



Robert Seldon Yoder

December 12, 1934 - May 16, 2026

Robert S. Yoder, 91, of Sarasota, Florida, peacefully passed away on May 16, 2026. He was born in Dover, Ohio, to Noah and Emma (Pfister) Yoder on December 12, 1934.

He met his beloved wife of 61 years, Nora Hershberger, and together they made their home in Sugarcreek, Ohio. Robert worked at Hardy Coal Company of Sugarcreek, Ohio, driving truck and operating a loader.

Robert and Nora moved to Sarasota, Florida, in 1988. In Sarasota, Robert worked for his nephew, Myron Hershberger, and his son, Maynard, doing masonry work. He was very mechanically inclined and assisted his employer with various mechanical work. Later, he owned and operated his own lawn business. Robert and Nora also enjoyed camping together each year and were faithful members at Palm Grove Mennonite Church.

Robert is survived by his sons, Wayne (Robin) Yoder of Sarasota, Dennis Yoder of Sarasota, Maynard (Cherie) Yoder of Williston, Florida, and Myron Yoder of Sugarcreek, Ohio; daughter, Mary Jane Habegger of Auburn, Kentucky; sister, Edna Yoder of Ohio; brother, Mervin (Denise) Yoder of Ohio; and sister-in-law, Joann Yoder of Indiana.

He is also survived by 11 grandchildren: Brian, Lisa, Natalie, Michele, Jessica,

Anthony, Nicole, Katie, Corey, Abigail, and Elizabeth; 9 great-grandchildren: Amber, Courtney, Braden, Ethan, Kaden, Mason, Ava, Benton, Avery, Riley and Reid; as well as many nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Nora; daughter, Debra; son-in-law, Ivan Habegger daughter-in-law, Heather Yoder; parents, Noah and Emma Yoder; and brothers, John Henry (Esther) Yoder, Lester J. (Ada) Yoder, Nelson (Ida) Yoder, and Mel (Martha) Yoder.

All services will be held at the Palm Grove Mennonite Church, located at 1087 Beneva Road in Sarasota.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 22, 2026, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 23, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Burial will follow at Sunnyside Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Sunnyside Mennonite Church Cemetery

901 Honore Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34232

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Palm Grove Mennonite Church
1087 Beneva Road
Sarasota, FL 34232
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Funeral Service

MAY 23. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Adoration Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Robert Seldon Yoder.*



May 20 at 12:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Seldon Yoder.*



May 20 at 12:30 PM



“ *King Robert we miss you very much. Im so glad that Maynard and I got to spend time with you the past 2 months. I know your with Queen Nora I told you she was waiting for you. Be good up there xoxo love you always Cherie*

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