



## Gordon "Gordy" M. Olson

June 24, 1938 - September 12, 2013

Gordon "Gordy" M. Olson, 75 year old resident of Upsala, MN passed away Thursday, September 12, 2013 at his home in Upsala after a nine month battle with lung cancer. Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Thursday, September 19, 2013 at Community Covenant Church in Upsala, MN with Rev. Craig Johnson & Pastor Nathan Hillman officiating. Burial will be at the Community Covenant Cemetery in Upsala, MN. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 PM on Wednesday at the Community Covenant Church in Upsala, MN and one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church.

Gordon M. Olson was born on June 24th, 1938 in Monticello, Minnesota to the late Ervin and Eunice Olson. He was raised on a farm in Becker, MN. and attended a one room school house being the only one in his grade for 5 years. Gordon was a star basketball player in high school with the nick name "Goose", he graduated from Becker High School in 1957. Following graduation Gordon attended St. Cloud State for one year and then went to Dunwoody Institute for 2 years studying carpentry. He was known for his superb carpentry skills. On a hunting trip at the age of 26, he was shot and left for dead. By God's grace he survived and many times said, "Every day was a bonus after that". He was a master turkey hunter and designed and made his own turkey calls, with one being mass produced. Gordon enjoyed carpentry work his entire life, yet the job he enjoyed most was working at Camp Lebanon for 13 years before retiring in 2008. He was dedicated to loving his family and was a long time member of the Little Falls Gideons. He loved

southern gospel music, camping, hunting, and being in the woods. Though he had many passions in life, his greatest passion was for the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior. Left to cherish his memory are his wife, Joan Olson of 33 years; children, Sherry (Pete) McDonald, Pam (Bruce) Gassman, Darrin (Mary Glans) Olson, Rebecah (Dan) Martin, Rachel Olson, Bonnie (Chris) Cunningham, Sherri (Jay) Patzer, and Steve Young; grandchildren, Chris, Zachary, Sarah, Ben, Rachel, Hannah, Brittany, Dylan, Nikki, Blake, Jacob, Erik, Savanna, Kayla, Kelly and Steve; sister, Sharon Myers; brother, Norman Olson; and several nieces and a nephew. Gordy was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Darlene. Honorary Pallbearers will be Ken Crommet, Ken Olson, Mike Schultz and Tad Brown. Pallbearers will be Vernon Florell, Vance Florell, Steve Olson, Bob Kretlow, Gary Eggert and Phil Gerth

# Cemetery Details

## Community Covenant Cemetery - Upsala, MN

Upsala, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **18**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Community Covenant Church  
122 S Main St  
Upsala, MN 56384

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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## Service

SEP **19**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gordon "Gordy" M. Olson*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - September 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Gordon "Gordy" M. Olson*

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January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Dear Joan, We were sorry to hear of Gordy's death. Les and I enjoyed our time with him at our last class reunion.. It was fun reminiscing about the good old days at Becker High. He was a kind and fun classmate. In conversation I could tell how much his family meant to him. Our prayers and love to you and your family. Les and Jean Howard*

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**Jean Howard** - September 19, 2013 at 05:53 PM



“ *I will miss the greetings on the side walk or in the post office, "sister Jan" It was a privilege to know Gordy, We are so thankful for all of the turkey hunts Mike and the boys had with him. Precious memories. Mike & Jan Schultz*

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**Jan Schultz** - September 16, 2013 at 09:59 PM



“ I just read that Gordy has "gone home"... Joan you are in our prayers...

Nancy Londroche - September 15, 2013 at 08:31 PM



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“ I was sorry to hear of Gordy's passing. I met Gordy though a good friend, Vernon Florell. It was always a good time when they would come to southern Minn to hunt turkeys in the spring. Gordy was such a good turkey caller & especially a call maker. Some of my prize calls Gordy made for me. I always looked forward to Gordy & Vernon coming to the farm to hunt deer & tell story's, it was a lot of fun. He will be missed . Dennis Verthein

Dennis & Carolyn Verthein - September 14, 2013 at 11:21 PM



“ Pam lit a candle in memory of Gordon "Gordy" M. Olson



Pam - September 13, 2013 at 08:03 PM



I'll be home soon! Love you Dad and love you too Joan!!!!

Pam - September 13, 2013 at 08:04 PM

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“Gordy will be missed by us and our family. Our memories of him always include Southern Gospel music. We enjoyed going to concerts with him and Joan and we shared his love of gospel music. He is listening to the angels sing now and I know he is enjoying it much more there than he did down here....seems impossible but it is true. I'll think of him every time I turn up the sound and let her rip!! Blessings and peace to all his family. We love you, Joan!

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**Betty Olson** - September 13, 2013 at 07:56 PM