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With deep sadness, we announce the passing of Shannon Summer Marie (Gore) Torkelson, who died unexpectedly on May 30, 2026, at the young age of 35 while riding her bike in Sarasota, Florida.

Born on March 18, 1991, Shannon shared her birthday with her beloved older sister, Jacinda Gore.

From a young age, she made friends easily. She was naturally social, loved being around people, and was known for her brilliant smile, cheerful and bubbly personality. Her laughter, smile, and spirit often became the centre of a room without her ever trying.

Shannon was the beloved daughter of Sherry Gore and David Gore, and a loving sister to Jacinda Gore and Tyler Bairunas.

On October 10, 2010, she married Richard Scott “Tick” Torkelson. Together they built a family and

welcomed the children who became the center of her world: Gage Ryland
Torkelson and Gentry
Reese Torkelson.

Shannon loved all things Florida, coastal, and brightly colored. Though life
found her living far from
the ocean, she was always a Florida girl at heart. She was drawn to sunshine,
vibrant colors, warm
breezes, and the beauty of the coast—things that reflected her own bright
smile and cheerful spirit.
She loved good food, never turned down a slice of pie, and dreamed of
becoming a writer like her
mother.

Life brought Shannon both joy and profound sorrow. She walked through the
heartbreaking loss of
her sister, Jacinda, followed by the loss of her precious daughter, Lacey, and
later her stepfather,
Toby. These losses left a lasting mark on her heart and became defining
moments in her life's
journey. She never stopped grieving those she lost, carrying their memory with
her always.
Above all else, Shannon was a mother. Her children were her pride and joy,
and she loved them
fiercely. The happy moments they shared together were among the greatest
treasures of her life.

Those who loved her best will remember her for her bright smile, her love of
color and sunshine, her
zest for life, and her infectious laughter. She enjoyed good company,
cherished happy moments,

and had a way of bringing energy and excitement wherever she went.

Shannon is survived by her husband, Richard Scott "Tick" Torkelson; her son, Gage Ryland Torkelson; her daughter, Gentry Reese Torkelson; her mother, Sherry Gore; her father, David Gore; her brother, Tyler Bairunas; her niece, Callie Mae Bairunas; her grandparents, David Gore Sr. and Mary Gore; and many beloved extended family members and friends. She was predeceased by her sister, Jacinda; her beloved daughter, Lacey; and her stepfather, Toby.

The family wishes to thank all those who have surrounded them with love, prayers, kindness, and support during this difficult time.

Cemetery Details

Sunnyside Mennonite Church Cemetery

901 Honore Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34232

Upcoming Events

Funeral Service

JUN 5. 9:30 AM (ET)

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1001 Honore Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34232