



Gordon E. Johanson

August 21, 1945 - February 24, 2022

Gordon E. Johanson, age 76, resident of Washington Township, Michigan, passed away on Thursday, February 24, 2022, in Troy, Michigan. He was born on August 21, 1945, in Chicago, Illinois to the late Henry and Dorothy (nee Newberry) Johanson. Gordon proudly served his country in the United States Air Force and retired 1985 with 20 years and 5 days of service. Gordon then worked at Electronic Data Systems (EDS) for 14 years, retiring in 1999.

Beloved husband of 55 years to Jodell Johanson (nee Berg). Loving father of Todd (Tami) Johanson, and Shannon (Dean) VanSlambrouck. Proud grandfather of Breanna Johanson, Blake Johanson, Ryan VanSlambrouck, and Leah VanSlambrouck. Dear brother of William (Kristin) Johanson, and Raymond (Cindy) Johanson.

Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Gordon and Jodell became hooked on antiques during their first trip to England. Gordon especially loved clocks. He bought his first antique clock in 1974 and has been buying, selling and repairing clocks ever since. His collection of mantle, wall and grandfather clocks and pocket watches is over 400 strong.

Along with clocks, Gordon was an avid volleyball player. He played volleyball for 57 years, played on many different teams, made friends all over the country, won numerous gold metals at the Senior Olympics and his proudest moment was recently being named tournament MVP.

A Celebration of Life Visitation and Service will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at the Wm Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 Blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica from 4-7 pm with a service at 6 pm.

A second funeral will be held in New Carlisle, Indiana in April.

Family request donations to Shriners Hospitals for Children 2900 Rocky Point Drive Tampa, FL 33607 ~ <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org>
or Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 6675-8516 ~ woundedwarriorproject.org

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Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Celebration of Life gathering

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
8459 Hall Road
Utica, MI 48317
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Celebration of Life Service

MAR 1. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MS

“ *What a wonderful guy Gordon was. Always happy to see you, always smiling and a great person all around. We met Gordon thru Karen and Carl and enjoyed the music and songs at Aunt Dorothy's. Our condolences to all of his family who are also great people and a pleasure to know and love. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Mike & Judy Southerland - August 14, 2022 at 12:35 PM

MB

“ *Johanson Family;
I was so saddened to hear of the loss of Mr. Johanson. My deepest sympathies and condolences. I couldn't help but remember his warmth and kindness. He always made me feel at home when I practically lived at your house during high school. He was truly one of a kind. The world is a little less bright because he is gone.*



Michell R Borough - June 24, 2022 at 07:31 PM

CK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Carrie Kelly - March 20, 2022 at 10:45 PM

WJ

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William Bruce Johanson - March 11, 2022 at 06:43 PM

WJ

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William Bruce Johanson - March 01, 2022 at 03:33 PM

MM

“ While I haven't known Gordy as long as some people, it was my pleasure to play volleyball with him at the Elite Sportsplex a few times a week.

I was always impressed with Gordy's volleyball skills. As an older man, he had tremendous power when hitting the ball. He was able to overhand serve and score with regularity. As a hitter at the net, Gordy could place the ball, and always had something of a plan to score the point.

He was a pretty quiet man, and I wish I had gotten to know him better. This terrible accident was a real eye-opener. I am incredibly sorry for the loss.

We still miss Gordy at volleyball every week.

*My best to his family and close friends,
Mary Meldrum*

Mary Meldrum - March 01, 2022 at 01:13 PM

DF

“ *Danny Stameski and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gordon E. Johanson.*



Danny Stameski and family - March 01, 2022 at 01:07 PM

DH

“ My appreciation of Gordy started later in his senior volleyball career. His cheerfulness and competitiveness was very much enjoyed as well as his forgiveness of all my shanks. He was a gentleman on the court and with more time he may have been a great libero. His spirit will be missed. My thoughts and condolences to the family. Thanks Gordy!

*Dave Homan
Roanoke, Texas
(formerly Rochester Hills, MI)*

Dave Homan - March 01, 2022 at 11:57 AM

KW

“ Todd, so very sorry to learn of your loss. Your father was clearly a very special man. May fond memories fill your heart and bring you joy. Karen Wilkes (Brunton)

Karen Wilkes - March 01, 2022 at 10:52 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gordon E. Johanson.



March 01, 2022 at 08:56 AM

JD

“ Rocky Deciechi and his wife Sue are currently on their 30th Anniversary trip, but they shared a couple of interesting comments with me, which I want to pass on. Rocky is one of the youngest, fastest and the strongest hitter in our local competitive volleyball league. He said that Gordy was the best player on the opposing team in Rocky’s first volleyball season 37 years ago in Warren. Also, Sue had many conversations with Gordy and mentioned that he had fixed an antique clock of theirs a few years ago. That covered two of Gordy’s passions. They send their thoughts and condolences to the family. - John Dapkis

John Dapkis - February 28, 2022 at 10:35 PM

DB

I know and have played volleyball with a LOT of guys. In fact, that is how I and a lot of the guys met Gordy. I considered Gordy as a friend as well. I am curious to know what happens to all of his ghosts now.

David Burton - March 01, 2022 at 08:58 AM

JC

“ 13 files added to the album Memories Album



John Cutright - February 28, 2022 at 07:50 PM

KS

“Gordon was always ready with a smile and silly comment! We had some great times as kids putting on plays in the basement with bicycle chains and other hardware coming out of the "designated body" and swimming in Hudson Lake. He will be missed. Love and prayers to Jodell and the family.
Karen and Carl

Karen Schultz - February 28, 2022 at 06:29 PM

DM

“Gordy was such a positive and fun influence on so many people, including me and my entire family. My dad and Gordy and both our families had the Air Force and Lakenheath connection and the volleyball and clocks connections too! We all loved him! I was so lucky to have known him and been able to spend some quality volleyball time with him and many other great volleyball people. Playing volleyball and hanging out with Gordy was always a fun time. He brought so much laughter to every game and every tournament. And of course he was a great player! So many good memories. Gordy was an amazing guy and will be greatly missed.

Dave McCauley - February 28, 2022 at 06:16 PM

DB

“ I've known Gordy for at least 30 years, always connected somehow to a volleyball court. He was a fierce competitor and a great teammate, always a pleasure to be around. One incident I particularly remember is one of our trips to the "Old Bucks" tournament in Wackesha, Wis. A number of us were invited to spend the night before the tournament in the Indiana mansion/grandfather-clock museum or so I called it. Gordy was a great host and showed us some of his special clocks including the "Notre Dame" organ playing clock. I got to spend the night in the "Coke Room". It was a special time. Gordy I hope our God likes volleyball as much as we all do. Dennis Berry

Dennis Berry - February 28, 2022 at 03:03 PM

JB

I agree with Dennis, Gordie was always fun to be on the court with at the Senior volleyball tournaments. Smiling, having fun but played some real good VB. Enjoyed being on several teams with Gordie. His smile and spikes will be missed. Joe Barberio

Joe Barberio - February 28, 2022 at 05:59 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gordon E. Johanson.



February 28, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gordon E. Johanson.*



February 28, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ *Dawn of Remembrance Basket was purchased for the family of Gordon E. Johanson.*



February 28, 2022 at 09:20 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Ron Silos - February 27, 2022 at 09:50 PM



This was a day we volunteered for the Richmond Girls Volleyball team

Ron Silos - February 27, 2022 at 09:52 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gordon E. Johanson.*



February 27, 2022 at 08:30 PM



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John Dapkis - February 27, 2022 at 12:11 PM



“ *Gordy was a great friend of mine, on and off the volleyball court. He had lots of success on the volleyball court, not so much on the golf course, but then again, we found more balls than we lost. I got into volleyball in 1997 and that's when I met Gordy, Paul McCauley and Ron Silos. They became my mentors. We played a lot of local and national tournaments, some together and others against each other. I have nothing but wonderful memories of our times together. I will miss him on the volleyball court and miss his entertaining ghost stories. RIP.*

John Dapkis - February 27, 2022 at 11:57 AM

SF

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Stephen Fante - February 26, 2022 at 10:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Gordon E. Johanson.



February 26, 2022 at 07:35 PM