



Gordon Elmer Lindberg

November 5, 1925 - February 14, 2021

Lindberg, Gordon Elmer "Gordy" passed away peacefully in hospice on February 14, 2021 of pancreatic cancer. Survived by wife, Leona (Carlstrom); sons, Eric and Rolf; and daughter, Kristin (Andrew). He had five grandchildren, Samuel William (Kristen), Ellice Lindberg Chelgren (Anders), August Lindberg, Owen Brown, and Ella Brown. He was preceded in death by parents, Elmer and Almeda Lindberg. Gordon grew up in south Minneapolis helping his Swedish family run the corner grocery store. He was fluent in Swedish and Lutfisk. He served in the Army in WWII in the South Pacific and earned a purple heart at the battle of Leyte. As the war ended, he was reassigned to help with the resettlement of Manila, Philippines. While a talented illustrator, he understood there was a brighter future in engineering and pursued an engineering degree at the University of Minnesota which led to a sales career working for Sperry Vickers. He married Leona (affectionately "Nonie") in 1952 and they moved to the San Francisco area where they had two sons and enjoyed the company of many close friends. With a desire to be free of the influences of Haight Ashbury and to be closer to his parents, they moved back to Minnesota in 1967. Gordon helped grow and then acquired Tonka Equipment Company which designed and sold municipal water filtration systems throughout the Midwest. Soon after finding a house in Edina, Kristin arrived to complete the family. Upon retirement from Tonka Equipment Company, Gordy and Nonie bought a winter home on the golf course in Rio Verde, AZ where they enjoyed spending winters on numerous outings with

friends. Gordon was a proud member of his Delta Sigma Pi fraternity, Edina Gourmet group, Calvary Lutheran Church, Rio Verde Community, and investment club. A consummate social organizer, he was always connecting with his expanding group of friends. Always the socialite, he was an avid dancer who thoroughly enjoyed swing music. Gordy and Nonie loved to travel and visited many places including Florida, Hawaii, Mexico, New Zealand, Australia, Norway, Sweden, and France. He was a prostate cancer survivor and persevered through numerous medical conditions. He was an avid photographer and traded in his black and white brownie for a home movie camera to document the family of which he was quite proud. He had a great sense of humor, a love of life, and demonstrated that right up until his passing. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Verde Cares or Loma Linda University Cancer Center. Private family services have already been held. Interment Lakewood Cemetery. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Nonie and Family of Gordy,

We are thinking of you in your loss. Gordy was such an energetic, fun, dynamic person. He was interested in everyone and everything. Our mom and dad loved him and we had happy times with your family. He shared himself and his stories with us. We are thankful for knowing him.

*Prayers to you,
Ted Christianson & Family and Pat & Deb Hudak & Family*

Debbie Hudak - February 21, 2021 at 04:53 PM

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Dear Nonie and family,

Gordy was such a social outgoing guy with a wonderful sense of humor. Our parents (Chris & Joan) had so much fun with you and Gordy in Rio Verde! I remember the ranch barbeques and my dad and Gordy teasing each other about their golf games. I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my prayers.

*Love,
Karen Beltz and family*

Karen Beltz - February 21, 2021 at 08:27 PM

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“ Nonni, Eric, Rolf and Kristin and families - I am sorry sorry for your loss of wonderful Gordy. I have such fond memories of him from our western ski trips and various gatherings with he and my parents, Gary and Mary Jean Sampson. I loved Gordy's sense of humor. He loved to tease my dad, often on politics and was able to easily get under his skin! His spirits will live on through all of you. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers!

Sincerely,

Laurie Duxbury

Laurie Duxbury - February 21, 2021 at 10:26 AM