



## Marlene Grace Ropp

April 21, 1943 - January 26, 2026

Marlene Grace Ropp, 82, went home to be with Jesus on January 26, 2026. She was born on April 21, 1943 in Parnell, Iowa to the late Cleland and Rose (Yoder) Schrock.

Marlene was a waitress at the Kalonial Townhouse Restaurant in 1962, where she met her husband Paul. They married on July 17, 1964.

In 1971 they moved to Sarasota and became members of Bayshore Mennonite Church. She was very involved in helping in the church kitchen and offering assistance to various groups and church events. She was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, never passing up an opportunity to help watch her grandchildren.

Since 1993, Paul and Marlene spent their summers at their cabin in Whittier, North Carolina where they enjoyed hosting family and friends throughout the years.

Left to cherish her memory are her children Renee (Brian) Yoder, Sarasota, FL; Michelle (Keith) Jensen, Sarasota, FL; Stacey Ropp; 9 grandchildren: Joshua Jensen, Anikka Jensen, Jaedon Jensen, Alyse (David) Book, Kara (Carter) Debor, David Ropp, Jonathan Ropp, Hannah Ropp, and Josiah Ropp.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Ropp, and her brothers Dale and Delbert Schrock, as well as her parents.

There will be a Celebration of Marlene's Life on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 10:30 am at the Bethel Mennonite Church Pavilion, 2985 Bethel Lane, Sarasota, Florida 34240.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Tidewell Hospice. Memories and condolences may be left online for the family at [www.MFHcares.com](http://www.MFHcares.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 2. 10:30 AM (ET)

Bethel Mennonite Church  
2985 Bethel Lane  
Sarasota, FL 34240

*Service will take place in the Bethel Pavilion out back behind the church.*

# Tribute Wall

SD

“ Steven D. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Marlene Grace Ropp.



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**Steven D.** - February 25 at 04:38 PM

LM

“ Marlene was a dear lady and friend. We were neighbors and saw and talked on the phone every day when the mail came. We shared past family memories and we enjoyed learning about each other's families. She was a very caring and had empathy when someone on the court needed a prayer. She will be missed at our 4:00 neighbor meetings.....but not forgotten. Much sympathy and prayers to her caring family. Linda Masso

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**Linda Masso** - January 28 at 02:50 PM

KR

Renee, Kirk and I are saddened to read of your mom's passing. I only met her once, but she seems the sweetest and such a loving person when we visited about Kara and Carter getting married. We rejoice she's home. But we know the pain of losing loved ones. We are saying prayers for comfort for all the family.

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**Kirk and Cheryl Rothell** - January 28 at 09:41 PM