



Gordon Lyle Norheim, Jr.

June 14, 1952 - July 24, 2024

Gordon Lyle Norheim Jr. (1952-2024)

Gordy passed away peacefully on July 24, at the age of 72. He was able to fill the last months of his life with treasured moments and family. We are so grateful for the happy times we spent with Gordy - a partner, brother, dad, grandpa, great-grandpa, and friend - as we embraced life and its gifts.

He was born in Minneapolis on June 14, 1952 to Gordon and Betty Jean Norheim; he would be the eldest of three siblings, a brother to JoAnn and John. Gordy attended South High in Minneapolis before joining the United States Army in 1970, where he was based in Germany. After serving, his employment was dedicated to Honeywell as a technician, and Unity Hospital as an oncology nurse. Outside of work, he loved all things nature and made several trips exploring the Boundary Waters by canoe and hiking Glacier National Park with friends from Honeywell.

It was while working at Unity Hospital that Gordy met his love, his travel partner, and his life companion, Beth Palkki. Together they adventured throughout their home state of Minnesota, walked the warm beaches of Mexico, and hiked in the quiet trails of the southwest. Gordy especially found peace near the ocean, whether on the islands of the Caribbean, Hawaii, a Mexican beach, or the mainland coast. Listening to the ocean waves, he was

able to contemplate its power and vastness. The last decades of Gordy's life were spent dedicated to Beth, making a home together, connecting with each other's families, and collecting the happy, comical, and wild travel experiences that build a beautiful life.

Gordy and Beth were blessed with the time to visit loved ones over the weeks before his passing. They recently visited Crookston for grandson Mannix's high school graduation, where they celebrated with son Jesse and Andrea, and his three grandchildren, Zander, Mannix, and Lizzy, lounging on the deck, grilling, and laughing. They were able to gather for his recent birthday with aunt, Laura Lee, sister, JoAnn, and brother, John, where good stories and good food were shared in equal measure. From there Gordy and Beth headed to Vermont where they spent a week with daughter, Lara and Jeremy, grandchildren, Carter and Kim, Nicholas and Victoria, Lukas and Natalie, Theresa and Robbie, Jacquelyn and Chelsea, and Tim, and great-grandchildren Luna, Kylana, Aria, Everly. They were blessed with historical lessons from locals on covered bridges and landmarks, and headed to Acadia National Park in Maine for Carter's wedding. Returning to Coon Rapids, they were able to revel in backyard camping and s'mores, shared with Beth's grandchildren Amory and Maybel, and visited with Beth's daughter Gael and Bob. Beth and Gordy have three other shared grandchildren, Levi, Coy, and Kaleb. Gordy's step-father, Dick, also connected with him often. The opportunity to share in these moments with Gordy is something we will hold dearly and treasure.

A service to continue to share our remembrances will be held on Saturday, August 10th, at 11 AM with a visitation from 10-11 at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. NW. Please come prepared to contribute a story or two in the guest book - sentimental, fun, witty, or amusing.

Casual dress is requested, jean jackets are encouraged.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

Memorial Service

AUG **10**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AM

“ I love you grandpa, I know you are resting well in heaven; your forever home. It's been over a year since you past and I'll never forget the times you came to my last couple baseball games before you past seeing me get some good plays in. I will always remember, love, and cherish our times camping out in Carlos Averie's and all the other places we had gone. You always taught me so many new things grandpa, I'm sorry we couldn't finish the car, (let along find time to start it lol) but I'm happy I got to experience that with you. You were and are an amazing person and grandpa in my heart always. I love you and miss you so much, love Amory

amory - March 03 at 11:03 PM

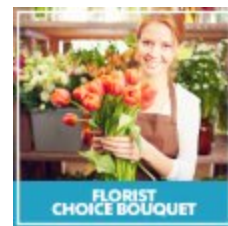
KM

“ Gordy and I served in the Army together in Germany. We were roommates, with four others. We hadn't been in touch for a while but he came to mind with the chaos in Minneapolis right now. I wanted to reach out, figuring Gordy would be out in the cold standing up for what is right. RIP old soldier. Kevin

Kevin MCGOFF - January 26 at 11:43 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gordon Lyle Norheim, Jr..



August 06, 2024 at 09:24 PM

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“ Francis Wong purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Gordon Lyle Norheim, Jr..



Francis Wong - August 02, 2024 at 11:15 AM

JM

“ I worked with Gordy many years at Honeywell. In late 1988, I bought a house in South Mpls. and as I browsed through the abstract, I saw a Gordon Norheim, so I mentioned it to Gordy. It turns out he grew up in that house. It had a 3-season porch on the 2nd story overshadowed by a massive oak tree and had screened windows on 2 sides. That was Gordy's chosen place to sleep. It was interesting for me to have that personal connection.

John Morrison - July 31, 2024 at 11:45 AM

AP

I worked with Gordy at Unity hospital he was a excellent nurse he loved his cancer pt and I loved to work with him he had a wonderful sense of humor and made work fun will miss you Gordo

amy pauluk - August 15, 2024 at 06:33 PM

MI

“Gordy, the growly bear that was really a cush. I had the pleasure of being one of Gordy’s preceptors, and working night shift with him. He was a good nurse, I believe patients felt safe and protected under his care.

One night I was having a dickens of a time detaching secondary tubing from the line. I could not get it even with my Kelly’s. I asked Gordy for help, a last resort asking a man for help. He entered the room, looked at me with a smirk , jiggled it at the connection and exclaimed “It must take an engineer to do this job!”

Lesson learned, never forgotten, passed on and remembered with a smile.

No months, weeks, days, or hours left to go.

Blessings to Beth and all of Gordy’s family. Thank you for sharing him.

Mischelle - July 30, 2024 at 09:14 PM