



Glen Lane Mills

November 10, 1957 - August 28, 2021

Glen Lane Mills, 63, of Prosperity, SC (or “God’s Country” as he liked to call it) passed peacefully from this world on Saturday, August 28, 2021 after a courageous battle with Covid.

Glen was born at Mills Clinic in Prosperity on November 10, 1957 to Sue Riley Mills and George Lake Mills.

The Saluda County 4-H Club was a huge part of his youth. He won many statewide awards for showing Holstein cows in 4-H. He also won the 4-H statewide dune buggy building championship. That same beloved dune buggy was sold to pay the hospital bills to bring home his first little bundle of joy- 9 months and 6 weeks after he married Christy.

Glen graduated from Mid-Carolina High School and later, at the top of his class from Nashville Auto Diesel College. While attending college, he worked at Mid-Tennessee Ford, which led to his lifelong love of Ford vehicles and mechanic work.

He was the owner of Clear Lake Enterprises Trucking, and was formerly a member of the Southeastern Stompers Clogging Teams. For the last decade of his life, he was, at first, a less-than-enthusiastic patron of Town Theatre, due to his wife’s extensive involvement. That later turned into becoming a

corporate donor, much to the surprise of Christy. Quietly surprising loved ones with cars, homes, trips and so forth made him genuinely happy.

His other involvement with the arts came through his involvement with his wife's dance studio (Christy's School of Dance, Christy Mills Dance Arts and now, SC Music and Dance Academy.) He never missed a single recital for the whole 44 years it has existed, even if it meant getting there just in time for the finale. He obliged his beloved by dancing not only as a clogger, but also as a hula girl, a trashy woman and a Tootsie Roll among many more wacky routines. Audiences always roared with appreciation when he set foot onstage, admiring his easygoing bravery more than his fancy footwork. (Although he did a mean one-of-a-kind butterfly).

Glen loved driving his 18-wheeler, motorcycles (especially with Wyman), the lake, hunting and fishing, estate sales, grilling for his family and friends (particularly Caughman's onion sausage), traveling to Nascar races with Larry or Christy, family cruises, old vehicles, road trips around America, the Hollywood community and everyone in it, his Corinth Lutheran Church Family, Clemson and just sitting on the couch with his honey watching TV, particularly old Western cowboy movies. His children and wife often silently snickered with each other at the sight of this massive man reduced to tears over the Hallmark movies, Budweiser Clydesdale commercials and even the Hannah Montana movie. He was a gentle giant with an extremely tender heart. He was so very giving, both of his time, money and talents. At the age of 21, he bought his younger sister, Susan a Mercury Cougar, with his own hard-earned money. He loved his dogs: Blackie, Zoey, Roscoe, Buster and Stitch, and Kitty, the office cat, and many more already passed from this earth.

He was a lifelong member of Corinth Lutheran Church, where he was the current President of the Joint Council of Corinth- St. Mark's Parish; current president of the Lutheran Men in Mission of the parish; current chairman of

the property committee, and he headed up the soon-to-be completed project for the outdoor lighting of the church yard. Of his own free will, he was the Sunday School snack man.

Glen is survived by his parents, his wife, Christy Shealy Mills; his children: Laney Mills (Dwayne Durbin) of Lexington, SC; Matthew Mills, of Bethesda, MD; Andrew Mills (Celeste) of Prosperity; and Zanna Mills (David Latorre) of Kissimmee, Fla; grandsons, Ethan and Luke Shealy, and soon-to-be step grandchildren, Jaden and Annabelle Durbin; his sister, Susan Helen Mills; sisters-in-law Sherry Shealy Martschink (Karl Dupstadt); Lorri Shealy Unumb (Dan); brother-in-law, S. Shawn Shealy, Sr.; and a host of nieces and nephews and much-loved former in-laws. He also leaves behind his right hand and lifelong friend, Wanda Matthews Taylor, his kinda-like sisters-in-law, Anne Marie Green and Caryn Crabb and his constant companion and best buddy, Blackie. He was pre-deceased by his brother-in-law, Rod Shealy; mother-in-law, Elsie P. Shealy; father-in-law, Ryan C. Shealy; grandparents, Helen Lake Mills, Thomas Pinkney (T.P.) Mills, Jesse Stevenson Riley, and Ola Mae Force Riley.

Funeral services will be held at Corinth Lutheran Church, (638 Corinth Road, Saluda, SC 29138) at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 1, 2021. Pallbearers are : Ethan Shealy, Shawn Shealy, James Walkup, Fred Gallman, Christopher Unumb and Ronnie Ruff. Due to Covid, MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED INSIDE BUILDINGS. The service will also be broadcast on 89.9 FM for those wishing to remain in their cars for a drive-up service. Also, due to Covid, there will be no visitation and, following the service, a private burial for the immediate families of Glen and Christy.

Memorials may be made to The Unumb Center for Neurological Development (formerly The Autism Academy of South Carolina) 1505 Blanding Street,

Columbia, SC 29201, which was founded by his adored sister-in-law, Lorri.

Previous Events

Funeral

SEP 1. 5:00 PM (ET)

Corinth Lutheran Church
638 Corinth Road
Saluda, SC

Tribute Wall

OU

“ I'm from WV, I drove for Glen back in the late 90s, early 2000s when i lived next town over yondr... what a great guy. Best truckdriving experience I've ever had was driving for him. He treated me so good as a driver & a person. After I moved back to WV, Glen mailed me a calender with his truck in it... and he loved poo-bear and Sunday chicken. Thank you, Glen. For everything, sad to hear of your passing. Outlaw

Outlaw - January 08 at 07:08 PM

SA

“ Sherri Rodgers Alveshire lit a candle in memory of Glen Lane Mills



Sherri Rodgers Alveshire - September 16, 2021 at 09:26 AM

RN

“ I am so very sorry to learn of Glen's passing. We did business for 25 years or so for Mills Trucking. His fancy trucks matched him. Very unique, but certainly not flashy. Glen was one of my favorite customers and I always anticipated his usual " Good evening" greeting, regardless of the time of day. He was a good man and will be missed by many. God bless you Christy and all of the family. Ron Nation

Ron Nation - September 03, 2021 at 07:39 PM

MD

“ So very sorry. Glen was a dear man who helped us many many times. He will be missed dearly.

Jeffrey & Melyssa Davis
Davis Diesel Service

Melyssa Davis - September 02, 2021 at 03:39 PM

TN

“ The Unumb Center for Neurodevelopment purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Glen Lane Mills.



The Unumb Center for Neurodevelopment - September 01, 2021 at 04:39 PM

FA

“ A gentle giant indeed, and man of faith. Glen was blessed by a vibrant and active life and leaves this world too soon, but a better place. God bless the whole Shealy/Mills clan. You are loved!

Pastor Frank W. Anderson
Corinth Lutheran Church 1983-87

Frank W Anderson - September 01, 2021 at 10:52 AM

JP

“ Christy, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your children at this time. I understand what your heart feels. What helps most is the fun memories. My boys and I have found that the laughs will get you through the tears. God Bless you all and give you the strength you need..

Janice Powell

Janice Powell - September 01, 2021 at 10:28 AM

KH

“ So sorry to hear of Glenn's passing. You all be in our thoughts and prayers. May God give you strength and comfort in the days ahead. Sincerely, Kim Hartley Hall and Betty C. Hartley



Kim Hartley Hall - September 01, 2021 at 07:04 AM

PC

“ We are so stunned and sad at the news of Glenn's passing. What a terrific human being. Our family enjoyed so many great times together as the kids were growing up. Glen was always present, and forever an encourager. He and Christy were definitely "peas in a pod". Together they gave of themselves to our communities and were a part of many lives. Their strong faith in God was, and remains, a ministry for us all. While our kids are now all grown, I still think about this family almost daily in my travels to work, inevitably coming upon one of the Mills Trucking Company trucks on the interstate or highways, with their special paintings. Glen was a true icon. Much love to the entire family. Pam, Gerald, Jeremy and Joey Cromer

Pam Cromer - August 31, 2021 at 10:11 PM

DE

“ Glen and his family have always been neighbors . I watched him grow from a little boy, into a fine young man. Sometimes Ms. Sue would trust me to watch him and Susan while she went to "Missionary Meetings" at the Church. I enjoyed them so much and I always had to make "Kool Aid". Such a fine man can never be forgotten and this one will be remembered with admiration and much respect. With a broken heart I say " Rest in Peace".

Debbie - August 31, 2021 at 09:15 PM



Elaine
Bailey

I am so sorry about Glen's passing. May you all find strength in the coming days. God bless! Elaine Long Bailey

Elaine Bailey - September 01, 2021 at 09:59 AM



“ Christy, Laney, and families, so sorry for your loss. With deepest sympathy, love and prayers, Diane and James Hamel (Tara's parents)

diane hamel - August 31, 2021 at 07:28 PM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Glen Lane Mills.



August 31, 2021 at 02:18 PM



“ Plants-A-Plenty was purchased for the family of Glen Lane Mills.



August 31, 2021 at 02:13 PM



“ I did not know Glen, but I am so sorry for my former favorite babysitter, Christy, and all of the Shealy and Mills families. May he Rest In Peace

Carole Flynn Roof - August 31, 2021 at 01:07 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Glen Lane Mills.



August 31, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ *VLS Family* purchased the *Plants-A-Plenty* for the family of Glen Lane Mills.



VLS Family - August 31, 2021 at 09:01 AM



“ *What a beautiful obituary! So hard to believe Covid beat that giant of a man. Sincere sympathy to each of you during this very sad time.*

Randy & Mable Robertson

Randy & Mable Robertson - August 30, 2021 at 10:49 PM



“ *Karen Craven* lit a candle in memory of Glen Lane Mills



karen craven - August 30, 2021 at 09:32 PM

PA

“ Having a place on the lake right down from Glens house I was always stopping by for referrals or to borrow something. He was always accommodating. We brought our lake property from his grandfather. Glen was a good man. I will miss him. Prayers for the family. Never anticipated something like COVID would take him. Rest In Peace Glen. Pam Cook

pam - August 30, 2021 at 08:16 PM

KL

“ Glen Mills meant so much to so many. Son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and friend to everyone. I don't think that he ever met a stranger. He always had a smile on his face, even if he was hurting inside. He was always willing to help even on short notice and loved his church. He is going to be missed.

Keith Lester - August 30, 2021 at 08:13 PM

LC

“ Lynn Chapman lit a candle in memory of Glen Lane Mills



Lynn Chapman - August 30, 2021 at 06:41 PM

WF

“ Wanda Ferrel lit a candle in memory of Glen Lane Mills



Wanda Ferrel - August 30, 2021 at 06:21 PM

WF

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Wanda Ferrel - August 30, 2021 at 06:20 PM

AR

“ Angie Routsaw lit a candle in memory of Glen Lane Mills



Angie Routsaw - August 30, 2021 at 06:18 PM

WF

“ A picture of his beloved dune buggy attached! No finer person than cousin Glen! My continued prayers for all of you and loving thoughts!



Wanda Ferrel - August 30, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Glen Lane Mills.*



August 30, 2021 at 04:27 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Glen Lane Mills.*



August 30, 2021 at 04:18 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Glen Lane Mills.*



August 30, 2021 at 04:00 PM



“ *Eva and Cliff Brown purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Glen Lane Mills.*



Eva and Cliff Brown - August 30, 2021 at 03:37 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Glen Lane Mills.*



August 30, 2021 at 03:11 PM



“ *Clarence, Dale, Jeremiah at MJB purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Glen Lane Mills.*



Clarence, Dale, Jeremiah at MJB - August 30, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ *For our good next door neighbors, Glenn and Christy. We are very saddened. Our hearts go out to Christy, Mrs. Sue ,Mr. George, Susan and the entire Mills family. Condolences from Tammy Vance and Duane Shealy*



Tammy Vance Duane Shealy - August 30, 2021 at 02:58 PM



“ *I was blessed with knowing him as a teenager and danced with him for years. My prayers go out to his family and friends. I have great memories while dancing with Christy Mills Dance team traveled around clogging. Such a tragedy and loss.*

Amy Hawkins - August 30, 2021 at 02:45 PM

DW

“ To Christy, the kids, Mr. George, Mrs. Sue and all of the Mills family, co-workers and his closest family friends: Words cannot express the sorrow and hurt I feel in my heart for the loss of such a good man. I pray that you find comfort in knowing he was a man of God, and that there is no doubt that his soul is saved by Jesus, and that he is alive and well in the Kingdom of Heaven today.

And to Glen: I am sure you are watching over everyone of us that mourn your passing. Most likely shaking your head with that unmistakable grin, so as if to say "what's all the fuss about?" And, you are probably reading this over one of your loved ones' shoulders, since I have never known you to take a day off of work. Just know that I will miss our lengthy philosophical discussions about a variety of topics over the years, some important, but most of them not so important, as you rolled on down the highway. I'll also miss our frequent Clemson versus Carolina banter and barbs, but I do appreciate the time you honored my request to not let anyone know you were Clemson fans, the time I gave you seats in the middle of the USC employee section at our rivalry football game years ago. And Yes, I do remember that y'all somehow won that game, but I'm pretty sure it was only because of a bad call. Your personality was always so kind, fair and happy, no matter what the situation. You will be forever missed, and I am so very humbled and honored to have been able to call you my friend. Godspeed to you my friend, and I hope now that you will settle in to your new career as the guardian angel, watching over your family.

Rest easy,

Donnie Watts - August 30, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Glen Lane Mills.



August 30, 2021 at 02:44 PM



“ Sandra White lit a candle in memory of Glen Lane Mills



Sandra white - August 30, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ Although his immediate family wasn't fond of Glen cooking a pig, he sure did enjoy it! I'm gonna miss our time together under the carport talking! To the Mill's family, thank you for sharing Honey with us all! He will be greatly missed!

Alacia Caughman Quinto - August 30, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ Christy, so very sorry for the loss of your beloved Glen. Sure he'll be missed by many. May he Rest in Peace and God Bless you and all his extended family.

Tony Ridgell - August 30, 2021 at 02:22 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Glen Lane Mills.*



August 30, 2021 at 02:00 PM



“ *I will always remember Glen by the wife given name “Honey “ He always had a smile on his face and would jump when his lovely wife would call out Honey! How she convinced him to do everything he did in the dance recitals is beyond me! When Lori and Leah were younger they would spend many days with the Glen Mills family and treated just like one of their children! As my children grew older Joshua became close to Glen doing things at the Corinth Church. Joshua said if anybody ever needed anything all they had to do was call Glen. He would be right there! He was a very dedicated person to everybody!! HONEY will definitely be missed by everyone!! I can just see Viola and his Granddaddy Pink welcoming him now!!*

Donna S Mills - August 30, 2021 at 01:18 PM



“ *Hard to believe my childhood friend is gone. From racing on the toy slot track at his house, going swimming at Blacks Bridge (now T.B's shack), going for rides in Mr. Pinks Buick that neither one of us had drivers licenses, to smoking cigarettes he had hid in the handlebar of his bicycle. Those were the best times of my life. So go rest high on that mountain Glen cause your work on earth is done. God bless.*

Russell Hendrix - August 30, 2021 at 01:10 PM



“ *Rest in peace, Glen. Our thoughts are with your family and church family as they adjust without you. You will be missed.* ”

Marilyn Grant - August 30, 2021 at 12:20 PM