



## Glenn Elias Friesen

August 5, 1965 - February 10, 2025

Glenn Elias Friesen was born in Antioch, California to Dr. Howard and Mrs. Bette Friesen on August 5, 1965. He graduated from Antioch High School in 1984 where he enjoyed playing football, baseball, and basketball alongside his friends and brother Jeff. He continued on to study psychology at California State University, Long Beach, graduating in 1989. He spent much of his life serving students with special needs and as a substitute teacher at local schools. In his younger years, Glenn was involved in many Orthodox communities such as the college ministry Orthodox Christian Fellowship, and the summer camp of Antiochian Village.

Later in life, Glenn enjoyed spending time with people and was known for his ability to make friends wherever he went. Additionally, he loved gardening, studying history, creating family genealogies, and camping. He brought joy and cheer to the medical staff during treatments despite his increasing health challenges in later years. His doctors and nursing staff loved him as a patient, saying that, "he gave us more than we gave him," after his passing.

Glenn is survived by his former wife, Shannon Baustian, and their three children Anastasia (24), Alexis (24), and Audrey (21) in Wayzata, Minnesota. He has three siblings Stan Friesen (Donna), Rebecca Keifer (Dan), and Jeffrey Friesen along with six nieces and nephews and their families.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Dr. Howard and Mrs. Bette Friesen.

A Mercy Meal will be held at 1:30pm Saturday March 1st at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis. A graveside service will be held at 3pm Saturday March 1st at Lakewood Cemetery, 3600 Hennepin Avenue South, Minneapolis (please meet just inside the front gates of the cemetery).

#### FLOWERS

We are thankful for all who can participate in person and understand that many of you will wish commemorate his memorial from afar. If you wish to send flowers please have them sent direct to St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis.

#### MEMORIAL DONATIONS

We are thankful for all who can participate in person and understand that many of you will support his memorial from afar. For those wishing to make memorial financially in Glenn's name he was incredibly fond of both Holy Assumption Monastery in Calistoga, CA and the Antiochian Village in Bolivar, PA.

**ANTIOCHIAN VILLAGE CAMP** Glenn was a counselor at Antiochian Village in the 90s. He loved both the Special Olympics and the regular camp season! He remained close friends with his fellow staff members many of whom are his daughter's Godparents now. He often spontaneously sang the troparia and hymns from camp even in his final days. He has wanted to see the ongoing support of Antiochian Village so campers and staff members can continually deepen their relationships with each other and Christ.

#### HOLY ASSUMPTION MONASTERY

Throughout Glenn's life, he supported this monastery in Calistoga, California. While he did not make it to the monastery as often as he liked, he loved Mother Melania and the sisterhood. He knew how meaningful this monastery was to his father, Howard Friesen, and made it a priority to support them. He wanted to promote their genuine love of God and their hospitality to visitors. In Glenn's death, we ask for donations so their ministry may be continually prosperous.

# Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

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“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Glenn Elias Friesen.*



February 28, 2025 at 04:03 PM