



## Glenn Edward Miller

July 27, 1961 - February 17, 2021

Glenn E. Miller, 59, Sarasota, died February 17, 2021.

He was born July 27, 1961 in Orrville, Ohio and came to Sarasota in 1969 from Ohio.

Predeceased by his father, Melvin Miller of Sarasota, and brother-in-law, Greg Miller (wife Sue) of Sarasota.

Survived by wife, Sonia D. Miller, of Sarasota; son, Nicholas Miller (wife Hannah) of Sarasota; son, Sean Miller (wife Anna) of Sarasota; mother, Mary Miller of Sarasota; sister, Laura Shirk (husband Dave) of Sarasota; brother, Darrell Miller (wife Amy) of Sarasota; sister, Joetta Christner (husband Dave) of Sarasota; sister, Sue Miller of Sarasota; brother, Donald Miller (wife Patty) of Sarasota; and many beloved nieces and nephews.

Glenn was a dedicated husband and father, and was very intentional about spending time with his wife and helping raise his sons. He loved traveling, cruising, boating, fishing, gardening, and working with his hands; he could fix anything.

Glenn was a co-owner of Mel's Dry Cleaners, a business his father originally started in 1971.

Glenn was an active member of Bethel Mennonite Church since 1999. He loved singing at church, teaching Bible studies, and serving the church using his many gifts and talents. He always challenged others to a deeper walk with Christ.

A private burial will be on Sunday, February 21, 2021. Maloney Funeral Home is in charge.

A Celebration of Life Service will be at 10:00 a.m., on Saturday, February 27, 2021 at Bethel Mennonite Church located at 2985 Bethel Lane, Sarasota, FL 24340

Memorial donations may be made to Gator Wilderness Camp, 44930 Farabee Road, Punta Gorda, Florida 33982. Memories and condolences may be left online at [www.MFHcares.com](http://www.MFHcares.com).

# Cemetery

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## **Bethel Mennonite Cemetery**

2985 Bethel Lane

Sarasota, FL, 34240

# Events

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**FEB** **Celebration of Life** 10:00AM

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Bethel Mennonite Church

2985 Bethel Lane, Sarasota, FL, US, 34240

# Comments

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“ Our condolences to Sonia and family for this terribly untimely passing. Sonia has been a blessing to Jean and Jim Edmundson as a caregiver, and she spoke often of Glenn. We send our best wishes in this time of grieving.

Jean, Jeff and Jay Edmundson

Jeff Edmundson - March 12 at 02:16 PM

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“ I was so sad to hear of Glenn's passing. I have very fond memories of taking him snorkeling when he was trying to catch fish for his aquarium. He reminded me of that last time I was a Bethel...some time ago. To his sons, all I can say is I lost my dad when he was that age...and its a deep grief, that you will always carry... but God is faithful...  
Blessings...

Mark

mark bechler - March 09 at 11:53 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Glenn Edward Miller.



February 24 at 07:55 PM

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“ I was shocked and sad to hear the news of Glenn's passing. Not sad for him but for the family that is here trying to figure out what life looks like without Glenn. Glenn loved Jesus all of his days. We served together at Bahia Vista Mennonite Church aka Sarasota Community Church in the youth ministry for a couple years. I was blessed to work with Don and Glenn in their dry cleaning business for a few years. Glenn was a true man of God and he received his reward and is now with Jesus. One of the funniest memories I have of Glenn is when I saw him do "Little Cabin in the Woods" at a Fall Festival at Bahia Vista. I had never seen that before and it was hilarious...he got louder and louder and his actions got bigger and bigger. LOL In 1999 God called my family to leave Sarasota to work at Lakewood Retreat. Leaving our amazing friends behind was the hardest. The entire Miller family was and is dear to our hearts. We would occasionally find our way back to Sarasota for visits and would see many of them at retreats at Lakewood and no matter how much time passed it was like no time passed. We just picked up our friendship like we had been together everyday. For those of us who are Christ Followers we know Glenn is where the Lord created him to be...with HIM. My prayers today and in the days to come will be for Sonia, Nick and Hannah, Sean and Anna, mom Mary, and all the brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews that are waiting to meet Glenn again. So it's not goodbye to Glenn, it's see you later. I can't wait to do Little Cabin in the Woods with you on those streets of gold in eternity!

**Kathy Helmuth** - February 23 at 10:01 AM



“ Such a beautiful tribute! - Shelly (Horst) Coffman

**Shelly** - February 23 at 04:03 PM



“ So sorry to hear this. I just recently ran into Joetta who told me he was ill, but I had no idea he would not recover. Love to all the family.

**Debra Freedy** - February 24 at 12:49 PM



“ Very sorry to hear, had lots of fun as kids on Wisteria Street, my next door neighbor. Thinking of the family, Sue, and Donald.

**Skip Allen** - February 25 at 10:49 PM

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“ I am very sorry to hear the news that Glenn has died.

I have not seen him in two decades, but for about five years, we shared a common cause that Glenn was highly committed to. I was the new associate pastor and minister of youth and young adults at the Bahia Vista Mennonite Church, and Glenn was the faithful volunteer leader of our middle school youth ministry, which we called Lighthouse.

Middle school youth ministry can be a bit challenging, to put it nicely. It takes a special kind of person with a blend of patience, good humor, passion, more patience, and the ability to be sustained by internal rewards. I knew Glenn to be such a person, motivated to serve as a positive role model for young, impressionable minds and by his deep commitment to Christian faith and his desire to share it, if only in bite-sized pieces for the youth he loved. Glenn would show up early, to prepare and welcome youth. He had fun leading games and was always well-prepared with a short lesson to share. At times we would have as many as fifty middle school youth, enough to leave your ears ringing for an hour afterwards. Glenn wasn't phased – he embraced the opportunity. Throughout the five years we served together, Glenn was consistently there on Wednesday evenings, Sundays, and one a month or so for a weekend event.

Glenn and I did not see eye to eye on everything. I was more liberal than he, theologically and in other ways. But Glenn's ability to look beyond our differences, working together toward a common mission, was laudable. He asked good questions and was not easily rattled. He maturely followed my leadership and supported me in valuable ways. Together, we had a lot of good laughs and shared in a few tears too.

Nearly all of Glenn's siblings helped in our youth ministry – Dave and Laura and Don and Patty with high school youth, Greg and Sue with post-high. I am so thankful for their service and the many lives they touched. I'm especially grateful at this moment for Glenn's life and the way he shared it.

To Sonia and the rest of his family, I offer my condolences. In your grief, I hope you find strength to smile at Glenn's model of faithfulness and service. Peace be upon you.

Jim Miller  
Sarasota

Jim Miller - February 22 at 09:09 AM

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“ Glenn always loved playing games and spending time with family! He will be greatly missed at our family gatherings!!

Cary & Lorrain Yoder and Family - February 20 at 10:04 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Glenn Edward Miller.



February 20 at 10:02 PM