



William Gordon Sellwood

November 27, 1957 - March 15, 2024

William "Bill" Gordon Sellwood of Mahtomedi, MN, a man of rare and remarkable character, passed away peacefully at home on March 15, 2024, after a brief but fearless battle with cancer. He was 66 years old.

Bill is survived by his strong and loving wife Jane Cartwright, sons Joseph (Allyson) and Thomas, grandchildren Whitford (5), Aurora (4), and Evelyn (1), and siblings Terri, Kathy, John, Paul, Tom, and Chris. He is preceded in death by his beloved parents, Noble and Mary, whose memory he cherished dearly. He leaves behind a legion of nephews, nieces, friends, colleagues, brothers and sisters in Christ, and countless individuals from all walks of life who found refuge in Bill's warmth and wisdom.

Born on November 27, 1957, in Duluth, Minnesota, Bill lived a life marked by compassion, integrity, and relentless spirit.

Bill epitomized the profound truth that Love Is Action. In every facet of his existence - relationships, work, or service to others - Bill was a man of action, and therefore, a man of love.

Bill gave people the time of day. He was an engaged, empathic listener. He articulated his thoughts with a distinctive color and unique vigor that had the power not only to captivate, but lead, inspire, and motivate.

He had an unwavering commitment to helping, teaching, coaching, and lifting up anyone who needed it. His relentless energy to be of service to others reflected the core of Bill's loving heart. Through his actions, Bill showed us that love isn't just a feeling. Love Is Action, and if we're willing, it drives our hearts to offer something beyond just words.

In his nearly 39 years of marriage to Jane, Bill exemplified true partnership and devotion. Together, they navigated life's peaks and valleys with grace, developing an unbreakable bond that stood as the foundation of love and strength for their sons, Joseph and Thomas. Bill's fierce dedication to raising his family was limitless. As his family grew, so did Bill's love. His affection and care extended to his daughter-in-law Allyson, and three grandchildren, Whitford, Aurora, and Evelyn. In his final days on earth, he prayed not for himself, but for peace and clarity for his family.

Bill's life was beyond classification. As a football coach, his impact inspired young boys to be great men. As a real estate appraiser, his expertise set the standard. As a small-business owner, he created jobs and nurtured careers. As a devoted church elder, he provided guidance and leadership to his church community. And after longer than 40 years of sobriety, Bill served as inspiration and support for others working to overcome addiction.

Bill will be missed, but his spirit will continue to shine brightly through the lives he touched. In honoring William Gordon Sellwood, we celebrate a lifetime of love, action and far-reaching impact. A humble man, Bill's journey left an indelible imprint on the hearts and souls of all who were blessed to know him.

Bill lived and died knowing that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior and that Love Is Action.

Bill's visitation (1:00PM) and funeral service (2:00PM) will be held at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi, on Saturday, April 20th. Celebration of life to follow at Dellwood Country Club from 4 to 6 PM.

In loving memory of William Gordon Sellwood, your kindness lives on through every donation, honoring a life of compassion and integrity.

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Visit www.williamsellwood.com for updates.

Livestream will be available beginning approximately

20 minutes prior to the start of the service at 2 pm: <https://control.resi.io/webplayer/video.html?id=ea98a04e-f2ba-46f5-a03c-8fa1b2c7e003>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church
900 Stillwater Road
Mahtomedi, MN 55115

Church Service

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

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900 Stillwater Road
Mahtomedi, MN 55115

Reception

APR 20. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Dellwood Country Club
29 East Highway 96
Dellwood, MN 55110

Tribute Wall

JF

“ *Janice Frame lit a candle in memory of William Gordon Sellwood*



Janice Frame - April 20, 2024 at 02:03 PM

TR

“ *Bill was truly "One of Kind", best of the best! There is NO Doubt that he is walking the streets of gold with Our Lord & Savior Jesus. We'll miss you Bill and will see again. Tom & Denise Ramisch*



Tom and Denise Ramisch - April 19, 2024 at 10:16 PM

CS

“ *Callie, Andy, Cosi and Scarlett purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of William Gordon Sellwood.*



Callie, Andy, Cosi and Scarlett - April 19, 2024 at 05:10 PM

CS

“ *Callie, Andy, Cosi and Scarlett planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Gordon Sellwood.*

Callie, Andy, Cosi and Scarlett - April 19, 2024 at 05:10 PM

MT

“ Maria Vizquete and Phil Thompson purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of William Gordon Sellwood.



Maria Vizquete and Phil Thompson - April 18, 2024 at 06:21 PM

MT

“ Maria Vizquete and Phil Thompson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Gordon Sellwood.

Maria Vizquete and Phil Thompson - April 18, 2024 at 06:21 PM

DA

“ Dept. of Interior- AVSO purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of William Gordon Sellwood.



Dept. of Interior- AVSO - April 15, 2024 at 11:19 AM

DA

“ Dept. of Interior- AVSO planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Gordon Sellwood.

Dept. of Interior- AVSO - April 15, 2024 at 11:19 AM

CV

“ Caleb Vik lit a candle in memory of William Gordon Sellwood



Caleb Vik - April 14, 2024 at 03:26 PM

MH

“ Mike H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Gordon Sellwood.

Mike H. - April 12, 2024 at 04:32 PM

SF

“ Sam Campbell and Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Gordon Sellwood.



Sam Campbell and Family - April 08, 2024 at 02:57 PM

SF

“ Sam Campbell and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Gordon Sellwood.

Sam Campbell and Family - April 08, 2024 at 02:57 PM

MJ

“ We here at the BIA-Crow Agency Real Estate Services send out heartfelt condolences. We surely enjoyed working with him. We are still in disbelief. He will be missed! Rest in peace William.

Michelle Jefferson - March 28, 2024 at 05:35 PM

SB

“ Sherry B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Gordon Sellwood.

Sherry B. - March 26, 2024 at 01:51 PM

KJ

“ Kathy Jinks lit a candle in memory of William Gordon Sellwood



Kathy Jinks - March 22, 2024 at 12:49 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Gordon Sellwood.



March 22, 2024 at 10:01 AM

FM

“ From the staff at LeadingAge MN planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Gordon Sellwood.

From the staff at LeadingAge MN - March 22, 2024 at 10:01 AM

RF

“ Roxane Poupart & Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of William Gordon Sellwood.



Roxane Poupart & Family - March 21, 2024 at 04:25 PM

RF

“ Roxane Poupart & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Gordon Sellwood.

Roxane Poupart & Family - March 21, 2024 at 04:25 PM