



Gordon Leonard Bixler, Jr

May 12, 1955 - May 22, 2026

BIXLER, Gordon Leonard, Jr.

Gordon Leonard Bixler, Jr., age 71, of Lino Lakes, formerly of Columbia Heights, passed away peacefully on May 22, 2026, from complications of diabetes.

Gordon was born on May 12, 1955, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to his loving parents, Joan and Gordon Bixler, Sr. In 1957, sister, Joanie, was born, and the two remained very close throughout their lives. In 1962, his Dad got a new job in Minneapolis, so the family drove across country where they settled in Columbia Heights, a suburb of Minneapolis. Immediately after they arrived, 7-year-old Gordon was diagnosed with Type 1 Juvenile Diabetes and lived with the disease for an incredible 64 years.

Gordon attended school in Columbia Heights and proudly graduated in 1974. He was described as an "icon of happiness for the class of '74" and the "ultimate CH Hylander." He was the manager for several teams and supported CH sports, even years after he graduated. He then attended Anoka Technical College for Auto Mechanics.

In 1985, Gordon was married, gained a stepson, Michael, and later that year, welcomed his son, Andrew Leonard. He was always one proud Dad!!

He grew up with a love of music and became a number 1 fan of ELVIS PRESLEY; music, trivia, books and photos.

He was described by many as one of a kind, a loyal friend, always positive, and tough. He always had a smile on his face and in his heart.

Over the years, he lived in different facilities, but he was never happier than the past 6 years at Lino Lakes Assisted Living and we are so grateful.

Gordon was preceded in death by his parents, Joan (2023) and Gordon Bixler, Sr. (1995); brother-in-law, Randy Anderson (2009); and uncle, Thomas Dunlap (2024).

He is survived by his son, Andy (Mandy); step-son, Mike Anderson (Holly); sister, Joanie Anderson; aunt, Helen Dunlap of Dallas, TX; and cousins, Scott (Katie) and Chip (Sonya) Dunlap, and Susan (Greg) Bratt; and many friends.

Gordon was a kind and loving soul who will be missed beyond measure by so many friends and loved ones and will remain in the hearts of all those who knew and loved him.

We have comfort knowing he's with his parents and many other family and dear friends who have passed on before him.

A celebration of Gordon's life will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 12:00 Noon, at Faith United Methodist Church, 2708 33rd Ave NE, St. Anthony. Visitation 2 hours prior to service, beginning at 10:00 AM. Memorials to family preferred.

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Hillside Chapel 612-781-1999

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery (Minneapolis)

2600 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Faith United Methodist Church
2708 33rd Avenue NE
St. Anthony, MN 55418

Celebration of Life

JUN 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Washburn-McReavy Funeral Chapels created a Memorial Service in memory of Gordon Leonard Bixler, Jr



Washburn-McReavy - June 06 at 11:15 PM