



## Glenn B. Latinen

August 24, 1947 - May 8, 2021

Glenn B. Latinen, age 73, passed away on May 8, 2021. He was born on August 24, 1947 in Detroit to Bernard and Taimie (nee Kangas) Latinen. Glenn attended Wayne State University and was a longtime Ferndale resident. He was a zookeeper at the Detroit Zoo for over 30 years until his retirement in 2001. In his free time he enjoyed hiking and was an avid birdwatcher. Beloved son of the late Bernard and Taimie Latinen. Dear brother of Richard (Cheryl) Latinen. Proud uncle of Lisa (Blair) Harlan, Jeff (Ashley) Latinen, Keith (Cathy) Latinen, Amy (Jeff) Miksis and great uncle of Jillian Harlan, Lydia Harlan, Cecilia Harlan, Molly Latinen, Kennedy Latinen, Penelope Latinen and Henry Latinen. Graveside service 11 am Tuesday, May 18 at Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley. Memorial contributions to American Lung Association are appreciated. Share your memories at [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com).

# Previous Events

## Committal Service

MAY 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Roseland Park Cemetery  
29001 Woodward Avenue  
Berkley, MI 48072

# Tribute Wall



“ I met Glenn my very first day at the zoo in 1967. He was renting kid-cabs at the underpass and I was patrolling the area between the fountain and the east entrance of the train tunnel. Over the years we worked together in public service, the railroad, and eventually years as zookeepers together. We always got along good and shared a lot of laughs. I worked with him on my last day at the Belle Isle Zoo January 31, 1990. Hard to believe that was 31 years ago. Very sad to learn of his passing. My condolences to his family

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**Randy McGill** - May 15, 2021 at 04:01 PM

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“ Every single time I would see Glen without fail, he always greeted me with "Hiya Maya". And we would both giggle at this bad joke. It still makes me giggle when I say it now. When I look out on the Day Lillies you gave me, I will always think of that

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**Maya Perry** - May 14, 2021 at 03:48 PM

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“ Glenn introduced me to the zoo when I was a freshman veterinary student in 1988 - I am sure he was as shocked as I was when I came back as a zoo veterinarian 3 years later and stayed another 9 years! He always kept me safe, kept me laughing, and kept me honest. I still re-tell many of the stories he told me, and I still wonder how many of them are true. He was a gentleman and made a big impact on me and on the wildlife he loved.

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**Dalen Agnew** - May 13, 2021 at 05:57 PM



“ Glenn was my guide on my very first day at the zoo. I was 22 and beyond thrilled to be starting my dream job. It was a great day as I shadowed him through parts of the day chasing bird and riding on the back of a truck through the zoo. He was a fair boss. I'm certain I gave him too much grief as a know it all loud mouth 22 year old. I appreciate that he took my gripes in stride and we started fresh each day. He was a kind person and I appreciate all that he taught me about being a zookeeper and being an employee. Thank you, Glenn! God speed and please tell Andy I miss him, too. <3

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**Andrea Joy** - May 11, 2021 at 04:21 PM