Glen P. Erickson
1927 - 1982

MONDAY CHAPEL

October 18, 1982

PRELUDE — Susan Brown, Class of '83

CALL TO WORSHIP — A Reading of Glen Erickson's "The Christian College - A Fable" — Pat Stien

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS — Dr. Dick Ferrin

HYMN #602 — "This is My Father's World"

SCRIPTURE — Favorite passages of Glen Erickson's in the Psalms, Gospels, and Epistles — Dr. Roger Mohrlang

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my friend — Dr. Frank Houser

"On Glen's Grounds" a discussion between Dr. Howard Gage and David Erickson

my professor — Tia Watts, Class of '83

my colleague — Dr. Ed Olson

my husband — Carol Ann Erickson

CLOSING HYMN "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Savior, like a Shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare;
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free;
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
Let us early turn to thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill;
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us; love us still.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

A Life to Remember and to Learn From

Glen Erickson Speaks to Whitworth

Glen P. Erickson

Glen P. Erickson came to Whitworth in 1965 and quickly became known in the physics department as a teacher who cared deeply about his students and who communicated to them his love for his subject.

He was still teaching and still advancing knowledge in his field when he died. Author of articles on geophysical dating methods, he was completing a lengthy research project for the national Electric Power Research Institute concerning radioisotope measurements in soil.

During his 17 years at Whitworth, the physics department established a mass spectrometry lab, crucial for determining the presence of substances, and kept abreast of such developments as lasers and holography.

Physics was a small department, but many of Dr. Erickson's students went on to enjoy success in physics at research and teaching facilities around the world.

At Columbia University in the late 1950s, Dr. Erickson performed pioneering work on using potassium-argon dating with the famous Palisades Sill on the Hudson River in New York and New Jersey, an object of study among the world's geophysicists for learning the earth's geologic processes. He dated the palisades at 205 million years of age.

Prior to coming to Whitworth, he had worked in industry for several years in the Chicago area and had taught at Fairleigh Dickinson University and the University of British Columbia.

Among his many memberships, he was on the board of directors for the Pacific Northwest Association for College Physics. He also was known for his consulting work and for testifying in courtroom cases involving automobile collisions.

Erickson was born July 24, 1927 in Oak Park, Illinois. With his wife, Carol Ann, he had three children, Linda, Nancy Scott, '80 and David who is a senior studying physics at Whitworth.

The Glen P. Erickson Scholarship Fund

The Glen P. Erickson Physics Scholarship Fund has been established by Whitworth at the request of the Erickson family, to attract quality students to the Whitworth Physics Program. Contributions should be designated to "Whitworth College for the Glen P. Erickson Fund".

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