



Gordon L. Martin

July 15, 1933 - September 12, 2019

Surrounded by his loving wife and children, Gordon Martin, 86 years young, died peacefully Thursday, Sept 12, 2019. Surely, his daughter Julie was there to welcome him to his heavenly home. Born in a log cabin in North Dakota on July 15, 1933, he likened himself to one of the early presidents. Gordon was the youngest of three children born to George and Esther Martin. His family migrated to Western WA in 1934 and settled in the Lynden area. In 1941 they moved to Bremerton where he received his education. Gordon's passion for basketball began at an early age, playing for Bremerton High School and Olympic College. He was voted co-captain of the basketball team and received many awards before enlisting in the service. His service in the United States Army included tours of Korea and Japan. Upon his discharge he returned to Bremerton and played one more year on the Olympic College basketball team.

Gordon married his soul mate, Joan Scouten on the morning of New Year's Eve in 1955. The date had been changed due to conflict with a basketball game! For many years plans were changed to accommodate basketball schedules whether it was their children, grandchildren or Gonzaga Bulldogs. Their motorhome was purchased for the express purpose of filling it up with family and friends to follow the local sports teams wherever they went. They lived in Edmonds for 2 years while he was employed by Golden Rule Bakery in Seattle. In 1958, with first baby in arms, they moved to Quincy, WA. His wife's uncle, Harold Scouten mentored him in the grocery business,

working his way up from produce manager to store manager. Opportunity came in 1963 when Gordon & Harold together bought their first market in Cashmere. In 1965, Gordon and his father-in-law, Lyle Scouten, formed the partnership of Martin & Scouten Inc. By 1980 they owned and operated numerous supermarkets in Eastern Washington. Gordon was named Washington State Food Dealers Grocer of the year in 1979 and served as Chairman of the board from 1982 to 1983. For 18 years he was member of the Associated Grocers Board of Directors. Gordon was highly respected by his fellow grocers and associates. He was truly a leader in the food industry. While Gordon was a dedicated progressive grocer and ardent community supporter, family always came first. This gentle giant was an outstanding family man, both husband and father. Blessed with 3 sons & 4 daughters he took time to coach little league, be involved with his children's 4-H Club, serve as St. Francis Xavier parish council president and chair fundraising committee for Cashmere High School. In the midst of all the busyness his children always knew they could count on him to be at every event they took part in, be home for dinner and many evenings back to the store when all had been tucked into bed.

Dancing, golf, tennis, pickle ball, and summers spent at Lake Chelan were cherished pastimes with family and friends.

Retiring in 1992, Gordon & Joan began wintering in California. Golfing mixed with volunteering his time to Braille Institute Horse Program & Martha's Soup Kitchen were favorite past times. Retirement also included many golf excursions and travels throughout the world. The ultimate trip was a family affair in 2006, spending their 50th wedding anniversary in Hawaii with all 36 family members (at the time).

A cowboy at heart, he passionately shared his love for horses with his children & grandchildren. For many years Gordon made daily trips to Dryden to groom and ride his horses. Giving of his time at Alatheia Riding Center was another act of kindness he shared.

Gordon was a member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Cashmere

from 1963 to 1993 and St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Wenatchee from 1993 to present, his faithful and servants heart will always be remembered.

He is survived by his loving wife Joanie of 63 years, along with their children, Sue Martin, Tracy Franklin (Ron), Mike (Michelle), Jeff (Julie), Rob (Annie) & Kris Reinhart (Kirby). He is also survived by his sister Marlene (Dave) Johnson, 22 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Julie; parents, George & Esther Martin; and his brother George Jr. & wife Bobbie.

A special thanks to all of doctors and nurses and to Central Washington Hospital Hospice.

Friends and family may visit on Wednesday, Sept. 18th at 6 p.m. at Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home. Holy Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. at Jones & Jones-Betts Funeral Home.

On Thursday, Sept. 19th at 11:00 a.m. a Celebration of Life with a funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Wenatchee, followed by interment at Wenatchee City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Cashmere School Foundation to provide help for the needy. Mail to: 210 S. Division Ave., Cashmere, WA 98815.

Cemetery Details

Wenatchee City Cemetery

1804 N. Western
Wenatchee, WA 98801

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP **18**. 7:00 PM (PT)

Jones & Jones ~ Betts Funeral Home
302 9th Street
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-1561
dante@jonesjonesbetts.com

Mass

SEP **19**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
625 S Elliott
Wenatchee, WA 98801
(509) 662-4569
<http://www.stjosephwen.org/>

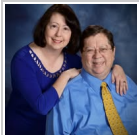
Tribute Wall

LB

“ My deepest condolences on Gordy's passing about which I've just found out. A couple of memories stand out for me as his niece-in-law. My Carpenter family didn't see them often as we were growing up, but got to know them more when I was an adult. He and Joanie organized the golf tournaments at family events like my uncle Mark's 60th birthday and my grandma Winnifred's 90th birthday. They planned a very fun events, although couldn't control when we were rained out one time in the CA desert (who would have thought?). Many people gathered in the CA desert when grandma Winnifred turned 90. I recall chatting with all the daughters (my second cousins), and Tracy's comment sticks with me because it seemed to capture the essence of Gordy's dedication to physical activity and health: she had gone to the gym with her dad that morning and she said he "kicked her butt" on their workout.

*My deepest condolences to Joanie and all the family with love,
Lee Ann Barth*

Lee Ann Barth - December 05, 2019 at 10:32 AM



“ I appreciated and learned a lot from Gordon. Our thoughts and prayers are with Joan and the family. my deepest condolences to all. Had a lot of great memories!

Steven Guffy - September 20, 2019 at 03:56 PM

JR

“ To the whole Martin Family, my deepest condolences. Gordon was a great man. He truly will be missed.

James & Colleen Robertson

JAMES ROBERTSON - September 19, 2019 at 02:25 PM

AB

“ *What an amazing man! I don't know how he could've fit one more thing into his life accomplishments! I never knew him personally, but I knew his daughter Julie and his daughter Sue. He had to be an amazing person to have raised the two beautiful daughters that I know. My heart hurts for the family, but am so happy that he and Julie can be together. You are all in my prayers, love to you all.*

Angela Biwer - September 18, 2019 at 09:56 PM

MR

“ *We hope he is having a huge celebration with George and Bobbie. Our thoughts and prayers for the family.
Megan and Jeff Rowan*

Megan Rowan - September 18, 2019 at 09:07 PM

BG

“ *Out thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Sincerely
Bob and Gail Etzkorn*



bob and gail - September 18, 2019 at 04:50 PM

LR

Suzanne Martin and family. My prayers are with you and your family. You dad was and will always be special I'm sorry for your loss but it's nice to know he is home with God and Julie. Love you, Linda Remington

Linda (Lobe) Remington - September 19, 2019 at 02:48 AM

AH

“ He was a remarkable man. From a young age he always treated my family with nothing but kindness. My father worked for him for over 20 years and has always said kind words about the entire family. My heart hurts for your loss. Please know the Henne family has all of you in our thoughts. So sorry for your loss. April Henne-Cashman

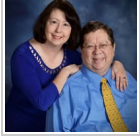
April Henne-Cashman - September 18, 2019 at 01:56 PM

DS

“ To the Martin family,
Alicia and my thoughts and prayers are with you. Like it was yesterday (summer, 1975), I can remember being at the Soda Fountain in Doane's Pharmacy, and Sue telling me there was a job opening for a box-boy at Gordon's Mark-n-Pak. I immediately rode my bike down to the store and Gordon gave me the job, my first non-orchard employment, for \$2 an hour! Shirt, tie, slacks, and the best shoes I had (preferably not tennis shoes).
Luckily for me, Julie was a checker, and not only did she teach me how to properly bag the groceries (not too heavy, not too light, NO EGGS ON THE BOTTOM) she would send the items down the counter in the order I should pack them.
Duties included sweeping, spot-mopping, facing shelves, and cleaning the meat dept., but ALWAYS drop what you're doing and hurry to the front when you hear the words "Courtesy Please". I quickly learned to do a good job as I did not like hearing my work was sloppy and unacceptable. It was my job to help keep the store a place people wanted to shop. I learned to appreciate shelves looking full and floors looking bright. To this day, I still prefer to bag my own groceries!
The starting of school meant football practice. I talked with Gordon about still needing a job so he let me work 1 day on the weekend and after practice 3 nights a week. With the money I saved working at the store I was able to buy my car and pay for the gas, tires and repairs (something most kids had to do back then). It is the only job I've had where I received a "Christmas Bonus".
Being friends with Mike, I had many occasions to visit with Godan and Joanie over the years and share a laugh or two about my days as a Courtesy Clerk, but I don't know if I ever fully thanked him for the opportunity, and for the many life lessons learned. Just in case:
Thank you Gordon. Rest In Peace.

Don Smith

Don Smith - September 17, 2019 at 11:39 PM



“ *Steven Guffy lit a candle in memory of
Gordon L. Martin*



Steven Guffy - September 17, 2019 at 10:57 AM