



Glenn J. Schwartz

December 15, 1938 - August 26, 2022

Glenn J. Schwartz, 83, graduated to glory from his earthly home at 1415 Candlewycke Drive, Middletown, PA on August 26, 2022. Born to Earl and Kathryn Schwartz (York, PA) on December 15, 1938, Glenn grew up in a family with eight siblings. As a young man he attended Locust Grove Brethren in Christ Church. During those early years, he worked on the family farm, was employed at Tioga Textile Mill in York, PA and later graduated from Messiah College in 1965.

From 1961-63, Glenn served as a volunteer with Brethren in Christ World Missions in what was then Northern and Southern Rhodesia. His experience in Africa affected the rest of his life. After marrying Verna Oberholtzer in 1964, he returned to Africa as a missionary, ordained as a minister with the Brethren in Christ Church. His daughter Diana and son Steven were born at Macha Mission Hospital in Zambia during their years of service from 1965-1971. Returning from Africa, Glenn oversaw the construction of the covered bridge on the campus of Messiah College, Grantham, PA, then moved to Pasadena, CA to study in the School of World Mission (SWM) at Fuller Seminary. After completing a Master's in Missiology in 1974, he joined the faculty of the SWM as Administrative Assistant to the Dean, continuing in this role for six years. During these years the family worshiped at Lake Avenue Congregational Church in Pasadena.

In 1979, he and his family returned to Lancaster, PA where he worked briefly in commercial real estate, then founded World Mission Associates in 1984. In this capacity Glenn spent 30 years travelling, writing, consulting and lecturing, encouraging local churches around the world to be more sustainable financially and administratively, under God's leadership. His book, "When Charity Destroys Dignity," has been translated into five languages other than English. During those years, Glenn and his family worshiped at Manor Brethren in Christ Church.

From 1991-1997, Glenn and Verna lived in Reading, England where they worked on developing software for African language Bible concordances, with the expert help of personnel from The Bible Society, Swindon, England. Also, during these years they travelled extensively in a teaching ministry, particularly in Israel and in Southern Africa. When in the UK, they worshiped at Greyfriars Anglican Church in Reading.

In his later years, Glenn continued to provide counsel to missionaries and national church leaders until Parkinson's Disease and dementia made this impossible. In June 2019, Glenn and Verna moved closer to their children in the Harrisburg area. During these years, he and Verna worshiped at the Harrisburg Brethren in Christ Church.

Glenn leaves behind his wife Verna; a daughter, Diana Buckwalter (husband, Dan); and a son, Steven Schwartz (wife, Elizabeth); six grandchildren (Kirsten, Gideon, Chloe/Charlie and Levi Buckwalter, John-Luis and Carlos Schwartz; one great grandchild, (Xavier Thomas); and brothers, Sam, Douglas, Luther; and sisters, Beverly Stein and Susan Rice.

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

SEP **25**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Manor Church
530 Central Manor Road
Lancaster, PA

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VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.*

Visitation

SEP **25**. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Remembering The Life

SEP **25**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DR

“ Dear Family of Glenn Schwartz. I am advising a student on the topic of how the economic mindset of a church impacts his ability to see itself as a part of God's global mission. I first heard directly from Glenn back in about 1999, and have been following WMA every since. I have referred my student to Glenn's writings. I am so sorry for your loss but proud to have known and learned from Glenn. God's peace be with you all!

Douglas Rutt - July 10, 2024 at 04:51 PM

KP

“ Hi, This might come out of the blue to you Verna. My name is Kent Pearson and I think, if I have the right Glen, he was a friend of my dad Bill Pearson while we lived in Livingston, Zambia at the David Livingston Teacher Training College campus from 1968 to 1970. Based on some of the life travels he had I'm sure I have the right fellow. Although I was quite young do remember Glen being a pretty gregarious outgoing fellow and just a nice guy. I do vaguely remember Steven his son as well. He was younger than me. I was thinking about Glen over the last while and had often wondered what happened to him after we left Zambia in 1970. We are still in touch with a quite a number of family friends from the first place we lived out at Sefula (the Sefula crowd). By chance I googled his name and up came his obituary. It is very clear that Glen had a life well lived and full of adventure. He was a very blessed fellow and It is sure good to see the world had him in the world. My dad passed away in 2018. I thought I would pass on my condolences, however belated, to Verna and the family. You all must be incredibly proud of Glen. I know I would be. I trust all is well otherwise with you all.

Best to you all,

Kent Pearson

Kent Peason - May 03, 2024 at 02:19 PM

JH

“ Glenn started to be my inspiration to do mission in a way that remains vulnerable to indigenous people through my reading his materials as early as 1989. I got to meet him face to face in 2007. He has been one of the major inspirations for the work of the AVM (Alliance for Vulnerable Mission), the founding of which occurred within his office space in Lancaster, PA. A devoted man of God!

Jim Harries - October 04, 2022 at 08:16 AM

PB

“ Lisa and I send our condolence to Glenn's family. We are assured that he is now rejoicing with Jesus. In heaven there is no darkness at all. We pray God's peace be with you and make sure, that your sins are forgiven, so you can join him in heaven. Because of Calvary, Paul & Lisa Buckwalter

PAUL BUCKWALTER - September 08, 2022 at 11:52 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Glenn J. Schwartz.



September 07, 2022 at 08:28 PM

VB

“ Diana and Dan,

We are so sorry for your loss. May God wrap his loving arms around your family.

Your old neighbors from Hudson St.

Dan and Dee Bowers

vivienne bowers - September 05, 2022 at 12:31 PM

NS

Steve and family

Raymond and I will keep your family in prayer. The few times I have spoken to your father, he was very inspirational and encouraging. I pray that God shower you with His love and peace during your time of sorrow.

Nicolette Snell - September 23, 2022 at 01:07 PM

VS

Thank you, Nicolette.

Verna Schwartz - November 16, 2022 at 09:27 PM

JN

“ *Verna, I am so sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of you and Glen at Clock Towers. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Jean Nikolaus

Jean Nikolaus - September 04, 2022 at 06:40 PM

VS

So lovely to hear from you. Glenn's service yesterday was a beautiful occasion.

Verna Schwartz - September 26, 2022 at 10:05 AM

DW

“ *We are so sorry for your loss, Verna! What a full and productive life Glenn lived! I can just imagine his welcome into heaven, and Jesus, with wide open arms saying, "Well done, Glenn, My good and faithful servant!" We hope to see you at his memorial service. Don and Anita Wingert*

Don Wingert - September 04, 2022 at 04:23 PM

VS

I am so glad you could be with us yesterday, Anita.

Verna Schwartz - September 26, 2022 at 10:06 AM

JN

“ *It was very sorry to learn of Glenn's passing. My condolences to Verna and his children. It is good to know that he dedicated his life to something that he believed in strongly.*

John Nornhold

John S Nornhold - September 04, 2022 at 02:27 PM

VS

How wonderful to hear from you! I have been trying to reach your sister Susan this morning. I failed to tell her, and I would like to know how she is doing.

Verna Schwartz - September 26, 2022 at 10:10 AM

KS

“ *He was a wonderful person and did so much for the Lord. He had a heart of gold. So glad to be part of this family. Cousin Kathy Baker Stoner*

Kathleen Stoner - September 03, 2022 at 07:11 AM