



Kenneth "Ken" Gordner

October 29, 1944 - February 13, 2015

KENNETH "KEN" C. GORDNER

Kenneth "Ken" C. Gordner, 70, a Moses Lake resident since 1991, joined his Heavenly Father on Friday, February 13, 2015. He was at Columbia Crest Care Center surrounded by his loving family. Viewing will be from 3 to 7 p.m., Thursday, February 19th at Kayser's Chapel, 831 S. Pioneer Way. A celebration of Ken's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 20th, at Moses Lake Presbyterian Church, 1142 W. Ivy Ave. Graveside services will be at 2:00 p.m., February 20th at Guarding Angels Cemetery, 2595 Road L NE. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at www.kayserschapel.com. Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory. Born on October 29, 1944 to Cecil Thacker and Lillian Stabler Thacker, Ken lived in Yakima, WA all of his childhood years. After Cecil's passing in 1950, Lillian married Don Gordner who adopted Ken and his siblings, changing his name to Gordner. He graduated from Eisenhower High School and was honored to march in the Eisenhower High School band in John F. Kennedy's inaugural parade. After high school, he attended Yakima Valley College and then the University of Washington, receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration in 1967. He began his business career on the audit staff of Touche Ross & Co. in Seattle, moving on to PACCAR Inc. which took him to the Kenworth Truck plant in Chillicothe, Ohio as plant controller. After almost ten years in Ohio, he was transferred back to Seattle in the corporate financial offices. In 1991 a career change brought him to Moses Lake and a

long career with AsiMi/REC Silicon, retiring in 2011.

After a brief courtship, Ken married the love of his life, Carol, in 1970.

Together they lived a full and rewarding life full of friendships and travels.

Their favorite place to travel was Puerto Vallarta, Mexico where he leaves behind a second “family” of close friends. Ken’s love of music and people encouraged his involvement in the Miss Washington/Miss America

Organization where he was treasurer of several different local pageants as well as helping young women hone their interview skills. He was also active in the Miss Moses Lake Scholarship Program in the 1990’s. After moving to Moses Lake, Ken joined the Lions Club, holding the office of treasurer for a number of years. He was extremely proud of the involvement the Lions Club had in benefiting our community and took an active part in all their local and international activities. Ken also took up golf, becoming a member of the Moses Lake Golf & Country Club. He hit his first hole in one when he entered Heaven.

Ken was an active member of the Moses Lake Presbyterian Church, serving as a greeter, a Deacon, and then an Elder. Ken’s strong faith and love of Christ guided him every day. Little children flocked to him with his warm and generous smile and outreached arms. On any given Sunday, one could find Ken cradling an infant or having an “in depth” conversation with a toddler.

Ken’s deep love for home and family was evident in every action and his warm smile and twinkling blue eyes touched so many people as he walked through this life. Known for his honesty and integrity, it was easy to love and respect him.

Ken is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Carol, and three children: Brian (Melissa) Gordner of Hendersonville, N.C., Angela Davis of Moses Lake, and Rebecca (Larry) Camden of Moses Lake; grandchildren Christopher, Nathan and Faythe Gordner, Jonathan and Jeremy Davis, and McKenzie Camden. He is also survived by his brother Doug (Linda) Gordner of Yakima, sister Barbara Andrews of Seattle, and sister Donna (Ken) Riedinger of Parker, AZ., and numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. He was

predeceased by both his parents.

Ken's most cherished Bible verse, Phil. 4:13 served as a beacon for his life's path and guided him through dark times as well as the clear days. "I can do all this through Him who gives me strength." He will be deeply missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Moses Lake Presbyterian Church, Missions Fund or Scholarship Fund, 1142 W. Ivy Ave., Moses Lake, WA 98837

Cemetery Details

Guarding Angels Cemetery

2595 Road L N.E.
Moses Lake, WA 98837
(509) 765-7848

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories
831 S. Pioneer Way
Moses Lake, WA

Service

FEB 20. 11:00 AM (PT)

Moses Lake Presbyterian Church
1142 W. Ivy
Moses Lake, WA

Service

FEB 20. 2:00 PM (PT)

Guarding Angels Cemetery
2595 Road L N.E.
Moses Lake, WA

Tribute Wall

SR

“ Dear Carol and family, please know our hearts and prayers are with you. One of my fondest memories is looking out from the stage at the church to see you and Ken sitting there, singing and smiling. Seeing you there made it all feel right. Bob recalls cooking alongside Ken at our "Brats for Jesus" barbecues. What a kind, generous, loving man we all feel honored to have known and shared time with. We will miss that twinkle in his eye and never forget the love he so freely shared. We wish you lasting memories and peace.

sherry and bob russell - February 20, 2015 at 12:12 PM

TV

“ Ken was a very dear friend to me. We had worked together for many years at REC and both attended the Presbyterian Church. I will truly miss the BIG hugs and smiling face of my dear friend. The family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Teresa Vela

Teresa Vela - February 19, 2015 at 04:48 PM

SG

“ Kenny was my cousin and my memories are all of our childhood family get-togethers in Yakima. I am sorry to hear of his passing and send heartfelt condolences to his family.

Sally Gordner Waller

Sally Gordner - February 19, 2015 at 12:43 AM

BR

“ *Our condolences to you Carol and your family.*

Brad and Sue Warter

Brad - February 18, 2015 at 02:16 PM

JD

“ *Having worked with Ken, he was a very sincere, genuine and hard working man. I always appreciated his conversations and viewpoints. It truly saddens me to hear of his passing. You will be missed fine sir. My condolences to the family during this trying time.*



Jeremy Davis - February 16, 2015 at 11:22 PM

JH

“ *Joey Hansen lit a candle in memory of Kenneth "Ken" Gordner*



Joey Hansen - February 16, 2015 at 03:28 PM

JH

“ I didn't have a lot of memories of you Ken, until we started going to church. I looked for you each Sunday, making sure to hug you and talk with you for a bit. Last Sunday as I was sitting in our usual spot, you weren't there. You weren't where I could hug you, and tease you just a bit. You weren't there to smile and for me to glance over at as I saw you reading scripture on your phone. You weren't there to sing praise and worship songs with your beautiful wife... However, I could feel your presence as your beautiful Carol stood up to sing, surrounded by the pastor's wife, and the youth pastor and his wife. I got the sense you knew she was in good hands and I also felt that you were letting us all know that you are no longer broken and sick, but rather singing with the Angels and keeping an eye on us all. I will miss you sir Ken, but thank you for the hugs and the laughs over the past year.
Joey

Joey Hansen - February 16, 2015 at 03:28 PM

RT

“ Carol, we are so sad to hear of Ken's passing. We have been blessed and honored to know both of you. Ken was such an inspiration and example of right living and the legacy he leaves will surely lead Sue and I to a life more in keeping with God's plan. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ron Tebow - February 14, 2015 at 07:54 PM