



Thomas Wayne Gordon

September 23, 1949 - August 12, 2015

Thomas Wayne Gordon, 65, of Hagerstown, passed away on the evening of Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at IU Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mr. Gordon was born September 23, 1949 in Greensburg, Indiana, a son of the late Wayne E. and Donna S. Gordon. He attended Greensburg and Sandusky schools and resided in Decatur County until 1963 when the family moved to Hagerstown. He was a 1967 graduate of Hagerstown High School.

Mr. Gordon was a graduate of Indiana University in Bloomington where he was a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity and had also completed graduate studies at Ball State University. Following two years of teaching high school, Mr. Gordon elected to join the family business, Gordon Petroleum Products, in 1973 and remained there the next 42 years until his retirement in 2015.

Mr. Gordon was active in local politics and had held several offices. He was a member of the Hagerstown Town Council for 15 years and had served as president. He was Police and Fire Commissioner, served on the Hagerstown Plan Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, and Library Board. He also served on the Nettle Creek School Board for 11 years and served as president. Furthermore, he was a veteran, serving his country with the United States Army Reserve.

He was a member of the Congregational Christian Church in Hagerstown where he held various positions of leadership.

In addition to being active in local politics, Tom loved working with kids and volunteered for a combined 15 years as a coach for Little League and Colt League/Babe Ruth baseball, as well as Junior High basketball. In 2002, his 15-year-old all-star team won the state title and advanced to the Babe Ruth World Series, one of ten teams in the nation to do so.

Tom was a family man and loved spending time with his family and enjoyed attending his children's sporting events. He was mechanically inclined and could be counted on to repair most anything. He also liked motorcycles and enjoyed working on them, was an avid reader and was fond of animals. Tom was also a pilot and participated in the local flying club.

Mr. Gordon is survived by his devoted wife of 40 years, Charlotte (Ellison) Gordon, his sons, Andrew Gordon, David (wife: Ashley) Gordon and Benjamin (wife: Krista) Gordon, all of Indianapolis; a brother, James (wife: Lourdes) Gordon of New Castle and numerous family and friends.

A Gathering and Celebration of Life will take place from 1pm to 4pm Sunday, August 23, 2015 at "The Meeting Place" in the McCullough Building, 11 East Main Street in Hagerstown. There will be a private family service with burial following in West Lawn Cemetery in Hagerstown.

The Sproles Family Funeral Home, New Castle, has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be offered to the Nettle Creek School Corporation or the American Cancer Society.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Mr. Thomas

Gordon.

Remember friend as you pass by,
As you are, once was I.
Low as I am, you will be,
So prepare yourself to follow me.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Cemetery

300-398 N. Maple Street
Hagerstown, IN

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG 23. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

The Meeting Place
McCullough Building
11 East Main Street
Hagerstown, IN

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Tom was a special friend to our family. After our accident, he was always there to help never taking anything in return.

Special prayers and thoughts are with Charlotte and the boys and their families during this very difficult time. Kathy McCreary and Jarrod and Erin Prifogle

Kathy McCreary - August 22, 2015 at 09:05 PM

TE

“ The families of Clark and David Ellison purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Thomas Wayne Gordon.



The families of Clark and David Ellison - August 21, 2015 at 02:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Wayne Gordon.



August 21, 2015 at 01:51 PM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of Thomas Wayne Gordon.*



August 21, 2015 at 11:09 AM



“ *To the entire family, allow me to say how sorry I am to hear of your loss. I always felt blessed to teach and coach during Tom's tenure with the Nettle Creek Schools. His support of me can be summed up in this one memory: As my career at the high school cam to an end and I submitted my retirement to the Board, Tom said, (at the meeting that month) "Bill, we cannot accept this unless you agree to stay on as the golf coach"! This statement of support and respect for me personally has ALWAYS STAYED WITH ME! I thank the good Lord our paths in life were allowed to cross.*
Coach "B"

*Avon Park, Florida
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Bill Bunger - August 20, 2015 at 07:22 AM



“ *We were very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Prayers sent to all his family and friends.*

Mark & Dot Schlegel

Mark & Dot Schlegel - August 18, 2015 at 06:30 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Wayne Gordon.*



August 18, 2015 at 12:38 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers to all the Gordon family. Grew up with Tom in Sandusky. Have lots of childhood memories. May God give you all peace and comfort.*

Jayne Anne Herbert - August 18, 2015 at 08:34 AM



“ *Loved Tom in so many ways.....As a school board member, as a coach, as a friend. He was a wonderful husband to Charlotte, and a great father to his children. Lots of memories sitting at ballgames with Tom and Charlotte as our sons played baseball together. Tom always had a great sense of humor....he will be missed in this community. All my love to Charlotte and their children.*

Lori Ward - August 17, 2015 at 08:10 PM

PW

“ We have known Tom and his family for nearly 25 years. In that time my husband and Tom coached our kids in baseball, served on the School Board together for eleven delightful years : -) and became good friends, there is nothing he wouldn't do for you. Tom always had a smile on his face and I loved his sense of humor! He was a lot of fun to be around, never a dull moment. The thing I loved most about Tom was the passion he had for his family. He was a great husband and dad, his boys were his pride and joy. We feel very blessed to have known such a wonderful man and our love goes out to Charlotte, Andrew, David and Ashley, Ben and Krista.

Paul and Debbie Weiss

Paul and Debbie Weiss - August 17, 2015 at 06:03 PM

RP

“ If ever you were given the chance to hand pick your brother, Tom Gordon would be the man to select. Loving, loyal & caring, but would be the first to let you know if your were about to step in it.

Bob Phillips

Robert S. Phillips - August 17, 2015 at 08:45 AM

NB

“ Charlotte, Andrew, David & Ashley and Ben & Krista, Our hearts ache for all of you during this very difficult time. Memories of love and friendship are treasures to care with you always. We are fortunate to have known Tom and we will miss seeing his smiling face. Our sincere sympathy. Nina, Scott, Nick, Alex and Max Baker

Nina Baker - August 16, 2015 at 02:28 PM

TG

“ *Many fond memories of Tom. He will be missed. Toni Smith Goodnight and Gordon Goodnight.*

Toni Goodnight - August 16, 2015 at 07:09 AM

GB

“ *Today I heard the sad news about my old friend Tom.*

So many happy memories when we were kids including our fabled GBW (Gordan Brown Works) motor bike. Skipping school, climbing Lois' TV antenna, hours of trumpet playing, destroying his Mom's kitchen door, and so much more.

Although as we have become older we rarely saw each other each time we did it was always like when we were young.

My earnest prayers for Tom's family, friends, and loved ones.

May The Lord of Life be with Charlotte, the boys, and Jim.

George and Lois Brown

George P Brown - August 15, 2015 at 05:55 PM

TC

“ *I was horrible at baseball. I know that at least on one occasion when I was a youngster playing baseball in Hagerstown, Tom would spend one of his picks so I could be on his team. That had a profound effect on me and still does. I am very sorry to hear about the family's loss. I pray peace and comfort for the Gordons.*

Travis Claywell - August 15, 2015 at 04:28 PM

VS

“ Our thoughts are with Charlotte, Andrew, David & Ashley and Ben & our niece Krista. We feel fortunate to have gotten to know Tom and will miss him. May his memory live forever through all of you. Our deepest sympathy. --Violet & Sam Sistovaris

violet sistovaris - August 15, 2015 at 12:38 PM

MP

“ I am very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I loved playing next to him in the trumpet section in high school band. He was a good friend.
Mark Phillips

Mark Phillips - August 15, 2015 at 05:35 AM

SF

“ Tom and his family lived two doors down from us in Sandusky, IN when we were children. I have fond memories of Tom, Jim, and their parents, Wayne and Donna. Thoughts and prayers to all the family...Sarah (Smith) French

Sarah French - August 14, 2015 at 05:22 PM

SH

Tom and Char make up some of my fondest memories of life in Hagerstown. Like many, I am fortunate to have experienced Tom's tireless and personal dedication to family, friends, and community. Tom's life touched so many people.

Among the many things I remember...

Tom always talked about the love and pride he has for his family.

He took the time to make sure that my parents were always OK.

We played many, many tennis matches (where he usually won).

His sense of humor through a marionette bird that he made dance to Roy Orbison's "Pretty Woman".

My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Tom. May God wrap you in His grace and provide the peace you seek.

Scott Higinbotham

Scott Higinbotham - August 17, 2015 at 08:11 AM

RM

I am a fraternity brother of Tom from IU - 1966-71. I was reading the DU quarterly magazine and was saddened to see that Tom had passed away. The last time I saw him was in 1973 when I got discharged from the Army. We met at a restaurant and reminisced about college. I remember Tom as a good and friendly guy. I had a motorcycle in college, which Tom tuned-up a few times after he rode it. I still remember the first time I saw him with a beard at IU and I thought he looked like a cool, college frat-boy. To his family, I am sorry for your loss.

Bob Manalo, Gahanna, OH

Robert Manalo - December 12, 2015 at 09:46 PM