



Mr. Gordon Poquette

February 4, 1942 - May 13, 2019

Gordon Poquette, 77, of East Peoria died at 8:43 PM on May 13, 2019 at home surrounded by his family, after a courageous battle with kidney cancer. The family was able to enjoy 4 bonus years with him thanks to his wonderful medical team, his positive attitude, love of his family, friends and his faith, along with the use of medical cannabis and RSO Oil, which had a profound impact on his cancer and quality of life. He was born on February 4, 1942 in Appleton, WI to Dave and Myrtle (Tanguay) Poquette. He married Bonnie Beucher on November 30, 1963 in Green Bay, WI. She survives. Also surviving are 3 children Yvette (Todd) Goforth of East Peoria, Brett Poquette of Wausau, WI and Todd Poquette of Green Bay, WI; and 4 grandchildren Wes, Brie and Ben Goforth and Jill (Nick) Goett. He was preceded in death by his parents. Gordon earned his BS in Biology from St. Norberts and his Masters in public health from University of Michigan. He worked at the Racine City Health Dept. as an environmental health inspector, then worked as the director for the Fulton County Health Department. In 1971 he became the first director of the Tazewell County Health Department and retired in 2005; the Gordon Poquette Leadership Award was established in 2017 to honor his years of great leadership. He was a lifelong Green Bay Packers fan, loved fishing, RVing, driving his Nissan Z's and spending time with his grandchildren. The family will receive friends and asks that you wear Packer gear, Packer colors or casual attire and join them for Gordy's "Tini Time" from 4-6 PM on Friday, May 17, at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation

Services, 444 E. Washington St., East Peoria. Funeral Mass will be at 10 AM on Saturday, May 18 at St. Monica's Catholic Church in East Peoria, with a visitation an hour prior. Burial will follow at Fondulac Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Peoria Cancer Center or Compassus Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services
444 E. Washington Street
East Peoria, IL 61611
(309) 694-9831
gary@garydeitersfh.com

Service

MAY 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Monica's Catholic Church
303 Campanile
East Peoria, IL

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Gordon Poquette



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 20, 2019 at 11:34 AM



“ Mr. Gordon Poquette

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ Gordon and chuck skogley were my first bosses at Tazewell County Health Department where I was hired as the

Sue kortkamp - May 17, 2019 at 07:50 PM



The first sanitarian. Remembering Gordon brought back some very good memories as Rich , Huck, Sherry and I recalled.

Sue kortkamp - May 17, 2019 at 07:58 PM

SK

“ Sue Kortkamp lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gordon Poquette



Sue kortkamp - May 17, 2019 at 06:26 PM

CH

“ Cari Hill lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gordon Poquette



Cari Hill - May 17, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Gordon Poquette.



May 17, 2019 at 02:34 PM

SU

“ Working with Gordon was a blessing. I always found him thoughtful and kind. We enjoyed many wide ranging discussions. He touched my life in ways that will continue to impact me personally and professionally. Best wishes to all of his family.
- Stewart Umholtz

Stewart Umholtz - May 17, 2019 at 02:08 PM

TC

“ Aunt Bonnie, Yvette, Brett and Todd,

The Giant Man

Uncle Gordy was a giant man, with a giant smile and a giant heart. I remember him that way. When you all would visit at Grandma and Grandpa's house in Fort Lauderdale I remember playing in the pool with Uncle Gordy for hours. I would climb on him and pretend he was a giant. Then he would throw me - what felt like a football field's length. I loved it and kept coming back for more.

I also remember visiting you all in Peoria. Along with Yvette turning me onto Def Leopard, I remember Uncle Gordy convincing my overly-protective mom that it would be okay if I purchased my first BB gun while up there and that he would show me how to use it. I still have that BB gun and have taught my son how to use it. All the while remembering how gentle and caring Uncle Gordy was with me, but at the same time how excited he was.

His dominating stature was never intimidating because of the size of his smile, his kind eyes and his warm heart. His smile could light up a room. He was so fun-loving and caring. These are the precious memories I have of my Uncle Gordy and I will carry with me forever.

May God Bless you all and give you peace and comfort.

*Love,
Tec Clark*

Tec Clark - May 17, 2019 at 10:54 AM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Gordon Poquette.



May 16, 2019 at 10:23 PM



“ To Bonnie, Yvette, Brett & Todd
my deepest sympathy at this difficult time.
To my friend, God Bless &,Rest In Peace.
Marj LaBorde Schmidt

Marj LaBorde Schmidt - May 16, 2019 at 06:26 PM



“ Gordon, with you, the health department lived thru foodborne illness events, arsenic in drinking water, anthrax scares, crytpo, MRSA, and Norwalk.

With you we have managed to adjust to many different County Boards and Boards of Health,

Because of you we were able to survive through program reviews, tornadoes, swine flu and HIPPA.

We have survived angry clients and angry staff. We have prospered thru Cat layoffs and budget cuts.

These are just a few of the things that you have lead us through successfully.

Thank you for being you! YOU WILL BE MISSED!

Evelyn Neavear - May 16, 2019 at 09:16 AM

GZ

“ Bonnie, Yvette, Brett, Todd

My deepest sympathies to you all during this difficult time. Gordon was a true friend and a tremendous mentor to me over the last 30 years. I learned a lot from him and could always count on him when I needed help and advice. He definitely will be missed.

You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

R.I.P. my friend.

Gary & Trina Zaborac

Gary Zaborac - May 16, 2019 at 09:14 AM

MA

“ Mary Ann, Jeff, Chris and Pam, Kevin and Lisa, Lori an purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Gordon Poquette.



Mary Ann, Jeff, Chris and Pam, Kevin and Lisa, Lori an - May 15, 2019 at 09:55 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. Gordon Poquette.



May 15, 2019 at 02:34 PM



“ 30 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - May 15, 2019 at 02:25 PM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of *Mr. Gordon Poquette*.



May 15, 2019 at 12:27 PM