



Gordon Lee

May 14, 1933 - May 21, 2025

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Gordon died peacefully, after a brief illness on Wednesday, May 21, 2025, a few days after his 92nd birthday. He is preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur and Leone, his sister, Darlene, and his wife of 55 years, Violeta.

Gordy is survived by his children, Barb (Doug), Lisa (Jim) and John, as well as Grandkids, Alicia, Sam, Megan and Jake and Great Grandkids, Charlie, Carter and Vi. He is also survived by his sister, Verona and many cousins and friends.

Born in Roseau, MN, Gordon was equally proud of his Norwegian heritage, small town upbringing and successful hockey career. After graduating from the University of Minnesota as an ROTC Distinguished Graduate, he served in the US Air Force, retiring as a Captain.

In 1957, he married Violeta delValle and raised their family in Bloomington, where he loved to garden, grill, entertain, enjoy the occasional family "water fight" and the Morris Circle neighbors. After a career in international personnel at Control Data, Gordon started a placement and search agency and was active in the Bloomington Chamber, Minneapolis Zurah Temple and coaching youth hockey.

He published a detailed family history in 1991 named, "From Whence We Came" recording his family back to 1816 and he was the keeper of all family records for his extended clan. His family was his highest priority and his secret to a long life was to find one thing to laugh out loud about, every day.

A private funeral service for family members will be held on June 2 - flowers are welcome. A private interment at Ft. Snelling will take place in late summer. Memorials may be donated to the Hendrickson Foundation or the donor's choice.

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Tribute Wall

EI

“ I, too, remember Gordon from high school. He was the new kid on the block and was very popular. He and his dad had moved to our town from Roseau after his dad and mom’s divorce. He rented a room at my sister’s house for a while. He went on to college and became quite successful. I wish I had known him as an adult as it seems he was a good man.

Eileen - December 12, 2025 at 11:58 PM

WF

“ With love, the Strandemo family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gordon Lee.



With love, the Strandemo family - June 01, 2025 at 06:04 PM

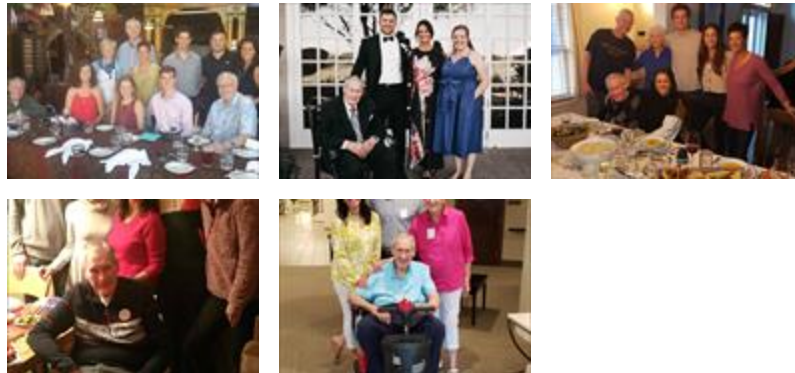
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“ With love, the Strandemo family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gordon Lee.

With love, the Strandemo family - June 01, 2025 at 06:04 PM

BK

“ 7 files added to the album Gordon Lee



Barbara Koch - May 27, 2025 at 09:27 PM

TS

“ Gordon, was my hi school friend and mentored me for college, so much of my successful life to him.. Handsomest man in our school, outstanding in science/tech and superb athlete, admired by all. Truman Spangrud, Lt General, USAF (ret).

Truman Spangrud - May 27, 2025 at 05:11 PM

BK

Truman, Dad spoke so highly of you and thought of YOU as one of his heroes!!

Barbara Koch - May 27, 2025 at 09:28 PM

VM

“ Verona Mikkelson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gordon Lee.



Verona Mikkelson - May 27, 2025 at 02:41 PM

SF

“ *Sister Verona & family purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Gordon Lee.*



Sister Verona & family - May 27, 2025 at 02:27 PM

LH

“ *I delivered groceries to Gordy for several years. He was an all time favorite of mine. Such a pleasant and caring man. Every time I delivered to Gordy he would greet me with “There’s my hero”…….I always turned that around and said, “No, Gordy, you are my hero”…….He will be missed by many including myself and my friend Mary but Gordy will never be forgotten”. Lynn Hebel*

Lynn Hebel - May 26, 2025 at 09:33 AM

BK

Lynn - he cherished your time together and conversations. You were more than a safety net for our Dad but became a dear friend. Thank you!

Barbara Koch - May 27, 2025 at 09:29 PM

GM

“ *It was a pleasure to call Gordy a friend and a great neighbor. He will always be missed. Thoughts and prayers to family and loved ones. Rest in peace. Gary Moore*

Gary Moore - May 25, 2025 at 02:07 PM

BK

Thanks for all you did to help Gordon spend more time his home on Morris Circle and the many years of friendship with your whole family!! We appreciate you!!

Barbara Koch - May 27, 2025 at 09:30 PM