



## Gordon "Gordy" Ring

January 10, 1956 - January 5, 2024

Gordon (Gordy) Ring, 67, died January 5, 2024 peacefully at home with his family by his side after courageously living his last months with cancer. He was diagnosed with stage 4 non-small cell lung cancer several months ago and faced each day with remarkable strength, gratitude and grace. Gordy chose to enjoy the end of his life valiantly without treatment. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN with Rev. Gerry Bass officiating. Burial will take place in the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 10:00-11:00 A.M on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN. Caring for Gordon and his family is the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Gordy was born on January 10, 1956 in Minneapolis to the late Gordon and Irene (Wilhelm) Ring. He grew up on his family farm in Becker, MN. He served in the US Air Force as a medic and especially enjoyed his time stationed in Wiesbaden, Germany. He married Bonnie Hammerel on July 6, 1982, and together they raised 3 children. Gordy held several jobs in his life. One that was most fulfilling was owning Gordon's Garden Market outside their home in Rockville. Gordy enjoyed having bonfires with family & friends, ice fishing, anything chocolate, and teaching little life lessons to his kids and grandkids, such as: planting trees whose shade you will never sit in. He was a proud lifetime member of the NRA. He did not want to openly share his cancer

diagnosis because he did not want “anyone to treat me any differently because I have cancer.” With that he left us with a final life lesson: don’t wait for a cancer diagnosis to do the things you’ve wanted to do and say the things you’ve wanted to say, and spend your precious days with those you love.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Bonnie; daughters Jewell (Cold Spring) and Jeanna (St. Cloud); grandchildren, Andrew (Shannon), Abby, Alex, Leah, and Noah; brother, Jeff and sister, Samone (Todd); and many cousins, nephews and nieces.

He is preceded in death by his son, Jason in 2020; his parents; brother, Scott, extended family, friends, and beloved dog, Rambo.

Thank you to Dylan and Hallie at St. Croix Hospice and the VA Medical Center for your care and support.

# Cemetery Details

## Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115  
Little Falls, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

LeMieur Funeral Home of Little Falls  
214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

## Funeral Service

JAN **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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214 2nd Street SE  
Little Falls, MN

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gordon "Gordy" Ring*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - January 09, 2024 at 02:55 PM

DG

*I am crying..Absolutely beautiful!*

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**Debbie Gruesner** - January 12, 2024 at 10:37 AM

VR

*That awsum that was 100%who Gordy was 💕*

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**Vern rubash** - January 12, 2024 at 10:49 PM

AB

*i am so sorry bonnie and the family. i will not be able to come to the funeral how ever i will keep all of you in my prayers.*

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**arlene blad** - January 13, 2024 at 09:22 PM

SB

*That was absolutely beautiful*

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**Sheila & Bill** - January 15, 2024 at 10:08 PM

VE

“ I remember Gordy well while working with him at the Brewery. He stood for so many things that were right in this world. As one Service Member to another he supported me through many difficult times. My Sympathy to Bonnie and your Family. As the bugle plays Taps, all is well when the day is done. RIP Gordy.

vic esplan - January 16, 2024 at 10:42 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gordon "Gordy" Ring.



January 15, 2024 at 12:00 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Gordon "Gordy" Ring.



January 12, 2024 at 04:00 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gordon "Gordy" Ring.



January 12, 2024 at 12:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gordon "Gordy" Ring.



January 11, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ Jeremy Anderson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gordon "Gordy" Ring.

Jeremy Anderson - January 11, 2024 at 12:15 PM



“ Jeremy Anderson lit a candle in memory of Gordon "Gordy" Ring



Jeremy Anderson - January 11, 2024 at 11:42 AM



“ David / Melody Steffes lit a candle in memory of Gordon "Gordy" Ring



David / Melody Steffes - January 11, 2024 at 12:12 AM

BR

“ Gosh I can't say how much thos man influenced me and how I looked up to him since I was a baby. This is going to be hard to let go. I'd have to say everything in my life about family this man has told me to hold onto my best memory is the first ice fishing trip I've ever been on and I always was excited to see him Everytime I knew he was around. I love you Gordy You earned your spot in heaven. Thanks I'll see you there one day.

Bradley Ring - January 09, 2024 at 11:11 PM

SK

The stories that I could tell about cousin Gordy. We always called him Pumpkin as children clear thru our teen years. We spent many summers together. Wonderful memories. I wished I had kept in contact with him. My loss. Love you cousin.

Steve Kloti - January 12, 2024 at 12:16 PM

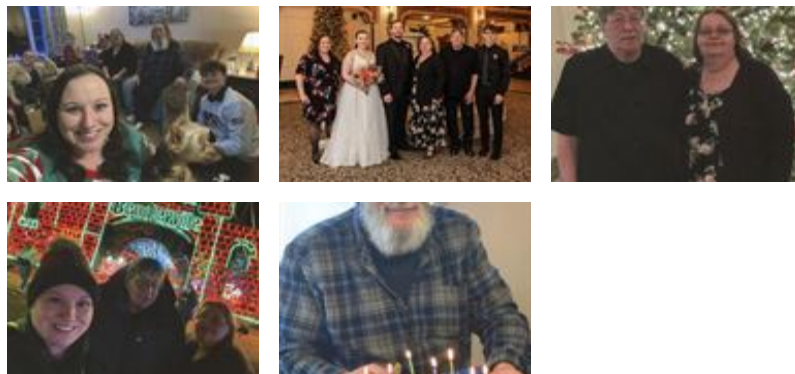
 Jewell Ring

Thank you for the kind words Steve. The nickname stuck & was passed down to me, his first daughter. I'd love to hear your memories sometime! Jewelling@gmail.com

Jewell Ring - February 10, 2024 at 05:07 PM



“ 96 files added to the album LifeTributes



Lemieur Funeral Homes - January 09, 2024 at 02:57 PM

TS

“ *Terri Senn-Vilinski lit a candle in memory of Gordon "Gordy" Ring*



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**Terri Senn-Vilinski** - January 09, 2024 at 10:35 AM

RW

“ *Rob & Marise Wilhelm lit a candle in memory of Gordon "Gordy" Ring*



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**Rob & Marise Wilhelm** - January 08, 2024 at 06:57 AM

BS

“ *Bill Renate Schaefer lit a candle in memory of Gordon "Gordy" Ring*



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**Bill Renate Schaefer** - January 07, 2024 at 12:57 PM