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Elisabeth Appleton Wear

— Woman of the Year —

Family Life

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Experts in the field of family life nominated Elisabeth Ann Wear for this award, and her children, Trevin and Tremse, and their spouses joined in writing letters of commendation, citing her outstanding accomplishments as mother and grandmother extraordinaire.

When Wear donned her cap and gown at La Sierra College, her infant son was in her arms. When she earned her doctorate from the University of Maryland, her proud elementary-aged children little realized that she was their role model for successfully juggling both family and professional roles.

“For my mother, family has always come first,” says Trevin. “She was gifted with caring parents who also put family first. They provided the foundation of love—both for God and for others. Mom brought these gifts to bear in the raising and training of my sister and me. We were her primary focus, yet she ever heeded the call of the church. She also found some time to begin a teaching career.”



Wear is looked up to as a superb teacher at all levels, as well as an organizer and leader. She has worked tirelessly for Adventist women. Under Wear’s leadership, AAW held its first annual conference in 1982, and she took responsibility for publishing *The Adventist Woman*.

Wear has taught elementary school, been director of an early childhood center, and taught at La Sierra and

Columbia Union colleges. From 1984 to 1987, she directed CUC's adult education program, helping it flourish intellectually and fiscally.

Wear and her husband, Douglas, a physician, share their home in Takoma Park, Maryland, with family and many friends and continue to provide richness in the lives of their children, their grandchildren, and Wear's mother.

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