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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

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ *Sherry I'm so sorry. Tried to email but it got kicked back. Just want to say Shannon brought life and light to everyone she ever met, me included. I am so sorry for your tremendous loss, and the loss experienced by Tick and the children and your extended family and friends.*

*You will be in my thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.*

*In Sadness and Friendship,  
Jeff H.*

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**Jeff H.** - June 05 at 04:03 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Shannon Summer Marie Torkelson.*



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June 04 at 01:07 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Shannon Summer Marie Torkelson.*

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June 04 at 01:07 PM

TA

“ I met Shannon for the first time, on the last day of her life, though I felt that I knew her well, from the many stories Sherry had shared with me. We spoke in the sunshine and she looked at me with her beautiful sparkling eyes. I could see the kindness in her soul. It was a moment that will last with me forever.



Tams - June 04 at 07:57 AM

TF

“ The nagel family purchased the Simply Elegant S pathiphyllum for the family of Shannon Summer Marie Torkelson.



The nagel family - June 03 at 07:19 PM

GN

“ Glen, Marietta, Nadine, Kody, Cari, and Noah purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shannon Summer Marie Torkelson.



Glen, Marietta, Nadine, Kody, Cari, and Noah - June 03 at 04:52 PM

BW

“ Ben and Esther Wissell purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Shannon Summer Marie Torkelson.



Ben and Esther Wissell - June 03 at 08:02 AM