



## Russell Lee Yoder

October 16, 1947 - October 4, 2022

Age 74 of Portland, TN, formerly of Sarasota, FL, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at Bethany Center for Rehab and Healing. He was born October 16, 1947 in Hartsville, OH to George and Betty Heckman Yoder. He was self-employed and worked as a home inspector. Russell was an avid golfer and Florida Seminoles fan. He also enjoyed fishing, boating and watching rodeo. He was a member of Abundant Life Church in Sarasota, FL. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Linda Yoder, Portland, TN; sons, Preston (Lisa) Yoder, Bell Buckle, TN and Tim (Sarah) Newsome, Smyrna, TN; daughter, Leigh (Ryan) Booker, Portland, TN; sister, Barbara Elizabeth (Ken) Snyder, Massillon, OH; 6 grandchildren, Madison, Ryleigh, Desirae, Evander, Charlotte and Luke. His first great-grandchild is on the way. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 4PM (EST) at Abundant Life Church 6461 Proctor Road Sarasota, FL 34241 ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 [www.austinandbell.com](http://www.austinandbell.com)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

DEC 3. 4:00 PM (ET)

Abundant Life Church  
6461 Proctor Road  
Sarasota, FL 34241

# Tribute Wall

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“*Mary and I are saddened to hear of your loss of Russell's passing. May the Lord be with you all. Joseph and Mary Miller*”

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**Joseph Miller** - December 24, 2022 at 11:48 PM

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“*My sincerest condolences to the entire family, Russ was a special person to a lot of us in Sarasota, FL. I grew up knowing Russ and Preston while living in the same neighborhood and he was very consistent with his spiritual beliefs, magnetic personality, sense of humor. We had a lot of fun back in those days and loved fishing together and going to Sonny's for some BBQ. Russ loved pulling for the underdog and always supported the long shot. He also loved playing basketball with us neighborhood kids and enjoyed competition. I know that he influenced a lot of positivity and kindness among a lot of people and he will be missed tremendously. I'm positive he's in a better place, confident that he's talked to Bobby Bowden, and very likely played several rounds of golf at the Heavenly Country Club!! I'm happy that he is no longer in pain and resting easy with his lord and savior, God Bless you my friend!*”

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**Coby Meyer** - October 05, 2022 at 10:35 PM