

This Nashville trip was almost a pilgrimage

By IRENE GENTLE
The Champion

A Milton man who used to sing like the King has returned from a convention honouring a man who could play guitar like a god.

Jim and Diane Miller are back in town after their second pilgrimage to the annual Chet Atkins Appreciation Society Convention.

Mr. Atkins, also known as Mr. Guitar, is considered by many to be the premier finger style guitar picker.

The event was held in early July at the Sheraton Music City Hotel in Nashville.

More than a reunion with 1,200 or so of the musically inclined, the yearly convention is also a working session for some of the world's top guitar pickers.

At a loss

Actor-musician Jerry Reed and guitarist Duane Eddy attended the 1999 convention, where guitar players both great and humble could rub elbows with Mr. Atkins and his wife, Leona.

That left some people a little lost for words, noted Ms Miller.

"The first time Jim got to shake hands and talk to him, he said he acted like a babbling idiot. That hand has touched Elvis'

hand and the hands of presidents." And despite being plagued by ill health, Mr. Atkins is every bit a good natured gentleman, reported Ms Miller.

"He's really a great guy. Kind of shy, really," she said. "Afterwards I'd always see him in a crowd. I'd give him a little wave and he'd wink at me."

The four day event closed with a performance by Mr. Guitar himself.

Health an issue

It was an emotional event, since ill health had almost forced the guitar great to pack in his picking forever.

"After his third bout of cancer he put (his guitar) down and he wasn't going to pick it up again," she said. "He's recovered a lot, though he still has to move slowly and carefully."

The event brought tears to the eyes of Mr. Reed, himself no stranger to troubled times and unfavorable health.

"Jerry Reed introduced him and he just had a quadruple bypass," said Ms Miller. "He started to cry and he couldn't get control of himself."

Last year Mr. Miller, a former automotive teacher at Milton District High School, was so awed by the talent at the

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Jim and Diane Miller show off a dark cherry with gold trim 1976 Gretsch guitar, similar to one made famous by guitar great Chet Atkins.

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If I had my child to raise all over again,
I'd build self-esteem first, and the house later.
I'd finger-paint more, and point the finger less.
I would do less correcting and more connecting.
I'd take my eyes off my watch, and watch with my eyes.
I would care to know less and know to care more.
I'd take more hikes and fly more kites.
I'd stop playing serious, and seriously play.
I would run through more fields and gaze at more stars.
I'd do more hugging and less tugging.
I'd see the oak tree in the acorn more often.
I would be less firm often, and affirm much more.
I'd model less about the love of power,
And more about the power of love.
--Diane Loomans

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR JULY & AUGUST
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9:30 am - Youth Service in the auditorium
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Regular Service Hours resume
Sunday, September 5
8:30 & 10:30 am
For additional information call the church office at 878-1363

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Pastor Greg McCombs - Senior Pastor
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Wouldst thou have Me, seek none other than Me; and wouldst thou gaze upon My beauty, close thine eyes to the world and all that is therein; for My will and the will of another than Me, even as fire and water, cannot dwell together in one heart.
- from the Baha'i writings
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