

“The of the Matter”

A Monthly Source of Information for the Church Family

A Tribute to an Honorable Father

Dear Dr. Glenn Miller,
I am most grateful:

- A. For training me in the way I should live; and I have remembered it when I am old!
Proverbs 22:6
 - B. That you did not tell me how to live; you lived and let me watch you do it! Yours was a life defined by the fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Forbearance, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, and Self-Control as spoken of in Galatians 5:22, 23.
 - C. For teaching me not to be preoccupied with my own interests, but in the interests of others. Your 50 years of practicing medicine and ministry in Mendocino County exemplified the “Golden Rule.” Philippians 2:4; Luke 6:31; Matthew 7:12.
 - D. Thank you for your love of children and your passion for Christian education. You taught us the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. Your creative leadership for Ukiah Junior Academy, Pathfinders, Sabbath School ministry and outings taught us to appreciate the multitude of miracles in the natural world.
 - E. Thank you for teaching us how to play games and sports, yet more importantly, that etiquette and sportsmanship are far more important than winning or losing!
 - F. I am grateful for your foresight in seeing the value of “Preventive Medicine” —my lifelong profession.
 - G. For teaching us that God’s laws are perfectly in tune with His character of love!
 - H. Dad, thanks for caring and sharing!
- Fred Miller

**O Lord, How Majestic
Is Your Name**

**“When I consider Your
heavens, the work of Your
fingers, the moon and the
stars, which You have set in
place; what is man that You
are mindful of him, the son
of man
that You care for him? You
made him a little lower than
the heavenly beings and
crowned him with glory and
honor. You made him ruler
over the works of Your
hands;**

**You put everything under his
feet: all flocks and herds,
and the beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, and the
fish of the sea, all that swim
the paths of the seas.**

**O Lord, our Lord, how
majestic is Your name in all
the earth!”**

Psalms 8:3-9



Dr. Glenn Miller. Photographer unknown.

Tributes to Fathers cont.

I have so many wonderful memories of my Dad, Glenn Miller, it is difficult to pick just one.

Christmas was a time of year that we both loved, so, of course, many of my favorite memories of my Dad are associated with the holiday season. One that comes to mind is our experience flocking a Christmas tree. I was about eight years old when my Dad and I decided to flock our own Christmas tree.

My Dad was a fun guy who always had ideas for great activities. He and I enjoyed doing projects together. So, when he suggested flocking our Christmas tree to look like it was covered in snow, it sounded like a fantastic idea. We set up on the driveway with the beautiful, freshly-cut tree, the flocking mixture, and, most importantly, the vacuum cleaner from the house. According to the directions, the best way to flock was to use the vacuum cleaner to blow the flocking snow evenly on the tree.

Well, the vacuum definitely blew the flocking substance on the tree, but also on the driveway, all over the nearby plants, other trees, and all over us. And to my best recollection, the flocking material put the vacuum cleaner out of commission. We laughed and laughed until we almost cried. It was a great Christmas and one of the snazziest Christmas trees we ever had!

My Dad loved being a father, and it was evident in the way he loved and cared for his children, and how he was a shining example of being a Christian. Not a day goes by when I don't feel very, very lucky to have had a Dad like him! By Marilyn (Muffie) Miller Etchell

My father, Glenn Miller, MD., was a quiet leader, setting a strong example for the good and positive qualities in life. He loved his Lord, his family, and his community. Countless were the times I witnessed Dad's compassion and generosity being shown "to the least of these." (Matthew 25:40)

Dad sincerely believed that no child should be deprived of a Christian education due to finances. He personally remedied that problem for many "kids" attending Ukiah Junior Academy and Rio Lindo Academy. Many bright, young minds continue to be assisted through the annual golf tournament named in the memory of Glenn Miller.

Thank you, Pop! Steve Miller

THE NINTH ANNUAL GLENN MILLER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT WILL HAPPEN ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2022.

**IT IS TIME TO PUT THIS EVENT AT THE TOP OF YOUR PRIORITY LIST!
PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO
PARTICIPATE: WHETHER IT BE TO REGISTER AS A PLAYER OR TO MAKE
A GOD-DIRECTED DONATION.**

Tributes to Fathers cont.

Reflections on Fatherhood and Grandpa-hood

I have been asked to write about my memories of being a father. I will start by saying how privileged I am to be the father of three lovely, beautiful, smart, and gifted girls who have grown up to be women that Margie and I are very proud of.

This journey began on a sunny Sabbath morning when my oldest daughter, Jessica, came into the world. That was just several weeks after we had moved to Ukiah. We lived in a rental house on Glenwood Drive in Regina Heights. A few years later, on a dark November night, our second daughter, Patricia, entered the world. I had always thought that having a girl and a boy would be a good thing, as we would be having a neutral effect on world population, not to mention equal replacement of genders. But that's not our call, is it? Two girls were fine! That was enough for me.

But, my dear wife, who had grown up with three sisters, had other ideas. And you, who are fathers reading this, know who usually gets their way in that difference of opinion! And so it was that on Memorial Day weekend in 1991, our third daughter, Elizabeth, was born.

About two years later, we moved to our current location in the oak woodlands. It's a lovely place for birds and wildflowers, snakes, lizards, and newts. I think the girls and their friends got a real appreciation of nature, growing up where they did.

As a family, we went on a white-water rafting trip the summer of 1998 and combined it with a short stay in Ashland. I got the idea then that it would be a good thing to do a combination "roughing it" and "culturing" trip every summer.

One thing that I did a lot with my daughters was read to them, both the Bible and good literature. They enjoyed it at the time and I am sure they will be avid readers to their children. Which brings me now full circle, as I am getting grandchildren!

And what do you know? All three are boys so far! God does have a sense of humor, doesn't He? Being a grandfather is definitely a good gig, less responsibility, but still a wonderful opportunity to share love with family.

Well, I hope this little note has stirred up some memories in you, my dear church family, along with encouragement and ideas for you who are young fathers. Blessings to you all as we celebrate fathers this month.

Yours truly, Geoff Rice



Top, left to right: Jessica, Margie, Elizabeth, Patricia. Middle picture, left to right: Elizabeth (Liz), Patricia (Tricia), and Jessica.

Bottom, left to right: Giovanni and Daniel, sons of Jessica and Dan Vierra, William (Will), son of Liz and Benji Oliver. Photos Geoff Rice

Church News

Summer Youth Activities Planned by Pastor K.

June 8:	Pool Party
June 15:	Surfing
June 22 or 26:	Rock Climbing
July 17:	Pool Party
August 5:	Surfing

Photos below show —

Pathfinders in Action

Top row Pathfinders at Albion Retreat

Left: Dan Kuntz teaching class in Microscopic Life honor. Right: Pathfinders tide-pooling along the Albion coast.

Bottom row: Pathfinder Fair at Napa Christian School

Left: working on pin-trading honor. Right: standing in courtyard of Napa Christian School.

Photographer Luis Pastor

Hawaii Mission Trip Fundraiser

Reported by Pastor Eric K.

On May 15, the Pathfinder Club put on the first fundraiser for the Hawaii Mission Trip coming up next spring. They served a wonderful Thai dinner that was made by Andrew Tremper and the Club. A big thanks to Andrew Tremper and Louis Pastor for making this fundraiser happen, and to everyone else who helped get things ready and make the food. The Pathfinders helped make some of the food and they served the food as well. The fundraiser was a great success and raised \$1294.10, more than we were expecting.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser. We are looking forward to doing more fundraisers in the future and hope for your continued support to make this trip possible for our youth. If you would like to donate for the trip directly, you can mark your donation the Hawaii Mission Trip.



Church News, Cont.

Outdoor Church May 21, 2022



There's something special about seeking God among good company in the great outdoors. On Sabbath, May 21, 2022, we gathered at Mill Creek Park to lift our hearts and minds to God. There were approximately 90 people in attendance, and a few pets. The Peace of God was evident in the stillness of the woods, and the setting was perfect for a time of worship. We began with Sabbath school, joyful music, and small prayer groups. Pastor Eric Williams led the main worship service, turning our minds toward the need to be daily filled with the Holy Spirit. After a spiritual blessing, we enjoyed a delicious potluck meal together, and some of the more energetic of the group embarked on a Sabbath afternoon hike.

When we seek God's presence together, we are also brought closer together. Outdoor church was just one example of this, but God has so much more in store for us. Let's continue to ask Him to draw us closer. He will certainly answer this prayer, and reveal His love anew each day, while also using us to share it with the world around us.

—Anonymous Author

Family News



The Spencers are moving:

Gabe shares "that Lindsey has been offered the COO position at Rideout Adventist Hospital in Marysville, CA. We felt it was the right move for the family with Ava getting ready to start her freshman year of high school. The decision has not been finalized whether Ava and Bennett will attend Pine Hills Adventist Academy or Sacramento Adventist Academy. We will live in Lincoln. We have truly enjoyed our time in Ukiah and the friendships we have made."

The Spencers are not moving so far away, so their paths could cross with ours quite easily in future days. Even though we will miss not seeing them on a daily basis, they will remain in our thoughts and prayers as they advance His kingdom in other communities.

The Spencers: Gabriel, Lindsey, Ava and Bennett.

Photographer unknown

Family News, cont.

Adam Adreveno — Graduating from Pacific Union College June 19, 2022

“School has been hectic, as my final quarter is coming to a close to complete my degree in a BFA in Film and Television. Basically, this means that I took more specialized film classes rather than the general classes for a BA. I’ve been working hard finishing up my thesis film so it can show in PUC’s Diogenes Film Festival. Commencement is on June 19 and it’s going to be here faster than I could wish.

This fall I’m planning to take a teaching internship in Israel for ten months, consisting of teaching English to middle-grade students. The program covers room and board and gives me an opportunity to learn Hebrew and experience life in Israel. I first traveled to Israel last summer and absolutely loved it. I can’t wait to go back and experience it some more.”

Photographer unknown



Landon Chamberlain — Graduating from Rio Lindo Adventist Academy on Sunday, June 5, at 10:00 a.m.

Some of his memories from Rio: “I loved the sports season—especially football and working out on the Rope Pole. The campus banquets have been such great memories! They always exceeded my expectations. My plan after Rio is to attend Andrews University and pursue a degree in nursing.”

Landon was featured in the April 2022 issue of the Pacific Union Recorder, along with many other Northern California Conference students in an article *Our Kids Demonstrate Christ-like Behaviors*. “Landon is a senior and a passionate hard worker. He excels at both his schoolwork and his job as a resident assistant in the boy’s dorm. Landon motivates other students to do their best through tutoring and being a good listener.

‘It’s fun to connect with other students and encourage them to look at their problems from a different angle and find gratitude in everything,’ said Landon.”

Photographer unknown



“The Amen of Nature is always a flower.” Oliver Wendell Holmes

Family News, cont.

Jeicira Trejo — Graduating with honors via online study

"My senior year has been an eye-opening experience for me. Because of COVID, I decided to finish school online this year, and it has been nothing but a challenge. I honestly believed I wouldn't make it through the year since I spent so many hours staring at a screen and attempting to concentrate on a specific subject.

The differences between online and in-person classes are enormous. With in-person classes, you get to see other people's faces and connect with them; whereas, online classes get right to the point and just speed through all of the material, which can quickly build up. But, with self-discipline and the support of my family and friends, I endured and will soon receive my honors diploma.

It's the most satisfying feeling in the world to know that it all paid off in the end and that I learned how to control my patience and thought process. I'll be having my graduation ceremony via Zoom and receiving my diploma in the mail, which isn't ideal, but doesn't really matter.

My goals after graduation are to spend some time away from any screen. In the summer of 2023, I plan to study pre-nursing at Pacific Union College in Angwin, California, and then attend nursing school there. I'm very excited to go on this new adventure!"

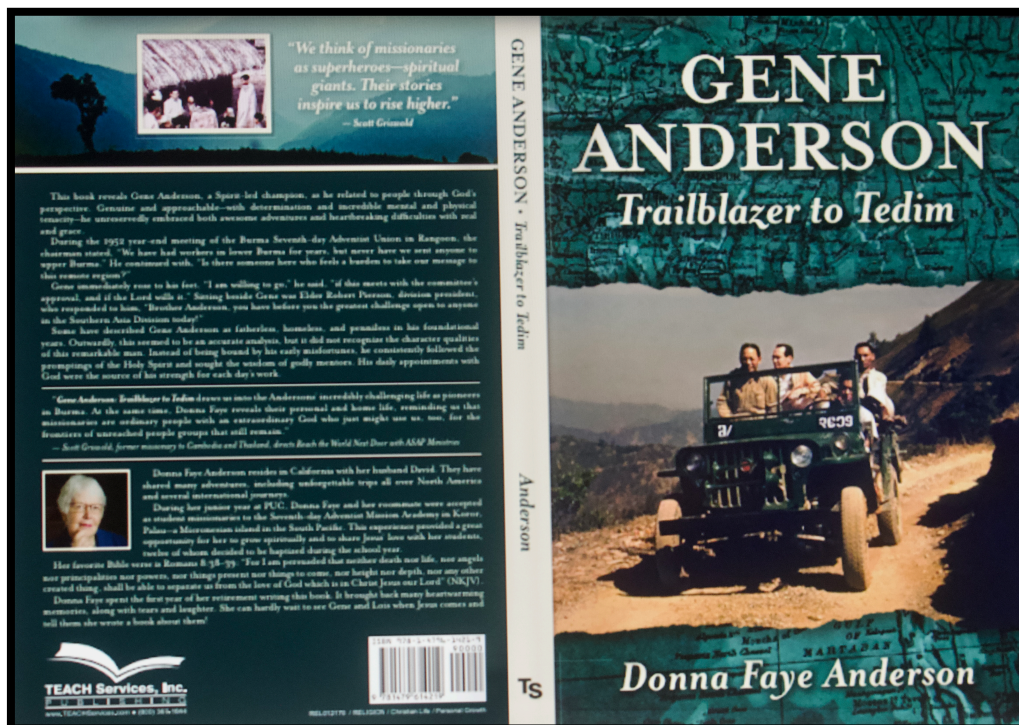


Jeicira Trejo

Photographer unknown.

No "Heart of the Matter" in July

The time has finally arrived to "hit the road" and promote the book Donna Faye recently had published at Teach Services, Inc. The title, Gene Anderson: Trailblazer to Tedim, is a combination biography/mission story of her in-laws with their three sons taking the Seventh-day Adventist message to the Chin Hills, a mountainous region in the upper northwest area of Burma, now known as Myanmar. Each aspect of this journey has been an inspiring, fulfilling adventure; the marketing and promotion phase is expected to be also.



The cover of Gene Anderson: Trailblazer to Tedim

UJA News

Eighth-Grade Graduates 2022

Motto: Do not follow where the path leads,
rather, go where there is no path and leave a trail.

**AIM: Live for Today;
Reach for Tomorrow!**

Ava Spencer (center) began her education at UJA in Kindergarten and has remained every year except for independent study last year. She is a natural pacemaker and has developed a great work ethic. Ava and her family plan to move to the Roseville area this summer.



Leilani, Ava and Logan in yard at UJA Photographer Allison Kurtz
Beth Garibaldi, class sponsor, wrote the graduate bios.

Leilani Duran (left) joined the class last November when UJA was allowed to provide in-person education. She has family members who used to attend here. She enjoys the small school atmosphere, and plans to attend UJA next year.

Logan Kurtz (right) joined us this year, after being home-schooled previously. He quickly developed athletic skills that make PE and break times a lot of fun. He plans to attend UJA next year also.

The 8th Grade Graduation will take place on Thursday evening,
June 2, at 7:00 p.m. in UJA's upper-level courtyard.
All are welcome to attend.

UJA News, cont.

Veggie Food Store

Cheryl reports, "We are well stocked for summer lunches. We have corn dogs, deli slices, jerky and Linkettes are still \$1.00 off a can.

We will be open every Thursday all summer from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

If that isn't convenient for you, please call me, 707-972-4927, to make other arrangements."

The eighth-graders, Leilani, Logan and Ava, recently enjoyed a class trip that included a day at Santa Cruz Boardwalk and another in San Francisco, where they toured the Ripley's Believe It Or Not Museum and the Hall of Mirrors.

This group particularly enjoyed the restaurants, including some great Thai food and soup served in bread bowls at Boudin's.



Left: Leilani on Santa Cruz boardwalk; Center: Logan in the Go-cars; Right: Ava and her Mom, Lindsey on Merry-go-Round
Photographer: Beth Garibaldi

Dear Church Family,

On behalf of Ukiah Junior Academy, I want to express our overwhelming sense of appreciation and gratitude for your support of our mission and service to the greater Ukiah community. We have been able, through your generous financial support, to provide affordable Christian education for young families here in our part of Mendocino County. Our mission is to introduce children (and their families) to Jesus and his gracious love, while at the same time providing a quality education. We believe that doing so will plant seeds of faith that will grow and flourish in time. We all feel honored to be a part of such a worthwhile service to this community and look forward to being able to serve even more families as we plan for years to come.

God bless, Rick Nelson, Principal Ukiah Junior Academy

UJA News cont.



Rock-n-Water The Fourth Grade class had a wonderful time at Rock-n-Water camp! They enjoyed being transported back in time to 1854 when the gold miners were on the hunt for gold. We got to make a rope, pan for gold, check out a couple of gold mines and learn to connect with God out in nature. Floating the river on rafts was a highlight of the trip. They enjoyed every minute of the camp!

By Beth Kablanow

Photographer unknown.



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