



Malinda Yoder

February 4, 1943 - August 23, 2025

Malinda Yoder, 82, entered her eternal home August 23, 2025 at her home, surrounded by her loving family. She was born February 4, 1943 in Thomas, Oklahoma to the late David A and Lizzie Miller.

Malinda was a homemaker and loved gardening and flowers. As a minister's wife, she exercised her gift of hospitality by providing numerous meals and hosting guests in their home. She was sweet, kind and valued relationships and invested in people; especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Malinda was employed at Sunnyside Village for 27 years in the laundry department and also did mending for the residents. She loved her job and the interaction with the elderly. She gave cheer and kindness to many.

Malinda was married to her late husband Eli H Yoder on October 21, 1962 and shared 60 wonderful years together. They moved to Sarasota, Florida in 1993 and were faithful members of Sarasota Mennonite Church. She loved her church and even more so for the love, care and support they gave to her after the passing of her beloved husband Eli.

Left to cherish her are her children, Beulah Yoder (Titus); Brenda Handrich (Steve) both of Sarasota; Glen (Darlene) of Montezuma, Georgia and Ruth Ann Williams (Ralph) from Burns Flat, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Brandon (Tara); Tyler (Courtney); Angel (Andy); Darin (Tiffany); Damin (Krystal);

Shawna (Ryan); Lindsey (Glendon); Brandon (Vicki); Justin (Adrenne); Valerie (Dalen); Tami; Beverly; Summer (Bryce); Sharlene and Haley; great grandchildren, Quinn, Kellen, Rhett, Brynlee, Cole, Duncan (Alexis), Maeve, Druinn, Hunter, (Connor), Savannah, Mason, Cooper, Mason Christopher, Carter, Grayson, Colton, Alaya, Sydney, Arya, Sienna, Leighton, Conner, Rae Lynn, Bryson, Kynson, Kanton, and Beckham.

In addition to her husband, Malinda was preceded in death by her sisters Fannie Yoder and Alma Yoder and brothers, Amos Miller and Paul Miller.

There will be viewings on Wednesday, August 27, 2005 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and Thursday 9:00 to 10:00 am all at Sarasota Mennonite Church, 2180 Lakewood Ranch Blvd. Sarasota, Florida 34240. Funeral will begin Thursday at 10:00 am followed by interment in Sunnyside Mennonite Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Sunnyside Mennonite Church Cemetery

901 Honore Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34232

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

SARASOTA MENNONITE CHURCH
2180 Lakewood Ranch Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34240

Visitation

AUG 28. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DM

“Melinda was always the kindest most will person I knew. She was so happy to do whatever was asked of her. She adored her children, grandchildren and the residents at Sunnyside. I'm so happy that I opportunity to work with her. My sincerest condolences to Beulah and her whole family. 🙏🙏🙏 Diane Marcello

Diane Marcello - August 28, 2025 at 07:51 AM

DM

Oops. Malinda, dictating doesn't spell well. 😞

Diane Marcello - August 28, 2025 at 07:54 AM

TF

“The Danny Patterson Family. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Malinda Yoder.



The Danny Patterson Family. - August 27, 2025 at 01:35 PM

DH

“Darin, Tiffany, Mason, Cooper Handrich purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Malinda Yoder.



Darin, Tiffany, Mason, Cooper Handrich - August 27, 2025 at 12:51 PM

PS

“ Perry Stutzman purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Malinda Yoder.



Perry Stutzman - August 26, 2025 at 03:20 PM

AC

“ Beulah and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Malinda was always a sweet, sweet lady. Her smile brought a light to Sunnyside that blessed us all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now. May the arms of Jesus bring comfort to all of you.

Amy Craig - August 26, 2025 at 02:39 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Malinda Yoder.



August 26, 2025 at 10:56 AM

OW

“ Olen & Emily Wingard purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Malinda Yoder.



Olen & Emily Wingard - August 25, 2025 at 07:03 PM

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“ Olen & Emily Wingard planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Malinda Yoder.

Olen & Emily Wingard - August 25, 2025 at 07:03 PM

MS

“ My deepest condolences to Malinda's family. I remember visiting the home of Eli & Malinda back in Oklahoma, as an adolescent & young teenager. She always had wonderful food, and conversations were always lively and entertaining. Malinda's home was such a warm and welcoming experience and I have very fond memories of being there.

More recently, my husband and I had dinner with both Eli & Malinda in Sarasota - along with more of her family. Such sweet memories! Malinda's sense of humor and wit will be missed, but I rejoice in her much anticipated homegoing and longing to be with Jesus! Praying a blessing over her sweet family! - Marilyn Schrock

Marilyn Schrock - August 25, 2025 at 03:14 PM