



Lester E. Hostetler

February 22, 1940 - May 4, 2026

Lester E. Hostetler, 86, passed away on May 4, 2026. He was born February 22, 1940, in Middlefield, Ohio, to the late Eli and Fannie Hostetler.

He visited Sarasota in 1959, where he met his wife, Sara Ann Yoder. He later moved there, and they were married in 1960. Lester owned Lester's Lawn Care and was a member of Sunnyside Mennonite Church. He enjoyed playing horseshoes in his younger years and shuffleboard at Pinecraft Park later in life. He especially loved spending time and playing games with his children and grandchildren and never met a stranger.

Survivors include his children, Marlyn Miller (Marlin), Freda Yoder (Robert), JR Hostetler (Deb), and Caroline Stoltzfus (Chip); son-in-law, John Riehl (Joanna); siblings, Fannie Wolf, Laura Fisher, Joe Hostetler, Albert Hostetler (Katie Ann), Marvin Hostetler (Mary), and Robert Hostetler (Bessie); and grandchildren, Ginny (Dan), Zachary (Jen), Marybeth, Laura, Yvonne, Peter, Joshua, Benjamin, Jonathan, Sara (Jeff), Alex, Tori (Kyle), Drew (Ashley), Logan (Rachel), Courtney (Dylan), and Grant (Allison)."

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sara Ann; daughter, Arlene; brothers, Mahlon and Eli; and brothers-in-law, Howard and Henry.

Visitation will be held Thursday, May 7, 2026, from 2–4 p.m. and 6–8 p.m.,

and Friday from 12–1 p.m. at Sunnyside Mennonite Church, 1001 Honore Avenue, Sarasota. Funeral services will begin at 1 p.m., followed by interment in Sunnyside Mennonite Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sunnyside Mennonite Church. Condolences may be shared at www.MFHcares.com.

Cemetery Details

Sunnyside Mennonite Church Cemetery

901 Honore Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34232

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Sunnyside Mennonite Church
1001 Honore Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34232

Visitation

MAY 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Vistation

MAY 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 8. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs John Katie Schlabach and family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Lester E. Hostetler.



Mrs John Katie Schlabach and family - May 06 at 09:24 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lester E. Hostetler.



May 04 at 07:41 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Lester E. Hostetler.

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