



## Stanley Luverne Gordon

December 8, 1939 - July 6, 2024

Stanley "Stan" L. Gordon age 84 of Woodbury/Walnut Grove, MN, formerly of St Anthony, MN passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on July 6, 2024.

Stan was born December 8, 1939, in Windom, MN to Harold and Della Gordon. In 1947, the family purchased a farm near Walnut Grove, MN. Later they learned the farm was a childhood home of children's author Laura Ingalls Wilder, which she described in her book "On the Banks of Plum Creek." That discovery began a continuing family commitment to preserve and maintain access to the site of her dugout home for the benefit of the many Wilder fans who visit the historic property.

Stan was confirmed at Trinity Lutheran Church in Walnut Grove and graduated from Walnut Grove High School in 1957. He attended the University of Minnesota, graduating in June 1961 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. He received the Chemistry Faculty award for earning the highest GPA of all graduating chemists and chemical engineers that year. Receiving that award had a profound impact on him throughout his career validating his love of learning and use of technology allowing him to pursue and solve "hard problems." Afterwards, he attended the University of California, Berkeley, earning a Master of Science degree in Chemical Engineering in 1963. Later he earned a Master of Business Administration

degree at the University of Minnesota in 1978.

He began his career as a Research Chemical Engineer with General Mills Chemicals which later joined with Henkel Corporation of Germany. When Henkel closed its Minneapolis facility in 1986, Stan chose not to relocate, but instead formed his own consulting practice specializing in chemical process development and later financial systems. In 1996 Stan semi-retired and enjoyed summers with Hazelle on the farm. He restored the prairies surrounding the dugout site and enhanced the visitor experience. He volunteered countless hours at the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum helping to expand the exhibits including designing and building a dugout replica. He finally fully retired in 2018.

Stan is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Hazelle; children Lee Gordon and Kristine (Kevin) Klotzbach; granddaughter Emma Klotzbach.

A Celebration of Life service will be held July 25, 2024, at 11:00 at Nativity Lutheran Church, 3312 Silver Lake Rd NE, St. Anthony, MN with visitation 1 hour prior. Services are streamed at [NativityChurch.org](http://NativityChurch.org). Private interment at Hillside Cemetery.

Memorials are preferred to Nativity Lutheran Church, Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum - Walnut Grove, MN, or the donor's favorite charity.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **25.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Nativity Lutheran Church  
3312 Silver Lake Road  
St. Anthony, MN 55418

## Celebration of Life

JUL **25.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lee Gordon - July 29, 2024 at 01:20 PM

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“ I worked with Stan for many years on the database while I was at Stat-Ease. He could always figure out a solution to whatever problem came up and a report for whatever was needed. He was a genius at it and always so interesting and great to be around. My sincerest condolences to Hazelle and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you!

-Heidi Wolfe

Heidi Wolfe - July 25, 2024 at 03:23 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Stanley Luverne Gordon.



July 24, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stanley Luverne Gordon.*



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July 21, 2024 at 09:26 PM



“ *My parents were good friends with the Gordons since before I was born. We often went to the Gordons' house for family dinners. While us kids played, my dad Rodger (who was also an engineer) and Stan would nerd out about various technical topics. We also all went camping together sometimes. I attached a couple of photos below. I remember Stan as kind and having a good-natured laugh. He was obviously bright, but humble about it and used his gifts to support and encourage people. I'm happy that I had such a positive influence as a kid.*



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**Eric Ness** - July 13, 2024 at 11:42 AM



“ *it was a joy getting to know Stan these last years in our men's monthly meeting. He always had interesting comments to make and insights. It was also fun trying to keep up on the back-and-forth between the farm and urban life. He will be missed.*

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**harry mueller** - July 13, 2024 at 10:01 AM

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“ Stan loved to learn. Engage him in conversations about social issues and his analytical mind began digging into the problems, wanting to understand the various points of view. It was this trait that led he and I, over 20 years ago, to form a monthly discussion group of retired guys who meet over breakfast to “solve the world’s problems.” Stan’s contributions were always insightful, laid out clearly and succinctly. He was a master at this. While our group kiddingly says we never reach conclusions, Stan facilitated our goal of being aware of the complexities of modern life. We saw Stan’s talents and knew that his wisdom was appreciated in his volunteer work with the Wilder Museum and at his new senior home. While he liked living in the Twin Cities, he loved life on the farm. It was an honor to be his friend. He will be missed.

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**Allen Zumach** - July 12, 2024 at 02:59 PM