



## Florence Joan Ard

March 24, 1949 - January 24, 2026

Florence Joan Ard passed away in Sarasota, Florida on January 24th 2026. She was born in Elkhart, Indiana on March 24th 1949.

Florence was a caring and dedicated woman. She made the move to Florida in the 80's. She had many career adventures in her lifetime, but her favorite place of employment was Sunnyside Village. There she worked in various departments throughout the years. She faithfully attended church at Bayshore Church. She was also very creative, and she enjoyed quilting, crocheting, and reading. She loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren, and spent as much time with them as she could.

Florence is preceded in death by her parents Verton and Lydia; husband Ron; son Greg; sister Wilma; and brother-in-law Rueben.

Left to cherish her memory are her children Andy Ard and his wife Danielle; daughter-in-law Tina Ard; siblings Glen Gingerich and his wife Elsie, Ruby Bontrager and her husband Jerry, Dot Chupp and her husband Larry, Ellen Graber and her husband Sheldon; grandchildren Darren Ard and his wife Brittini, Austin Ard, Caleb Ard, Andy Ard, Shyana Ard; great grandchildren Brayden Ard, Brooke Ard, and Demi Ard.

There will be a visitation for Florence held at Bethel Mennonite Church on

Wednesday, February 4th 2026 from 9am to 10am. Funeral service will begin at 10:00 am followed by burial in Bethel Mennonite Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her honor to Bayshore Church's Building Fund at: <https://bayshoresrq.churchcenter.com/giving>

Memories and condolences may be left for her family at [www.MFHcares.com](http://www.MFHcares.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Bethel Mennonite Cemetery

2985 Bethel Lane  
Sarasota, FL 34240

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 4. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Mennonite Church  
2985 Bethel Lane  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

EK

“ Florence was my sister n law. Married to my brother ronnie.i never spent much time around them growing up because they were in Indiana and I was in Alabama. But the last 3 years when they moved back to Alabama I was blessed to be able to visit and talk with them. What I loved about florence the most was her dedication to God! Even without her speaking of God every time you could see it in her heart! What a amazing lady that i miss dearly. I will see you again!

Edward kates - February 06 at 05:13 PM

RW

“ Florence and I have been friends for 71 years. As a child in Michigan, the Gingerich family was like my second family. Even though our lives took different paths, we could always pick up where we left off the last time we had the opportunity to be together. The past several years have been special times of reconnecting. During Flo's last few months we had meaningful conversations about life and death. She was always positive and willing to wait for God's time to take her home. What an example!

Ruth Ann Weber - February 03 at 08:43 PM

BG

“ Brianna Garcia purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Florence Joan Ard.



Brianna Garcia - February 03 at 03:39 PM

MV

“ Mike and Vickie purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Florence Joan Ard.



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Mike and Vickie - February 02 at 03:52 PM

MV

“ Mike and Vickie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Florence Joan Ard.

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Mike and Vickie - February 02 at 03:52 PM

NC

“ Florence, Meredith Bontrager and I were good friends. I cherish the time we three were roommates at Rosedale Bible College. I remember her soft laugh so well.

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Naomi Chapman - January 27 at 09:07 PM



“ Bountiful Memories Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Florence Joan Ard.



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January 27 at 06:59 PM