

Glenn Shirk

November 21, 1936 – April 30, 2022



Celebration of Life

*May 7, 2022 ~ 2:00 pm
First Mennonite Church
Denver, Colorado*

Celebration of Life Service for Glenn Shirk

Prelude: *Blessed Assurance*

Welcome and Invocation

Amazing Grace Voices Together 163

Psalm 23 Jeff Kauffman

Eulogy Slideshow Glenda Kauffman and Leslea Wahl

Romans 8:38-39 Mike Wahl

Reflections from the grandchildren Brennen and Nathan Kauffman
Justin, Tressa (Lindsay), and Jack Wahl

Memories Family followed by open mic

Special Music Choir

How Great Thou Art Voices Together 436

Pastoral Reflection

When Peace Like a River Voices Together 617

Prayer of Release & Benediction

Special Music Choir

Postlude: *How Great Thou Art*

Everyone is invited to the Community Center across the foyer for a reception following the service.

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***Thank you to all who participated in the service, including:***

**Pastor:** Glenn Balzer

**Musician:** Romaine Anderson

**Song Leader:** Arlen Hershberger

**Sound & Video Tech:** Nicole and Steve KandeLind

**Usher Coordinator:** Ernie Kandel

**Reception Coordinators:** Lola Hershberger and Linda Wyse

## ***Psalm 23***

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:

he leadeth me beside the still waters

He restoreth my soul:

he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:

thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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Glenn Lamar Shirk Life Story

Glenn Shirk, died peacefully in the early morning hours of April 30th, 2022, at his residence at MorningStar Assisted Living Facility in Centennial, CO, at the age of 85. We thank the staff at Morning Star Jordan and Brighton Hospice for the loving care he received these past few months.

Glenn was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on November 21, 1936, to Lester and Ruth Shirk. Glenn grew up with an older brother, Carl, and a younger sister, Anna Mae. Glenn met his wife, Reberta Eberly, on a blind date on July 15, 1955. They dated for three years and were married on September 6, 1958. They moved to Denver, CO, the next year. They fell in love with the mountains and never left. Over the next few years, they welcomed their two daughters, Glenda and Leslea. Glenn worked as a truck driver for many years, before becoming an entrepreneur. Together with Reberta, he built and operated some of the most successful Grease Monkey franchises in the region. They also built a car wash, which they still partially own. After many years of hard work, they were able to fully enjoy their retirement years, dividing their time between Silverthorne, Colorado, and Sun City West, Arizona.

Glenn loved the mountains and enjoyed skiing, hiking, hunting, fishing and camping. He was a passionate woodworker and built many items for his daughters and grandkids over the years. He enjoyed being active and was

on the church softball team, as well as several bowling teams over the years. He was an avid golfer. He was also a proud supporter of Colorado sports teams. He held Broncos season tickets since the 1960s. Glenn was a true adventurer. He traveled to at least 30 different countries in his retirement and took his grandkids on many camping adventures to numerous national parks and even salmon fishing in Alaska.

Personable, funny and charismatic, he formed many lasting friendships throughout his life. Many people have shared memories of the twinkle in his eye and his ready smile. Glenn and Reberta were active members of First Mennonite Church of Denver since they first moved to Colorado. Glenn was always willing to volunteer where needed. Over the years, he was active with Mennonite Disaster Service, Mennonite Central Committee, Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, First Mennonite Church, and Habitat for Humanity—where he traveled to builds in Mexico, South Korea, South Africa, Thailand and Michigan.

Glenn was preceded in death by a brother Charles who died shortly after birth, his brother Carl who died in 1976, and his parents, Lester and Ruth Shirk.

Glenn is survived by his wife of 63 years, Reberta Shirk, and their two daughters and five grandchildren: Glenda Kauffman and her husband, Jeff Kauffman, and their two children: Brennen Kauffman and Nathan Kauffman; and Leslea Wahl and her husband, Mike Wahl, and their three children: Justin Wahl, Tressa Lindsay and her husband, Ryan Lindsay, and Jack Wahl. He is also survived by his sister, Anna Mae Miller, and her husband, Merv Miller. As well as many nieces and nephews.

Glenn left a legacy of compassion, friendship, and love, touching the lives of those he met, and he will be missed.

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**Find Glenn's obituary online**, where comments or memories can be added: [obituaries.neptunesociety.com/obituaries/arvada-co/glenn-shirk-10734858](http://obituaries.neptunesociety.com/obituaries/arvada-co/glenn-shirk-10734858)

**Glenn's memory can be honored** by sending donations to Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp ([www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org)) or Habitat for Humanity ([www.habitat.org](http://www.habitat.org)).