition to his leadership on Whitworth’s board of trustees, Bob served on boards including Mission Aviation Fellowship and Hospice of Conejo.

Bob was preceded in death by his first wife, Janice. He is survived by their children, David, Dan and **Laurie (Dingman) Jones, ’76**, and her spouse, **Roger Jones, ’75**; and by grandchildren **Adam Jones, ’07**, and **Kaylin (Jones) Pratt, ’04**, and her spouse, **Blake Pratt, ’04**. He is also survived by his wife, Irene, her children, Stephanie and Dana, and four grandchildren. Robert and Irene established the endowed Dingman Family Scholarship Fund at Whitworth to assist students who are the children of evangelical ministers, church staff, overseas missionaries or staff of parachurch ministries.



HOWARD STIEN

Professor Emeritus of Biology **Howard M. Stien, Ph.D.**, died Feb. 22 at age 89. Howard, whom most people called “Stien,” taught at Whitworth from 1965-93, and he later served as an adjunct professor. He was known as a tough professor and a strong role model, and he was widely beloved by his students, who quickly understood that they were in for a rigorous

academic test under his tutelage. The Stien Classroom in Robinson Science Hall was dedicated to Howard in 2011.

Howard was born in Minnesota and was raised on his family's farm. During WWII he served in Italy as a tail gunner on a B-17 bomber with the U.S. Army Air Corps. In 1947 he married Pat Pierce, who later became a Whitworth associate professor of theatre (and is now an associate professor emeritus), and for several years the couple raised wheat and cattle on their farm in North Dakota; during the winter, Howard taught elementary school in a one-room schoolhouse.

Howard later earned degrees from Northwestern College and Macalester College, as well as his Ph.D. from the University of Wyoming. He held academic positions in biology at Pepperdine University, the University of Wyoming, Northwestern College, Eastern Washington University, and, finally, Whitworth University.

Associate Professor of Biology **Michael Sardinia, '87**, who majored in biology at Whitworth and whom Howard later hired to join the Whitworth faculty, spoke at his mentor's memorial service. "I think it is my task to speak for the many people who would say that Dr. Howard Stein was my teacher, my academic advisor, my mentor and my friend. And for so many of us, [his friendship] lasted so much longer than being in school and after graduation," Sardinia said. "As professors, Stien and Pat were Whitworth at its best. Real. Deep. Understanding. They really cared about their students."

Howard is survived by his wife of 68 years, **Pat Stien**; his daughters, **Suzanne Foust, '70**, and **Beth Davis**, who works in the Whitworth Office of Institutional Advancement, and their spouses; seven grandchildren, including **Kyrsten Lee Weber, '93**, **Abbie Elizabeth Davis, '08**, and **Phoebe Anna Grace Davis, '15**; and six great-grandchildren.

Web extra: To listen to an audio recording of Howard Stien's memorial service and to read a tribute, visit www.whitworth.edu/whitworthtoday.

Patricia "Pat" Bruce, Ph.D., died May 7, 2015; she directed the women's physical education department from 1955-58. **Loretta Doering** died March 30; she was a cashier in the business office from 1991-2004. **Kenneth "Ken" Proctor** died Feb. 4; he served as director of admissions from 1964-70. **Robert "Bob" Ashworth** died in February; he began working for facilities services in 1981 and retired as a purchasing agent in 2011.



ADRIAN TEO (center)

Associate Professor of Psychology **Adrian Teo, Ph.D.**, died Dec. 25, 2015, after a courageous 10-year battle with brain cancer. He was 49 years old. Adrian was born and raised in Singapore. He earned a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Oregon State University with highest honors in 1990 and completed the master's and doctoral programs in child psychology at the University of Minnesota in 1997; he joined Whitworth's psychology faculty that same year.

While at Whitworth, Adrian shared with students his scholarly passion and expertise, including developmental and school psychology, child development, school achievement and conduct problems, moral development and behavior, and the integration of faith and psychology. He also published articles and poster presentations, conducted ongoing research projects, and received many honors.

"When I came to Whitworth for my job interview, the last appointment of my campus visit was to discuss psychology and faith with Adrian," said Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences **Noelle Wiersma, '90**, in a tribute at a Feb. 5 memorial service on campus. "This was shortly after he had won a Templeton Prize for his course Mind of God, Minds of Humans. Adrian was warm and welcoming, incredibly bright, and he asked the toughest questions of the entire interview process. Ever since then, Adrian supported and encouraged me wholeheartedly in every personal and professional endeavor, as he did for us all."

Adrian is survived by his wife, Tessa, and their children, **Rachel, '16**; **Kevin, '17**; **Ryan, '19**; Aaron and Isaac.

Web extra: To read Noelle Wiersma's full tribute to Adrian Teo, visit www.whitworth.edu/whitworthtoday.