



Gary Gene Land

August 22, 1944 - April 26, 2014

Gary G. Land of Berrien Center, Michigan, was born August 22, 1944 and died on April 26 at the St. Joseph Medical Center in Mishawaka, Indiana, after a long battle with cancer.

In 1970 Land joined the faculty at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, Michigan, as a teacher in the Department of History & Political Science. He served as chair of the department for more than two decades. He retired as emeritus professor of history.

For his undergraduate studies, Land attended Pacific Union College, Angwin, California, and graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor of Arts. He continued his studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, California, and completed a Master of Arts in 1967 and a PhD in 1973.

Throughout his service at the university, he served as an instructor in history, assistant and associate professor of history. He also worked in administration and served as a graduate programs director and assistant dean to the College of Arts & Sciences. He became chair of the Department of History & Political Science in 1988.

Service was very important to Land. He was a member of the Berrien County Historical Association Board of Directors and served the group since 1983. He

was active in the church as a Sabbath School teacher, leader and director, among other service activities. Land was also a member of the organizing committee for the Ellen White Project as well as the Spectrum editorial board.

An avid writer, Land edited several academic/professional books and has published three of his own. His writings appeared in many professional journals and periodicals, including the Journal of Adventist Education, College and University Dialogue, Spectrum: A Quarterly Journal of the Association of Adventist Forums and Adventist Heritage, among others. He also contributed chapters to books and wrote book reviews for academic publications. He was a co-editor of Ellen Harmon White: American Prophet, a new biography recently released by Oxford University Press.

A memorial service will be held at Pioneer Memorial Church in Berrien Springs, Michigan, on Friday, May 2, at 10 a.m.