



Gordon George Grant

March 19, 1941 - October 8, 2014

Gordon G. Grant (1941-2014) - Obituary

Gordon was born to Nina Hawkins Grant and George Charles Grant on March 19, 1941, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He spent his early formative years in farming communities a few miles west of the Twin Cities (Minneapolis/St.Paul) and moved with his family to Pawhuska, Oklahoma, in the early 1950's.

He was active in student affairs and worked extensively with the local newspaper, The Pawhuska Journal-Capital, while in high school. He was a member of Key Club and active in Scouting. Gordon graduated in 1959 as valedictorian.

Gordon attended Phillips University in Enid, Oklahoma. He worked at the University Press, and in the summers he drove combines. He was elected King Phillip and graduated in 1963 with a BA, majoring in math and physics. He then worked as a cartographer in St. Louis making aeronautical charts.

Gordon taught high school math and physics in Ponca City, OK, worked summers at the Conoco Research Lab and later attended graduate school at the University of Minnesota, working toward his PhD in math and physics. While at the University he worked with a group to develop the Chateau

Cooperative Housing Project which still operates today. Before entering the Peace Corps in 1972, he taught for two years in North St. Paul and was active in the Vietnam War protest movement.

While teaching and working in community development with the Peace Corps near Lake Victoria in Kenya, Africa, he met his wife Marit Soldal of Bergen, Norway, who was also teaching in a nearby village with the Norwegian Volunteer Service. They were married in Kenya, on November 5, 1976.

Upon returning to the USA, Gordon joined Phillips Petroleum Company in the area of scientific computing, working there until his retirement in 2003.

Throughout most of his career, Gordon was active with the Disciples Christian Church where he was President and Elder and taught youth Sunday School for 30 years. He participated in 2 mission trips to Nicaragua where he helped build houses. Gordon and Marit worked on the Crop Walk for 30 years.

Gordon worked for 15 years with Habitat for Humanity and was on the Board of Directors. He co-founded the Women's Car Repair Program sponsored by CWU and participated in Bridges Out of Poverty. He coached student soccer teams and tutored for many years. His heart was devoted to youth.

In 2010 -2011, Gordon was awarded the Outstanding Citizen Award for Bartlesville. He was also a finalist as an Outstanding Community Leader in Oklahoma in 2010.

In recent years he has experienced ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease), leading to his death. Survivors include his wife Marit Soldal Grant, son Dr. Gregory Grant, his wife Jennifer and grandchildren Kathrine Anne and Gavin Gregory of Shawnee, OK, daughter Kari – Anne Grant of Bartlesville, OK and younger brothers William C. Grant (Kay Hamilton) of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and John

H. Grant (Ruth Ann Blackstock) of Ft. Collins, Colorado. He is also survived by his sisters- and brothers-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews in Norway and the USA. Gordon was preceded in death by his parents and his parents in law.

A memorial service will be held at the Disciples Christian Church on Saturday 18, 2014 at 11:00 with Dr. Bill Inghish officiating. Arrangement by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Disciples Christian Church, 5800 SE Douglas, 74006, Habitat for Humanity, PO Box 1284, 74005, or the Women's Car Repair Fund, in care of Church Women United 5800 SE Douglas, 74006. Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org

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Tribute Wall



“ Gordon George Grant

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ Gordon George Grant

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ Breaks my heart to receive this message in network ,i came to remember my best teacher and friend today 2020 June 8 and google and found the message of his death.May the almighty God give his wife Marit Soldel and the entire family Good time for their beloved son whom they had lost.i wish if i could communicate with marit

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thanks god bless you and your family*

michael obonyo owiti - June 08, 2020 at 04:38 AM



“ I was blessed with the immense privilege of getting to share time with Gordon as a Sunday School teacher, soccer coach, Philmont leader, best friend's dad, and as a friend. In every role of the many that Gordon assumed in my life, he was amazing, and he taught me something in all of them. The greats make the difficult things look easy. God just picked up another All-Star for His team. Our prayers are with the family, and we are here for you for anything that you need. We love you.

Zac & Kelley Watson - October 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Breaks my heart to hear this news. Gordon was one of my best friends st Phillips. Her was always so kind and willing to help. A good man who lived an exemplary life. May God comfort all his loved ones.

Patti Wyrick - October 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HS

“ Sorry for the loss of your brother John, reading his obituary I see he led a very full life, may he rest in peace

Hazel short - October 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ My sympathy and prayers go out to your family. Dr. Gregory Grant is my Dr. & I know the heartache that comes with the loss of a parent. May God bless you & give you comfort.

Von Dell Curtis - October 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ Gordon was an extraordinary man. His was a life of service, love, compassion and excellence. He was loved and admired by a wide circle of people he touched during his lifetime and he created a strong family that has touched many more. His faith was an inspiration to us all. We will always remember him warmly and feel lucky that we had the pleasure of knowing him.

Marilyn & Ray Talley - October 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Marit and family,
Life is a precious gift to each of us and the time we have to share with those we love is unknown, priceless, and a treasure to cherish forever. I have no words to soften the pain you must be feeling now, however, please know that I care and may your spirit be touched by the love that surrounds you. My deepest sympathy to the entire family.*

Allene Brewer - October 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Our sympathy and prayers go out to you all. We will miss Gordon very much.*

Randy Porter - October 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *Gordon and I became friends at Phillips University when I was a Freshman and he was a Junior. He was an exemplary man who lived his faith selflessly and with grace and good humor. He has fought the good fight, he has finished the race, he has kept the faith. God grant him rest from his labors, and peace.*

Don Lindsay - October 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM