



Gordon W. Stobb

December 7, 1935 - June 12, 2019

Gordon W. Stobb, 83 year old resident of Little Falls, MN, passed away Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at the Little Falls Care Center. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, June 20, 2019 at First United Church in Little Falls with Rev. Tony Romaine officiating. Burial will be at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery north of Little Falls. Visitation will be Wednesday 5 to 7 PM at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls and one hour prior to the service on Thursday at the church. Military Rites will be conducted by the Minnesota State Honor Guard.

Gordon was born December 7, 1935 on the family dairy farm at Ogilvie, MN to Roy and Eva Stobb. (His father drove horse and sleigh in a snow storm to get the mid-wife.) He died on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at the Little Falls Care Center, after developing Lewy Body Syndrome in later years. Gordon graduated from Ogilvie High School and went on to St. Cloud State University for two years, stopping to accept the foreman position in the milk drying plant at the Ogilvie Co-op Creamery. Gordy met Mary Jean Rasmussen at a friend's wedding in June, 1957. They were married on June 14, 1958 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Three children were born to this union: Barbara Jean at Fort Ord, David Gordon at Mora, MN and William Eric at Little Falls. When Uncle Sam beckoned a month after the wedding, he joined the U.S. Army. After basic training at Fort Carson, Colorado and aircraft mechanics training, he was assigned to the 17th Aviation Company at Fort Ord, California where he was

crew chief on a DeHavilland Otter, # 81690.

In September, 1960, he returned to Ogilvie and SCSU, graduating in 1966 with a major in biology and minor in business. He began his career in Little Falls as an Area Extension Agent with the University of Minnesota, working throughout the state helping communities with their community development projects. In 1975, he completed work on his Masters in Agriculture (emphasis on applied social science) at the University of Minnesota. During his career, he worked with many Minnesota communities on valuable development projects. He also worked with communities in several other states, evaluating and consulting on development projects. In 1981, he traveled as part of a People to People delegation to China, before that nation was open to foreign visitors, in order to study the Chinese culture and economy. He presented his work to faculty and graduate students at the University of Minnesota, where he earned promotion to the rank of Associate Professor. He was a member of the McKnight group that established Initiative Funds around Minnesota and was a member of the incorporating board of directors for the Central Minnesota Initiative Fund. After retirement in 1992, he became active with the Little Falls Ethanol Co-op, serving on the board as secretary for ten years. He served in many capacities at First United Church, including Lay Leader, Pastor Parish Relations Chair and choir member, to name a few. In 1975-76, he was co-chair of finding volunteer labor for building the church. For a year, Mary Jean knew that he would be at the church every Saturday and many evenings working on that project.

Gordy dearly loved flying. As a crew chief in the army, he learned to love flying. In civilian life, he took lessons and became licensed to fly visual flight rules and bought a share in a single engine Cessna. He and Mary Jean liked to fly to Brainerd airport for breakfast occasionally and chat with the customers at the airport restaurant. He was active with the Young Eagles program, exposing children to flying and taking them on their first flight.

Gordon was a member of First United Church, University of Minnesota Alumni Association, Extension Retirees, Experimental Aircraft Association, Renewable Partners in Little Falls, Epsilon Sigma Phi, and the Army Otter Caribou Association.

Gordy is survived by the love of his life Mary Jean, daughter Barbara Wollan, Webster City, Iowa; sons David (Jane), Cedar Rapids, Iowa and William (Kari), Onalaska, Wisconsin; grandchildren Katie and Emily Wollan, Bryan (Kelly), Matthew (Lauren), Jeffrey, Claire and Carter Stobb; brothers Larry(Deb), Cambridge, MN, Russ (Sandy), Tracy, MN and sisters-in-law Joyce Stobb, Milaca, MN and Shirley Rasmussen, Winnipeg, MB, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Eva (Strating) Stobb, brother Gene Stobb, brothers-in-law Ralph Rasmussen and Mel Rasmussen, and one nephew.

Memorials preferred to First United Church Mission and Ministry Fund.

Cemetery Details

Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115
Little Falls, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Church
1000 SE 1st Street
Little Falls, MN

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Gordon W. Stobb*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - June 18, 2019 at 09:54 AM



“ *Gordon W. Stobb*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Hello,
I just wanted to express my condolences to the family. May God bring you comfort during this difficult time. Isaiah 25:8.*

blm - June 19, 2019 at 02:54 PM



“ *Hello,
I just wanted to express my condolences to the family. May God bring you comfort during this difficult time. Isaiah 25:8.*

blm - June 19, 2019 at 02:05 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - June 19, 2019 at 07:12 AM



“ 22 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - June 18, 2019 at 08:52 AM

SW

“ *Stan And Dee Wielinski lit a candle in memory of Gordon W. Stobb*



Stan and Dee Wielinski - June 17, 2019 at 01:41 PM

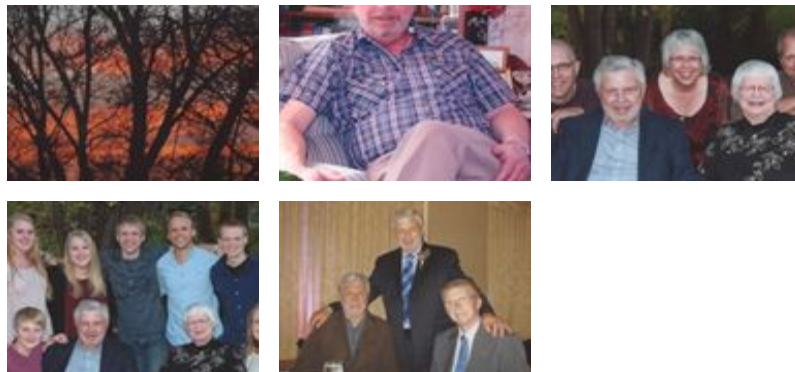
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Stan and Dee Wielinski - June 17, 2019 at 01:42 PM



“ 35 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - June 17, 2019 at 12:38 PM

RN

“ *Russ, Sandy, Ryan, Rachel and Nate purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Gordon W. Stobb.*



Russ, Sandy, Ryan, Rachel and Nate - June 17, 2019 at 10:12 AM



“ *Dear Mary Jean, Barb and the rest of the family. We are sorry to hear that Gordy passed away. We got to know him and the rest of the family during the visit to Mary Jeans relatives in Norway in the 1996. Gordy was kind and easy to get along with. Our thoughts go to Mary Jean, Barb and the rest of the family. Margit asks us to send her condolences.*

Geir Kirkemo - June 16, 2019 at 05:22 PM

SM

“ Dear Barb and family, So sorry to read of the loss of your dad. I think no matter what the situation, it is hard to say our last good bye to our parents. I did not know your dad was an Extension educator-- and now wonder if I ever met him at Minnesota Extension summer school in Duluth. May your many memories grow more precious as you celebrate his life and accomplishments. Sending hugs and prayers, Sue McDonnell-Brumm

Sue McDonnell-Brumm - June 16, 2019 at 03:00 PM

CM

“ Claudette Moran lit a candle in memory of Gordon W. Stobb



Claudette Moran - June 15, 2019 at 08:11 PM

TF

“ The Larry Stobb Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gordon W. Stobb.



The Larry Stobb Family - June 15, 2019 at 05:41 PM

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“ The Rasmussen Family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Gordon W. Stobb.



The Rasmussen Family - June 15, 2019 at 04:38 PM

TS

“ Tina Saehr lit a candle in memory of Gordon W. Stobb



Tina Saehr - June 14, 2019 at 05:08 PM

DF

“ Thoughts & prayers to Mary Jean & family. Our hearts are heavy with the loss of Gordy here at Evergreen Terrace. Fly high with the angels in heaven Gordy. May Gods peace fill your hearts.

Dan & Connie Fenske - June 13, 2019 at 04:18 PM

DH

“ Denise Hegna sent a virtual gift in memory of Gordon W. Stobb



Denise Hegna - June 13, 2019 at 11:33 AM