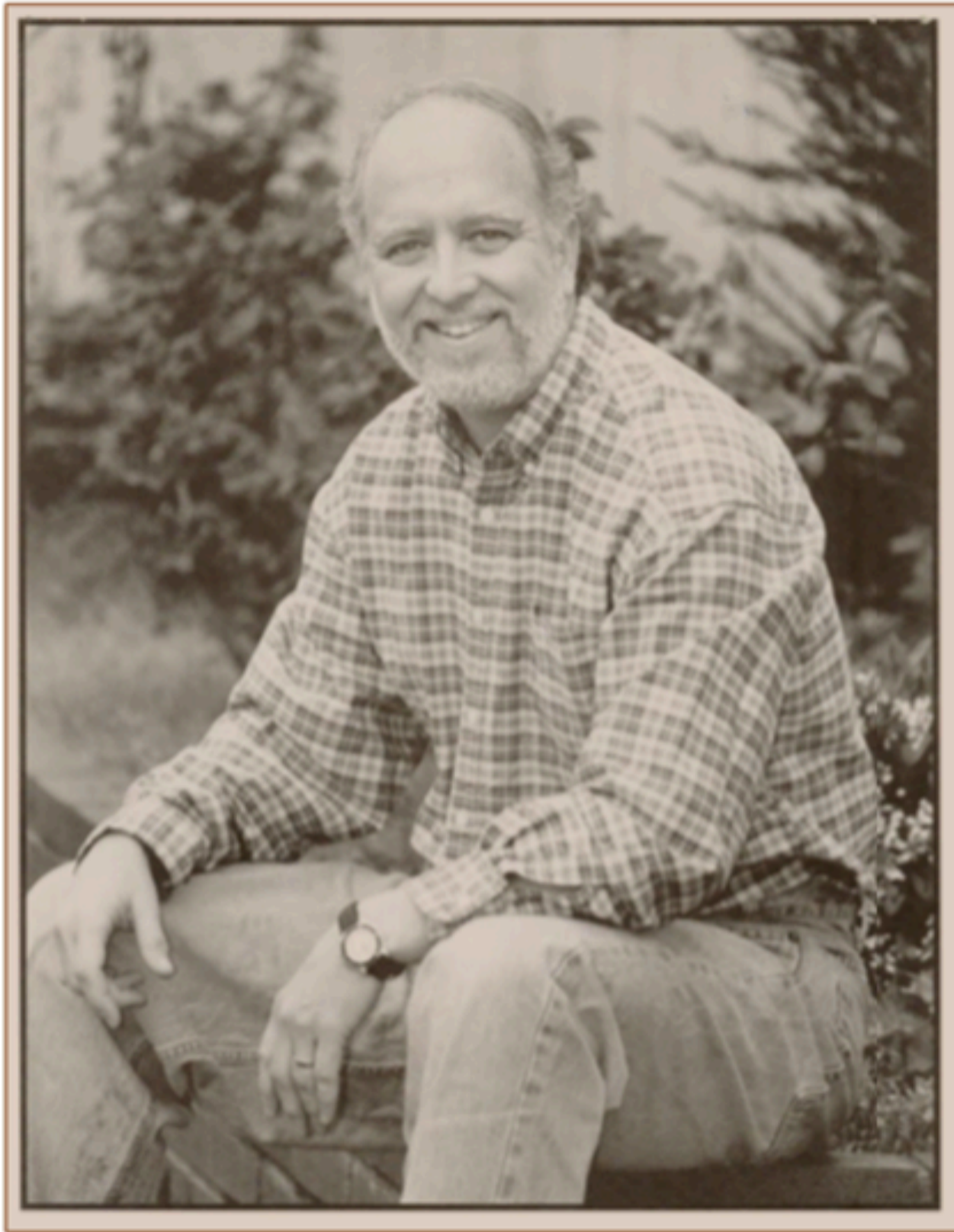
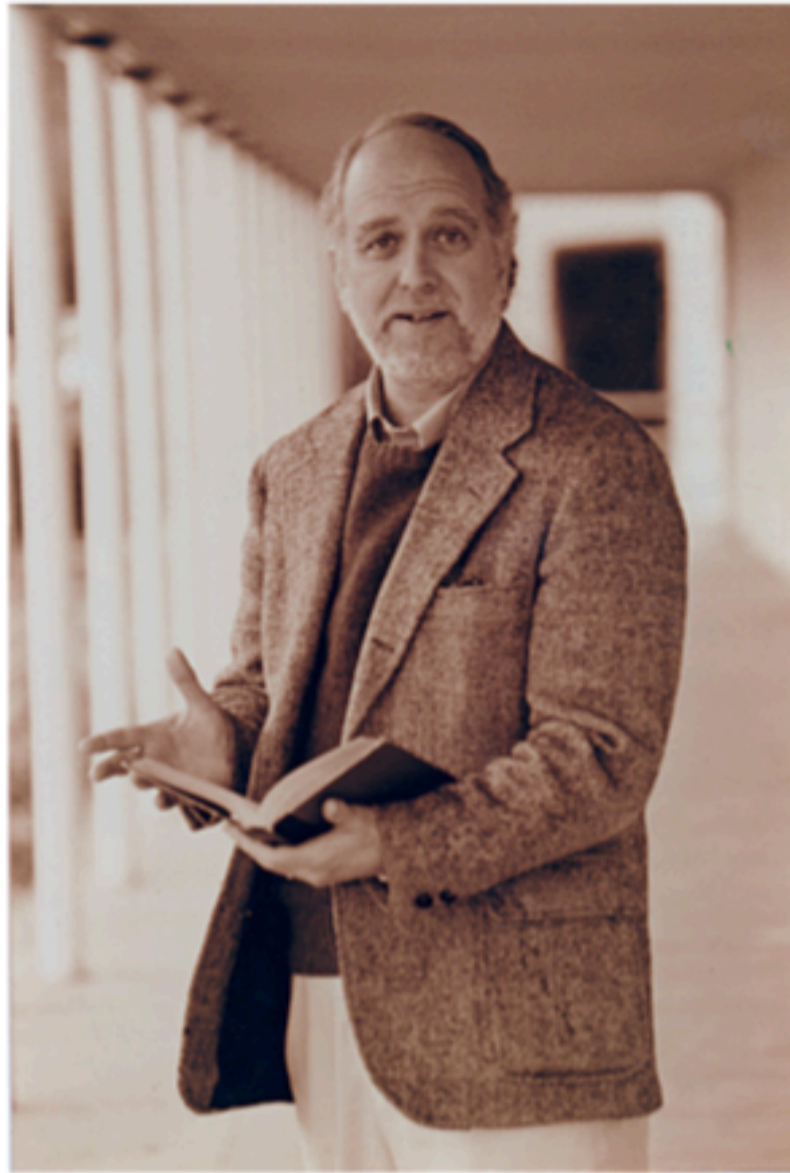


A Celebration of Life



—◆—
Bernie Miller
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“Nonviolence is a weapon of the strong.”



Bernie was passionate in everything he pursued and expressed himself wholly through art, music, poems and political discourse. He was an artist, through and through. A self-taught guitar player, he performed in our homes on a regular basis, usually playing Bob Dylan, Peter Paul and Mary or Beatles songs. He was a prolific painter and poet as well as an accomplished actor. Two of his poems, "Bring it to the Street" and "Love", which was officially published, are included in this program.

To see the vast talent Bernie had as an artist, please take time to view some of his paintings and sketches on display.

Bernie was a shining light, passionate and funny, with an intellectual mind and many gifts. While it seems that his flame was extinguished too soon, his light lives on in all of us.

A celebration of life
Bernie Bash!

July 5, 1944 - August 2, 2017

Sunday, September 3, 2017 @ 11:00 AM
Heather Farm, Community Center
301 N. San Carlos Drive, Walnut Creek, CA

Musical Prelude	
Welcome/Opening	Mary Alice O'Connor (Friend)
Reflection	Susan Miller
Reflection	Nathan Miller (Brother)
"Be Seeing You" Written by John Shinn	John Shinn (Friend)
Reflection	Elizabeth Moyle (Daughter)
"House of the Rising Sun"	Samuel Moyle (Grandson)
"That's My Dad" Written by Richard Miller	Richard Miller (Son)
"Blackbird"	Hahna Brubaker - vocal (Step-Granddaughter) Debbie Brubaker - piano (Step-Daughter)
Reflection	Dr. Atesh Sonneborn (Friend/Best Man)
Open Mic Reflections	All who wish to speak are welcome
Closing Remarks	Mary Alice O'Connor (Friend)
Closing Music "O Magnum Mysterium"	By Morten Lauridsen (from 20/20 Blake)



Bernie impacted so many lives in his very short time on earth. He always moved to the beat of his own drum and was never afraid to be true to his authentic self. He spoke his mind and those around him always knew where he stood on matters of the heart, politics and religion.

He was a very loving man and truly loved his wife of 35 years, Susan, and his kids, grandkids, and step family. He made friends wherever he went.

Bernie was born in Nashville, Tennessee to Sam and Emma Miller (Kaufman), but he grew up in Lima, Ohio. Bernie moved to Northern California in 1971 with his first wife Libi (Esther) Miller and his two young children, Elizabeth, 3 years and Richard 6 months, at the time. He paved a new life on the West Coast successfully running a chain of pet stores. He ran the Sun Valley Mall Pet Store for years and always had a penchant for the arts. His career took many paths, including running a mattress store and managing the Rheem Theatre. Bernie began to focus on his acting career at age 50, working on voiceovers, performing in plays and as an extra on movie and TV sets filmed in the SF Bay Area. He acted as a “standardized patient” for several years which lead him to UCSF. He became Director of the Standardized Patient Program at UCSF, training actors to be medical patients for medical students training. He was extremely good at his work and he loved every minute of it. He assisted in Standardized Patient Programs at other Medical Schools, sharing his vast knowledge and expertise for over 15 years. He loved learning and completed a lifelong goal of obtaining his college degree, graduating from JFK University with a BA in Philosophy and Religion, Summa Cum Laude, at the age of 66.

“Bring it to the Street”

~Bernie Miller (Dec. 2014)



As I walk down the halls
Of academics & degrees
The dean says it's all magical
It's about healing If you please

It's Art learning about medicine
It's Compassion
It's a bonding of the soul
Yes, science is important
But it's not how much you know

It's all about connection
Holistic at its core
Intuition, introspection
Empathy & more

Apology, respect
Legitimation one does trust
In treating loneliness & depression
These components are a must

So true, so true
I whisper from heart
abstract configuration
Methodology in part
They say you must have science
And know it all by heart
They say you must use science
To understand Art

Oh, all of this is fine
All of this is good
But something's gone amiss
That has not been understood

In everyday proceedings
As we stroll along the streets
Are we friendly in our manner
Are we light upon our feet
Or do we downward gaze
Implying to demean

Do we give someone a smile
Do we give someone a pat
Or do we simply glance away
And leave it all at that

Outside the Ivory Towers
Our philosophies complete
Are we hypocrites by nature
Our actions so discrete

The healing of a patient
So important to refine
Hippocrates said
“It's (nothing more than
a simple) matter of time”

But to practice the ART of healing
Limited to a clinic or a ward
Discounts the fact
that healing is
For all those to afford

There can be no connection
And nothing is complete
If we can't take what we've
learned in school
And bring it to the street.



Love

See the man
with no face
chasing
a butterfly
in the middle
of winter
he's chasing
the crazyness of love.

When you are reasonable
you don't know what
love is 'cause
love is doing crazy things
and you are not afraid
of familiarity
love is when one can move freely
skipping and jumping
all the way through
the world

*~Bernie Miller
Published in late 1970s*

Acknowledgments

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Special thanks to all those who had a hand in preparing this celebration of Bernie's life. Particular recognition goes to Carol Hansen Grey, Marion Crew and John Shinn whose generous love and support was felt by the entire family during these trying times. It is people like these that make the world a better place to live. We will be forever grateful.

The Miller/Brubaker Family

Family Members

*Susan Miller
Elizabeth (daughter) & Shawn Moyle
Samuel & Benjamin Moyle (grandsons)
Richard (son) & Linda Miller
Wayne (step-son) & Lupe Brubaker & family
Devin (step-granddaughter) & Ross Pula & family
Shawn (step-son) & Moonyeen, Hahna
Tyler (step-grandson) & Danielle Brubaker
Debbie Brubaker (step-daughter) & Monica Leon
Harriet (sister) Samler
Nathan (brother) & Rhoda Miller
Libi Miller (former wife)*

Please join us for a Buffet Lunch and Video Montage

*Bernie's artwork, guitars and harmonicas are
on display around the room.*

Remembering Bernie



*Knock, knock, knockin'
on heaven's door.*