



Gordon Floyd Matson

March 17, 1930 - April 10, 2024

Age 94, of Stanchfield, Minnesota, passed away on Wednesday, April 10, 2024, in Isanti, Minnesota. He was born on March 17, 1930, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, to Floyd E. Matson and Lillian Johnston.

Gordy, as he was affectionately known, spent his early years in Minneapolis until the loss of his mother at a young age. Raised by his father with the support of extended family, Gordy was particularly cherished by his grandmother, Sadie. He embarked on a lifelong career in trucking, starting with his uncle's business, Char-Gale Manufacturing. His service in the Army during the Korean War underscored his commitment to his country.

Upon returning home, Gordy's life took a beautiful turn when he met Phyllis Fashant on a blind date. Their love blossomed, and they were married, settling in Coon Rapids where they raised three children. Gordy continued his career in the trucking industry as a Union truck driver, providing steadfast support for his family.

Gordy was renowned for his remarkable ability to fix anything. Whether it was electrical, plumbing, or mechanical issues, he was always ready to lend a helping hand to neighbors and friends in need. Outside of work, he found joy in water skiing and lake activities. His passion for Rush Lake led him to purchase a cabin in Stanchfield, which he and Phyllis lovingly called home.

After retirement, they became winter Texans, enjoying a respite from the Minnesota winters.

Gordy is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Phyllis, and their children, Mark (Jennifer) Matson, Jill (Bruce) Lang, and Kristi (Ron) Bahe. He will also be deeply missed by his grandchildren, Ryan (Katie) Lang, Jenny (Brad) Hale, Ali (Taylor) Zent, Aaron Jorgenson, Samantha (Cole) Gaspers, Katie (Kirill) Potapenko, and Cory Matson, along with his 10 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Cheryl (LeRoy) Gunderson and brother Chuck (Carol) Matson.

A service will be held to honor Gordy's life and legacy at Zion Lutheran Church 1601-4th Avenue, Anoka, MN. Visitation at 10:00 with Service at 11:00. Lunch will follow. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Veterans Association in his memory.

Gordy's kindness, resilience, and generosity will forever be remembered by those who knew and loved him. May he rest in peace.

Cemetery Details

Morningside Memorial Gardens

11800 University Avenue NW
Coon Rapids, MN 55448

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Zion Lutheran Church (Anoka)
1601 4th Avenue South
Anoka, MN 55303

Church Service

APR 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“Gordy and I enjoyed a childhood friendship so very long ago. We were cousins although we went separate ways a long time ago. My love to all of his wonderful family. I'll never forget him, Darlene Matson, Norfolk Virginia.

Darlene Matson - April 15, 2024 at 08:33 PM