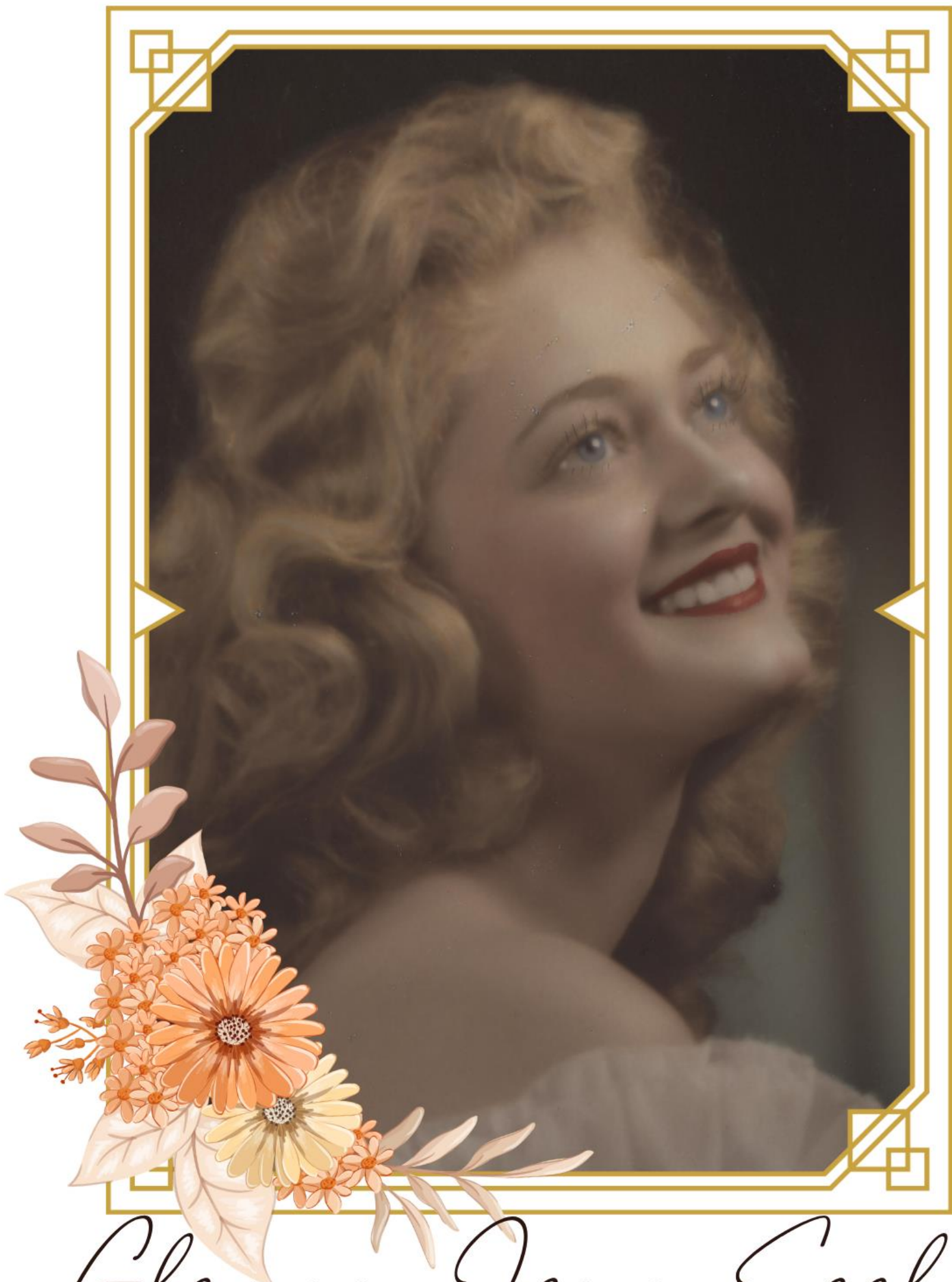


A Celebration of Life for



Glenna Jean Seely

June 18, 1933 - October 20, 2024

Arlington Community Church, UCC

Celebrant: Rev. Jen Chapman

Sunday, December 8, 2024, 2:00 pm

Order of Service

Prelude

Tim K. Murphy

Welcome

Rev. Jen Chapman

“After Glow”

By Helen Lowrie Marshall

I’d like the memory of me to be a happy one.

I’d like to leave an after glow of smiles when life is done.

I’d like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,
Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days.

I’d like the tears of those who grieve to dry before the sun,
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

Special Music

Mary Adams

“Somewhere Over the Rainbow”

By Harold Arlen, lyrics by Yip Harburg

Scripture Reading

Laura Gardella (Granddaughter)

Psalms 46:1-4; 104:1-11 (NRSVUE)

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

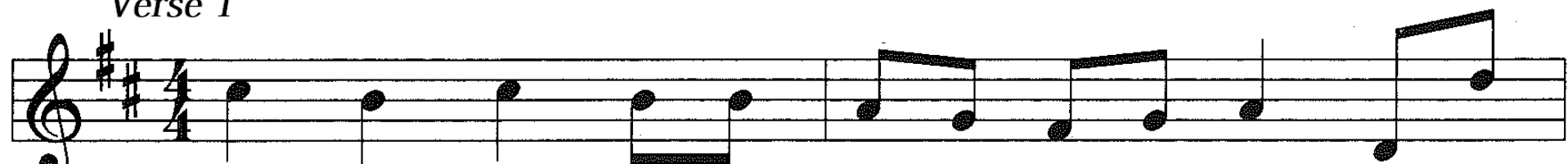
“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”

The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

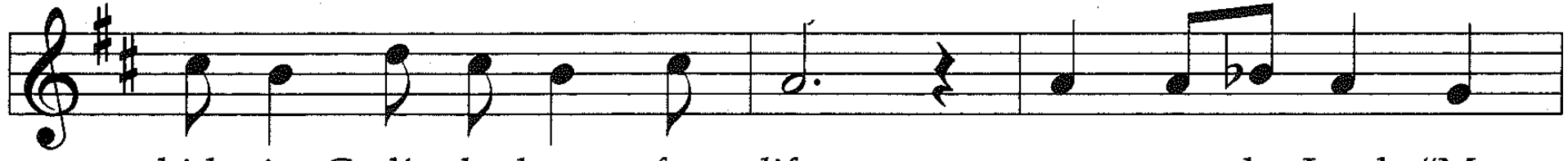
*Hymn

"On Eagle's Wings" CH#77


Verse 1



1. You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a -




bide in God's shad-ow for life, say to the Lord: "My




ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Chorus



"And I will raise you up on ea - gle's wings,



bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the



sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."

Verse 2



2. The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and



fam - ine will bring you no fear: un - der God's wings your



ref - uge, God's faith - ful - ness your shield.

To Chorus

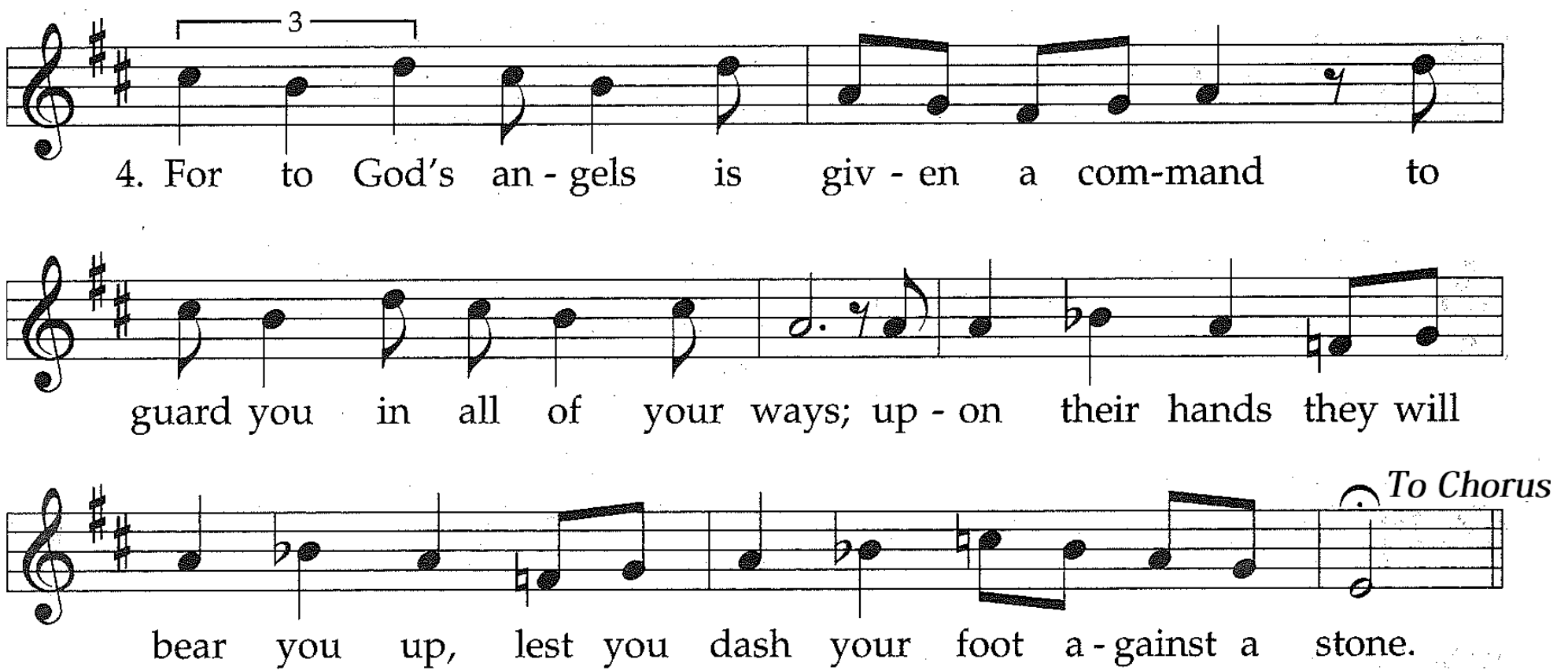
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Verse 3



3. You need not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor the
ar - row that flies by day; though thou - sands fall a -
bout you, near you it shall not come. *To Chorus*

Verse 4



4. For to God's an - gels is giv - en a com-mand to
guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone. *To Chorus*

Eulogy

Steve Adams

Words of Remembrance & Reflection

"When Tomorrow Starts Without Me"

By David M. Romano

If tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see,
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,
while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.
I know how much you care for me, and how much I care for you,
and each time that you think of me I know you'll miss me too;

But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,
that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand,
and said my place was ready in heaven far above,
and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye,
for all life, I'd always thought I didn't want to die.
I had so much to live for and so much yet to do.
it seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday, I thought, just for a while,
I'd say goodbye and hug you and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized that this could never be,
for emptiness and memories would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things that I'd miss come tomorrow.
I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.

But when I walked through Heaven's gates, I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne,
He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you,
Today your life on earth is past but here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last.
and since each day's the same, there's no longing for the past.

But you have been so faithful, so trusting, so true.
Though there were times you did some things you knew you shouldn't do.
And you have been forgiven and now, at last, you're free.
So won't you come and take my hand and share my life with me?"

So if tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart,
for every time you think of me, please know I'm in your heart.

*Hymn

“Will the Circle Be Unbroken” v. 1,3, 4



1. There are loved ones in the glo - ry Whose dear forms you oft-en miss,
3. You re-mem-ber songs of heav-en, Which you sang with childish voice,
4. You can pic-ture hap-py gath' rings Round the fire-side long a - go,



When you close your earth-ly sto - ry Will you join them in their bliss?
Do you love the hymns they taught you, Or are songs of earth your choice?
And you think of tear-ful part-ings, When they left you here be - low.

CHORUS.



Will the cir - cle be un-brok-en By and by, by and by?



Is a bet - ter home a-wait-ing In the sky, in the sky?

Words of Comfort

Rev. Jen Chapman

Prayer

Rev. Jen Chapman

*Closing Hymn *“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”* CH#434



1-4. God be with you till we meet a - gain;

lov - ing coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's
un - seen wings, pro - tect - ing, hide you, dai - ly man - na
when life's per - ils thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing
keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - ening

care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain

Till we meet till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet;

till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
till we meet, till we meet,

Words of Blessing Rev. Jen Chapman

Postlude Tim K. Murphy

All are invited to Social Hall for a reception following the service.



Glenna Jean Seely

June 1933 - October 2024

Glenna was born into God's world in June 1933 to Helen and Glenn Hanks in Peoria, Illinois. As she grew, Glenna developed a passion for the arts. She played the violin, sang in many productions, and loved to dance.

Glenna met the love of her life, David Americus Seely, when she was dancing with her troupe. They married a few years later and moved to California to start their new life together. They lived in Kensington for fifty-seven years, and were married for almost seventy.

In California, Glenna went back to school to get her teaching credential and helped to establish the Thousand Oaks Preschool in Berkeley. She taught for twenty-six years; her greatest love was nurturing young children. She felt that giving them a good head start in life was fundamental to their future. She adored her students, as they did her.

She and David were blessed with three children: Lisa, Brent, and Cynthia. They were devoted parents and grandparents. As their family grew, they went on to have five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Glenna was a long-time member and a deacon of Arlington Community Church. Glenna had many friends and they became like family to her. David would say Glenna had never met a stranger. Glenna always said that she was blessed with a wonderful life and she was grateful for every day. She always looked for the best in others, and loved to brighten their days and lives. She was beautiful, inside and out, and saw beauty everywhere. She will be missed by her loved ones, friends, and her community. Glenna and David will be laid to eternal rest together at Sunset View Cemetery in El Cerrito, CA in their family plot.