



## Gordon Hugh Meier

August 25, 1942 - February 7, 2026

### Gordon "Gordy" Meier Obituary

At age 83, Gordon ("Gordy") Meier passed peacefully of natural causes on Saturday, February 7, 2026, just 70 days after the passing of the love of his life, Kay Meier. His family believes he died of a broken heart. Gordy leaves behind a life marked by deep love for family and friends, steadfast service, and many accomplishments.

Gordon Meier was born on August 25, 1942, in St. Paul, Minnesota; however, he spent his childhood and early years in Fairmont, Minnesota. He began dating his high school sweetheart, Kay, and the two married in 1964, beginning a lifelong partnership defined by devotion and teamwork. Gordy attended Mankato State University (now Minnesota State University, Mankato), studying accounting before he and Kay moved to Minneapolis to build their life together. They raised two children, Heather and Gregory, and later welcomed their grandson, Brandon, Gregory's son.

Gordy's greatest loves were his family and friends, the outdoors-particularly the Superior National Forest-and his long career with General Mills.

A devoted husband and father, Gordy took great pride in providing for his family and ensuring their home was always secure, welcoming, and filled with love. Together, Gordy and Kay created a household that ran like a well-oiled machine, grounded in partnership.

Gordy was the first-person family and friends called when something needed to be built or repaired. Exceptionally intelligent, skilled, and endlessly

generous with his time and knowledge, he seemed able to figure out how anything mechanical worked-and fix it. He spent countless hours working on projects at his beloved lake home outside Ely, his home in Brooklyn Park, and helping maintain his daughter's historic Minneapolis home.

An Eagle Scout and lifelong outdoorsman, Gordy shared his passion for nature with his family through camping and canoe trips to Bear Head Lake State Park and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, where many wonderful family summers were spent. Later, Gordy and Kay realized their dream of owning a log home, purchasing land on Eagles Nest Lake #3 near Ely and building a beautiful retreat that became Gordy's favorite place on earth. Hunting, fishing, and time spent at the lake with friends ("guys weekends") were sacred traditions that allowed him to relax, recharge, and fully enjoy life.

Gordy dedicated 43 years to General Mills and had a very distinguished career. Primarily in Supply Chain roles, he genuinely loved his work, his colleagues, and the company he served so faithfully. Known as a brilliant and practical business leader, and generous mentor, Gordy traveled extensively supporting plant operations (across the globe), negotiating ingredient and packaging contracts, mentoring colleagues, and always willing to roll up his sleeves to help wherever needed. His loyalty to General Mills was legendary-even at home, only General Mills products were welcome in the pantry, much to the playful frustration of his family.

Gordy was also active in his church home, Redeemer Lutheran Church in Robbinsdale, and in earlier years enjoyed golfing and bowling in several leagues.

Gordy is survived by his daughter Heather (Logan Hanson) and their three terriers (whom he adored)-Augie, Lily-May, and Violet; grandson Brandon; brother Jon (Jody) Meier; and many extended family members, friends, and colleagues who were blessed to know him.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Kay Meier; son Gregory Meier; parents Hugh Meier and Margaret (Mair) Meier; father-in-law John Furtney

and mother-in-law Elizabeth (Stade) Furtney; loved grand-dog Daisy-Belle, and dear friends Larry Popplewell and Robert (Bob) Schoknecht.

A celebration of Gordy's life will be held on Friday, February 20th, at Washburn-McReavy's Glen Haven Chapel in Crystal, Minnesota. Family and friends who knew and loved Gordy are invited to gather to reminisce and share stories anytime from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., with a prayer service to follow at 3:00 p.m. He will be interred at the family burial plot in Fairmont, Minnesota, at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Save the Boundary Waters or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, two causes that were meaningful to Gordy.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE  
Minneapolis, MN 55418

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 20. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel  
5125 West Broadway  
Crystal, MN 55429

## Memorial Service

FEB 20. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Glen Haven Chapel  
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# Tribute Wall

SK

“Gordy meant so much, to so many..... He was not only my Manager for many years, he was also my dear friend. He was kind, caring, fair, honest, witty and a wonderful mentor. Everyone wanted to work for Gordy! He had a great business head and was respected within the Packaging industry. Gordy loved General Mills as much as he loved his family. He and Heather had a special bond. They thought alike, shared many of the same interests and love for Ely and the Boundary Waters. Heather, Greg and grandson Brandon, were true gifts from God. I miss you my friend. You may be gone, but you will not be forgotten! Suzanne

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**Suzanne Kelley** - February 21 at 09:41 PM

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“I met Gordy & Kay a little over 5 years ago, when I met Heather. Kay & Gordy were both so warm in welcoming into their small but strong family. Throughout that small chunk of time, I continued to see Gordy's passion for his family & wife, a strong life routine, & a focused work ethic . I got to observe the joy & happiness he sought from our 3 dawgs.

Gordy stayed true to himself to the very end. In his stubbornness; he showed me what a strong work ethic can build for your life's achievements. And to never be late in lending a helping hand. I will continue to remember you & Kay as other posts describe you.. & as Heather continues to remember you both.

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**Logan** - February 17 at 11:25 PM

JG

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**John Grathwohl** - February 17 at 08:37 AM

JG

“ While Gordy and I are from the same hometown, I did not know him until a business relationship brought us together and that evolved into a friendship of 40 years. He had many fine qualities but beneath them all he was a wonderful man and a unique individual. If they do ever really “break the mold” they surely did when they made Gordy. I am deeply saddened by his passing, but I am so grateful to have been friends with him and will always cherish the memories of great times together. And when an occasional “Gordyism” enters my consciousness, it never fails to bring a smile to my face. I have posted a photo from our 2021 pheasant hunting trip to South Dakota. He was our organizer in chief, and it was Gordy doing what Gordy loved to do. As it turned out it was our last adventure but as I think back it may have been the best. My condolences to Heather and brother Jack and the rest of the family for your loss.

*John Grathwohl*

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**John Grathwohl** - February 17 at 08:28 AM

DW

“Gordy was an institution at General Mills. He was also a role model for integrity and professional excellence for me and so many young people at the company. He was tough on problems, but full of heart for his family, his colleagues and the company. My condolences to Heather and all who were blessed to know Gordy.

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**Dave Wagner** - February 16 at 05:28 PM

DS

“Gordy was a wonderful friend and colleague who will be missed for his compassion, fun spirit, integrity, get it done mentality and always willing to take time with those he encountered. I will truly miss our working together as well as get togethers and chats in retirement. One of the world's finest!

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**Dave Sorensen** - February 13 at 11:47 PM

BV

“I worked with Gordy for many years. Gordy was someone who was always there to support and provide guidance. He was someone you could always count on. He left a strong legacy at GMI. I was privileged to work with him.

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**Betsy VanWyhe** - February 13 at 08:47 AM

CK

“I worked with Gordy over many years, probably always the youngster who relied on Gordy's vast experience and patience to give me a chance to make a difference. He really was a wonderful mentor, generous with his time and always brought good humor to meetings and relationships. I will keep all of his close family and friends in my thoughts as you gather to celebrate all that he meant to you and to so many of us. He will be missed.

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**Chad Kerlin** - February 13 at 02:12 AM

CS

“Gordy was a beloved colleague. He cared deeply for those that worked with him and was a man of great depth. I learned so much from Gordy and always loved all his quaint sayings. Was such an honor to work with Gordy. To Gordy’s family, thanks for sharing him with so many of us and I’m sorry for your loss.

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**Colleen Soukup** - February 12 at 10:58 PM

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**Dave Wagner** - February 16 at 05:26 PM

GD

“I worked with Gordy for a number of years when he was the manager of folding carton procurement at General Mills. Always a thoughtful, effective manager of his business and a pleasure to work with. Able to work what seemed to be miracles with his suppliers when business required a nimble approach. One of the good guys for sure!

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**Gail Dieleman** - February 12 at 08:12 PM

SJ

“ For over 50 years, Kay and Gordie have been our neighbors across the street. My husband Keith, had a competition between him and Gordie as to who had the best looking lawn. it went to the point if one mowed the other would mow either the same day or at the very latest the next day. This went so far as to fertilizing or feeding the lawn, mowing or even in winter who would get the snow blower out first.

On the other hand, Kay and I would simply visit, share recipies, and watch the guys work.

They will both be missed by the Johnson family.

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**Shirley Johnson** - February 12 at 03:54 PM

DP

“ Gordy was our cabin neighbor at Eagle’s Nest 3 for many years. He was always willing to give a helping hand ( and advice!), putting in docks, digging up rocks, getting the shared road cleared of storm debris. Gordy was a genuinely caring person who had stories to match any occasion! We have missed his presence at the cabin over the last several summers and always held out hope that he would be able to take up seasonal residence at the cabin again. His presence is missed.

Dale Fulton Pape



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**Dale Papr** - February 12 at 10:37 AM

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Gordy was the epitome of what it takes to be a gentleman. I am certain he could raise his voice but it never happened in any meetings or gatherings that I attended with him. The earth and the environment will miss him! Bob Esse

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**Robert Esse** - February 13 at 10:53 PM

ME

*My condolences go out to Gordy's family and friends - I'm deeply sorry for your loss. I had the good fortune of working with Gordy and having him as a mentor. He was a packaging industry expert, and his legacy will carry on. I enjoyed his passion for Ely too - he was an advocate for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and the surrounding communities. He will be missed.*

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**Martin von Euw** - February 15 at 12:11 PM