



Gordon Groshong

June 23, 1960 - August 11, 2017

Gordon Groshong, an engineer from Oregon City died unexpectedly on August 11, 2017 at the age of 57. Gordon was born in Portland, OR to Theodore, (Ted) and Diane Groshong. He graduated from David Douglas High School in 1979 where he competed in Football, Basketball, and Track. He went on to receive a Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Engineering from Oregon State University and Masters of Business Administration from Marylhurst University.

Gordon married Laura Heiken in 1987 and they raised two lovely daughters, Hannah (Boston, MA) and Bailey (Oregon City, OR.).

Gordon began his career at Beall Transliner in North Portland upon graduation. He continued in the tank transport industry with stops at Brenner Tank, Walker Transport, and Wabash Trailers during his career. He and Laura also lived in Wichita, KS and Turlock, CA through the years.

Gordon was an amazing, godly father who loved watching his girls compete in cross country and swimming. He had a real intellectual curiosity about how things worked, and spent time learning about all kinds of topics unrelated to his work. He taught himself how to surf and loved going to Short Sands Beach to ride the cold waves of the Oregon Coast. To those who had the privilege to know him, his big smile, hearty handshake, and good-natured ability to set

you at ease will be missed.

A memorial service for Gordon will be held Saturday at 1 pm, September 9, 2017 at John and Susie Schriever's farm. Address information can be requested by contacting Hillside Chapel at (503) 656-4285.

Gordon is survived by his mother Diane; wife Laura; two daughters, Hannah and Bailey; and three brothers, Brian, Jeff and Greg.

If you'd like to make a donation in Gordon's name, please do so to one of the two Charities closest to his heart below:

Muscular Dystrophy Association
<https://www.mda.org/make-a-donation>

and/or

Young Life - Capernaum Program of Lake Oswego
<https://giving.younglife.org/Views/dp/donate/controller.cfm>

Here are some specific instructions to make sure your gift is targeted to Gordon's Charity:

Under "Gift Designation", Select A Young Life Ministry

Select Search By "Area Number" and type in 61

In "Special Designation" select Capernaum

Click on Camp Scholarship

Put in the amount you'd like to donate

Click on preferred frequency

Click on "This gift is in honor or memory of someone special"

Add Gordon's name here if you like

Tribute Wall



“ *Gordon Groshong*

January 28, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ *Laura, Hannah and Bailey,
We are deeply sorry for your loss. Gordon was a good friend and we enjoyed his calls and email messages always teasing us about "Little Canada" and all left turns in Nascar racing. We will miss him. May your fondest memories provide you peace in the days and months ahead.
Rick and Janene Connelly*

Rick Connelly - September 24, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ *Dear Laura and girls,*

We are shocked and so sad to hear of Gordon's passing. I loved him like a brother, and can only hope that you have support and love around you to help you all through this unbelievable tragedy and sad journey. I was blessed to have Gordon in my life for so many years, and will treasure the times we had with him and your family both in Tucson and in Portland.

We are sending love and prayers for all of you, and also Gordon's brothers and mom.

God bless you.

Juli Howard Jewell

Juli Jewell - August 31, 2017 at 05:39 PM

KS

“ Laura,

I don't know how to put into words the sorrow I feel for your loss. I'm not sure I can find any earthly words that will give justice to the kind of man Gordon was. The sparkle in his eyes displayed his love for God and his family. He adored you, Hannah, and Bailey. I was always reminding him that he married a saint. Gordon was passionate about his work and he genuinely cared for each and every person he worked with. I want to share a couple things people shared with me about Gordon over the past week.

Gordon is a man that has inspired me to work hard.

Gordon really believed in me and is the first person in a leadership position like his to mentor me. Gordon was more than a mentor, he was like a second work dad.

Gordon liked to joke with me and make me laugh.

He's the boss man.

Gordon worked hard and cared about us.

Gordon was a fantastic man.

By all measuring sticks Gordon was a great husband and father. He did a lot to provide a steady hand during our transition.

Gordon is a man I aspire to be like.

Gordon will be missed.

*Love and prayers to you and your family,
Kristy Spindler*

Kristy Spindler - August 23, 2017 at 07:03 PM

LG

Thank you. I vaguely remember reading this but it is nice to read it again in a better place. He truly loved everyone he worked with and desired success for the group as a whole.

Laura Groshong

Laura Groshong - May 10, 2019 at 04:23 PM

MB

“ *Gordon was our friend & co worker. He worked and did a good job at Beall. We all have fond memories of working on projects & business trips with Gordon. He was a real professional who always worked hard.*

A few of us had the pleasure of going high school with him. We will miss him & God Bless his family in this time of grief.

Rest In Peace Gordon

The Beall Family

Michael Beall - August 23, 2017 at 11:30 AM

LG

Thank you. This means a lot. He loved you all.

Laura Groshong - May 10, 2019 at 04:20 PM

BM

“ *Laura and family,
I am so sorry to hear of your loss, and can only express my wishes for God's grace and comfort to you at this time of sorrow. I always appreciated the opportunity I had at Beall, and of your friendship back in the Milwaukie days.*

God Bless you,

Brett Miller

Brett Miller - August 23, 2017 at 08:45 AM

YC

“ *Your Friends at Pacific Metal Company, Bunko Camus purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gordon Groshong.*



Your Friends at Pacific Metal Company, Bunko Camus -
August 22, 2017 at 12:19 PM

DT

“ *I had the privilege to play sports alongside Gordon throughout high school. I also had a privilege of watching his daughter run track and field alongside my children at Oregon City High School. Everything everyone has written is true. He was a great soul and a great human being and will be dearly missed. I am so sorry to hear of Gordon's passing and my thoughts are with his family.*

*David Thompson
DDHS Class of '79*

David Thompson - August 21, 2017 at 06:34 PM

DW

“ As a fifth grader, I saw Gordon dive for a basketball on the cement/linoleum floor at Gilbert Heights elementary, and I knew I needed to know more about the guy. He was a year ahead of me, but that day I found a role model. It was a perfect choice. I attribute most of what I've attained, from youth through middle age, to following Gordon's example. God please give Peace and Grace to the girls, Gordon's Mom, the brothers...and all of us that benefited from Gordon's too-short time on earth.

Doug Wreath

DDHS '80

Father to Taylor and Cooper

Colonel, USAF (retired)

Project Engineer, Federal Aviation Administration

Washington, DC

Doug Wreath - August 20, 2017 at 03:47 PM

RB

“ Gordon was an icon in the class of 79 at David Douglas. He made me personally better as an athlete, and every team he played on was better because of him. We knew that we always had to work hard, because he was going to, and he set the bar with our class. In all of my years in the district as a student, teacher, and coach he is the most quality person I have ever known. A leader by example in athletics, the classroom, and in life. I have never respected anyone more than Gordon. Condolences to his family. He is gone too fast. A societal loss. People like Gordon are rare.

Rick Brincefield

Class of 79.

Rick Brincefield - August 19, 2017 at 12:44 PM

DP

Hey Rick, You couldn't have described him more perfectly! What a class act. A true leader, motivator, and inspiring human being. Great football player and athletic. My Prayers and condolences to all the family. A true loss to the class of 1979. RIP Gordy. You're in a better place! Dave Perlman

Dave perlman - August 19, 2017 at 08:11 PM

WS

I was very fortunate to be one of Gordon's math teachers and one of his track and field coaches. He was truly an outstanding student and athlete. He was a member of a very fine family, Rest in peace Gordon. Walt Skowhede.

Walt Skowhede - August 20, 2017 at 09:49 PM

LK

I was so saddened to hear of Gordon's passing. He lived in my neighborhood so we grew up together. Throughout grade school, Middle School and High School, Gordon was my friend, even though our circles of friends were different. The last time I saw him was at our class reunion and he gave me a ride home to our neighborhood. He was a gentleman, scholar, leader and friend to us all. Sending condolences to his family, he is gone much too soon! Lani Kimoto, Class of 79

Lani Kimoto - August 22, 2017 at 05:01 PM