

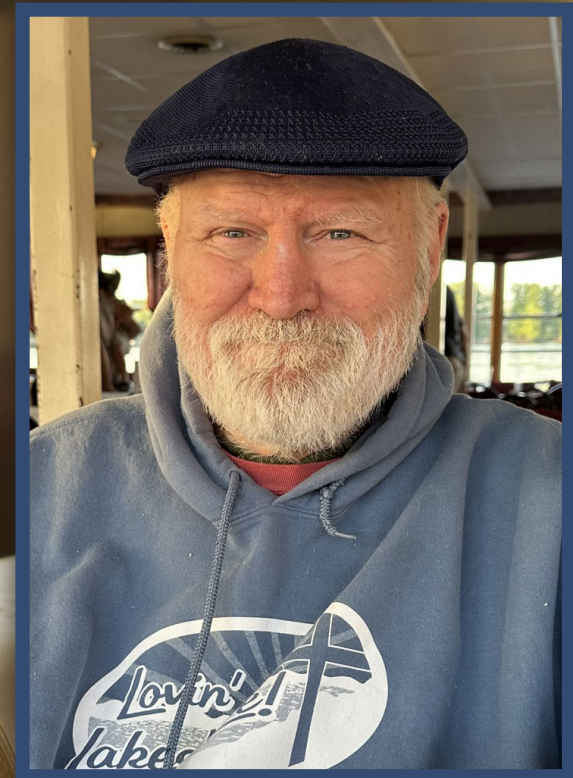


STATEMENT OF FAITH

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

– *Romans 8:31 ff*

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF



REVEREND DR. GLENN WILSON

July 19, 1952 – December 26, 2024

Reverend Dr. Sherman Glenn Wilson Jr., affectionately known as Pastor Glenn, age 72, of Mason City, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 26, 2024. A loving husband, father, pastor, counselor, and dedicated servant of God, Pastor Glenn's life was a testament to his faith, compassion, and commitment to service.

Born on July 19, 1952, in Leesburg, Florida, Glenn was the son of Sherman and Edna 'Ruth' (Boyd) Wilson. Raised in the heart of Florida, he spent his early years on the family farm, where he developed a strong work ethic and deep love for the land. A gifted athlete in high school, Glenn excelled in baseball and football, earning recognition for his talents. He was also an active leader, serving as Senior Class President and was State Parliamentarian for Florida's Future Farmers of America (FFA), where he discovered his passion for public speaking.

After graduating from South Sumter High School, Glenn pursued higher education at Lake-Sumter Community College and the University of Florida. He then received his Masters of Administration from Nova Southeastern University. Following his college years, Glenn worked as a journalist for the Sumter County Times, which nurtured his love for travel and adventure.

His journey led him to Camp Merrowvista in New Hampshire, where he served as a certified Camp Director with the American Youth Foundation. During this time, Glenn also returned to Sumter County to teach Journalism at South Sumter High School. Glenn's life took a significant turn when he became a lay-pastor at the Linden Methodist Church in Florida. In 1993 Glenn's calling to ministry grew stronger, and he took on the role of Camp Director at Rainbow Glacier Camp in Haines, Alaska, where he discovered a love for the Pacific Northwest and its people. In 1995, the Wilson family moved from Florida, to Kake, Alaska, where Pastor Glenn served as lay minister at Memorial Presbyterian Church. Glenn was adopted into the Tlingit Tribe in Kake, Alaska. Glenn's passion for theology led him to further his studies at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, where he earned a Masters of Divinity in 2003. During his studies he served as student pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster, Wisconsin, and later served as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Burt and Woden, Iowa, from 2005 until his retirement in 2018. In 2011, he received his Doctorate of Ministry from the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. During this time he had the honor of serving as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of North Central Iowa, where he provided invaluable leadership and insight. Glenn enjoyed writing religious plays and performing in theater productions in Burt, Algona and Bancroft.

Glenn is survived by his wife, Diane DiPietro Wilson of Mason City; children, Benjamin Wilson of St. Paul, MN, and Leon Wilson of Omaha, NE; his sister, Donna (Louie) Wells of Lake Panasoffkee, FL; brother, Randy (Georgette) Wilson of Leesburg, FL; along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sherman Glenn Wilson and Edna Ruth Wilson of Webster, FL.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Lakeshore Center on Okoboji in his honor. Pastor Glenn's unwavering faith and love for others will continue to inspire those whose lives he touched. He is now resting in the arms of his Savior.

Celebrating the Life of **REVEREND DR. GLENN WILSON**

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FUNERAL SERVICE

First Presbyterian Church
Mason City, Iowa

11 a.m., Tuesday, December 31, 2024

OFFICIATING

Rev. David Feltman

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH CENTRAL IOWA

Rev. Ian McMullen

MUSIC

Sue Feltman, Organist/Pianist

Congregational Hymns

"Because He Lives"

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

"Be Thou My Vision"

"I'll Fly Away"

HONORARY BEARERS

Presbyterian Colleagues

CASKET BEARERS

Benjamin Wilson		Mike Missman
Mike Isebrand	Tim Weiland	Jonathan Chambers
Verdean Mawdsley	Dale Person	Roger Hutchcroft

Glenn's family thanks you for your presence at his service and all of your words of consolation and love. Everyone is invited to a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

Major Erickson
Funeral Home and Crematory

BECAUSE HE LIVES

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives!

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I'LL FLY AWAY

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I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

I'll fly away O glory
I'll fly away (in the morning)
When I die hallelujah by and by
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When the shadows of this life have grown
I'll fly away
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