



Gordon August Farr

September 6, 1934 - September 29, 2018

Gordon August Farr, born on September 6, 1934 in Salt Lake City, Utah, died early Saturday morning, September 29, 2018, in his home in St. George, Utah.

Gordon grew up in Salt Lake City, where he attended West High School, graduating in 1952. He was involved in many activities and served as Senior Class President. He attended University of Utah, where he earned a Bachelor of Science – Sociology, in 1960, and then earned a Master of Science – Social Work, in 1962.

Gordon's professional career took him first to Topeka, Kansas, where he was one of seven individuals in the nation selected to complete a Post-Master's Degree Training Program in psychiatric social work with the Menninger Foundation. After completing the program, he moved to Wisconsin, where he worked as a social worker with Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital in Wauwatosa, later serving in the role of Director of Social Work. After leaving the Hospital, he continued his work as a psychotherapist with Covenant Behavioral Health in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and completed his professional career serving as a counselor for LDS Family Services, in St. George, Utah.

Gordon also served in the United States Marine Corp from November, 1953 to March, 1957, when he was honorably discharged. He was stationed out of

Camp Pendleton in California. He served on the USS Bon Homme Richard. He earned awards for good conduct and expert rifleman, of which he was particularly proud. Gordon was very active in the Dixie Detachment #1270, Marine Corps League, in St. George during the last years of his life.

Gordon married Anne Marie West on September 16, 1959 in Salt Lake City, Utah. They are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and were sealed in the Salt Lake City temple in 1991. Anne and Gordon have three children, who they raised in New Berlin, Wisconsin, where they lived for 42 years, later moving to St. George, in 2003.

During his time in Wisconsin, Gordon served as bishop for the West Allis First ward from and second counselor to the bishop in the Sunset 7th branch. He served many other callings in the Church, including executive secretary, gospel doctrine teacher, stake and ward Sunday School president, temple ordinance worker, second counselor to young men's at the age of 80, and nursery leader at the age of 82. He especially enjoyed working with the youth and his time in the nursery.

It was also during his time in Wisconsin that Gordon developed a love for running. He competed successfully in races from 5 Ks to marathons. He qualified for and ran the Boston Marathon in 1978, 1979 and 1980. Gordon started biking and enjoyed riding "The Bike" even more than running. He regularly competed in the Huntsman World Senior Games and Utah Summer Games and earned multiple ribbons and medals.

He is survived by: his wife, his three children and their spouses Leslie Anne Sammon (Scott), Lisa Kristine Farr-Chowanec (Troy) and Michael Gordon Farr (Heather) and his grandchildren, Ryan (Katie), Chris (Katie), Nick (Kristen), Julia, Nathan and Nolan, and his great grandchild, Claire. Gordon is preceded in death by: his parents, Aaron Lafayette and Margaret Rose, and

his siblings, Aaron Lorin Farr and Jacqueline Farr Lloyd.

The family would like to thank all of Gordon's friends and family who supported him during this difficult time in his life. A very special thanks to Logan and Codi of Dixie Home Rehab and Hospice and the loving care they gave to Gordon and his family. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Beyond Vision, 5316 West State Street, Milwaukee, WI. Donations are also accepted on-line at beyondvision.com.

Friends will be received to celebrate Gordon's life on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, located at 82 North Dixie Drive, St. George, Utah 84770. A memorial service will be conducted the following day on Thursday, October 4, 2018, starting at 11 a.m. at the same location. Family and friends are also invited to share condolences online at www.SerenityStG.com. Arrangements and memorial tree planting by Serenity Funeral Home, 986-2085.

Tribute Wall

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“ He was a great Bishop, and always very supportive of me. Ann was a true friend when I was down. I will always cherish my memories of how they blessed my life.

Charlotte I. Olsen - October 08, 2018 at 02:05 PM

EC

“ Oh man when I think back on the men that influenced me the most , Gordon Farr, is in the top 8, followed by:
Eric Fredrick, Thomas Mantey, Dale Mcdowell, Jonathan Orne, Paul Duhacek, Donald Becker, Tim Brosnahan
Gordon was a great man that always encouraged the best out of me. He was my first home teaching companion and he reached out to families that needed just a friendly face and love. I learned so much from him that still stay with my character today. Love those around you and give of yourself. He was a friend and mentor and I will miss him.

eric coats - October 04, 2018 at 11:51 PM

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“ There is a special place in my heart for Gordon. He wasy bishop when I was a young girl and he always told me that I was going to grow up to be a rockstar. He believed in me. When I graduated college with a business degree, he wrote me a card and said he guesses I wasn't going to be a rockstar but I'd always be one to him. It was such a simple, kind gesture but it really meant a lot to me. Gordon, may God be with you until we meet again.
- Ellie Du Charne Schneck

Ellie Du Charne Schneck - October 03, 2018 at 10:01 PM

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“ We are saddened to learn that you're mourning the loss of your dear love one. However, it saddens our God even more. No doubt, you have many fond memories which will resurface from time to time. And because you do have memories, certainly shows that almighty God has memories as well. Therefore, with full confidence you can take comfort in knowing that he longs to restore perfect life to all those in his memory (Job 14:13-15; Rev 21:3, 4). Please accept our condolences at this most distressing time.

Williams Family - October 03, 2018 at 07:22 AM

JV

“ Jim and I and our family are so sorry to hear about Gordon's passing, you all were our dearest friends for so many years and we have such wonderful memories of the years we were neighbors in Wisconsin and watching our families grow up together. Much love goes out to all of you and may your memories help you through this. Jim & Mimi Valerio and the Valerio family.

jim & Mimi Valerio - October 02, 2018 at 10:14 AM