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**H**ow can one sum up a man's life in two words? With Gordie, it is easy. Those two words are "Amazing Grace". He chose this song to be sung at his funeral, in honor of the Lord's amazing grace. Gordie was far too humble to ever have thought of himself in that way. However, anyone who knew Gordie, would describe him using words that would convey his goodness, his kindness, his humor, and his love. Those who were fortunate to know him best and to be loved by him have often used the word "amazing".

The definition of amazing is: "causing great surprise or wonder, astonishing", "awe-inspiring", and "startling impressive". Gordie was surely all of this, and more. One of the definitions of grace is: "disposition to or an act or instance of kindness, courtesy, or clemency". Those two words best express Gordie.

Gordie was a man who loved God, and his wife above himself, he was a loving and supporting father and grandfather, and a patriotic American. Gordie never gave up. He suffered through more than any man should ever have to, yet he never complained and kept a smile on his face. Gordie was amazing. Gordie had grace.

We were all graced by the gift of him in our lives. Thank you, God for the amazing grace of Gordie.

Gordon (Gordie) L. Humm, age 71, of Lakeview passed away peacefully at home Sunday morning, April 22, after a valiant battle against ALS. He was born on April 19, 1947, the son of Harold and Asenath (Gordon) Humm in Bay City. Gordie grew up in a farming family in Michigan's thumb. He was a graduate of Akron-Fairgrove High School in 1965.

A proud veteran of the United States Navy, he was a Navy Medical Corpsman who served in a Marine Corps unit in the Vietnam conflict. He served his country with great pride for four years



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and was awarded a Purple Heart for injuries sustained. He also was the recipient of a Bronze Star, the National Defense Service Medal, The Vietnam Services Medal and a Presidential Unit Citation. After being honorably discharged in January of 1970, he worked as a deep sea diver on oil rigs in the waters off the coast of south east Asia.

A resident of the Lakeview area since 1973, Gordie was a well-known and respected community supporter. For many years, he and his wife Diana were the owners of The Village Variety/The Peddler's Patch in downtown Lakeview. Prior to being in retail, he was an active farmer in the area.

Gordie was a loving husband and father who thoroughly enjoyed family time, travel, and was an active booster of the Lakeview community. He was always helping people, and despite physical setbacks, he never lost his sense of humor. He was a member of St. Francis DeSales Church. He enjoyed sports and was an avid fan of The Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions. He was a staunch supporter of the University of Michigan Wolverines and enjoyed participation in a fantasy football league with his sons-in-law. Prior to his illness, he loved golfing and was an active bowler in the Lakeview area.

He is survived by his wife Diana; sons Dan (Karla) Humm of Newaygo, David (Toni) Miller-Humm of Chicago; daughters Deonna (Kenton) Richardson of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Lisa (Joe) Plowman of Cedar Springs, Lt. Col. Krista (Jerrod) Klein of Indianapolis, Ind., and Laura (Robert) Giovanini of Fishers, Ind.; two sisters, Carol (Jim) Wojcik of Mount Pleasant and Lori (Craig) Lehrke of Moran; 15 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Harold and Asenath Humm.

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to members of the Lakeview community who have been supportive and helpful to Gordie and Diana during this difficult time. They would also like to send special thanks to Great Lakes Hospice and to Felicia Wernette for the loving care she provided.

His funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, April 26, at 11 a.m. at St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church in Lakeview. Fr. James VanderLaan and Fr. Lou Anderson will be the celebrants. Visitation will be at the church Wednesday from 4 p.m.-7 p.m., and at 10 a.m. Thursday prior to Mass. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to: Great Lakes Hospice, St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church, and The ALS Association.



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DA

**David** posted:

happy birthday, I miss you

April 18 at 8:00 PM

JN

**Jacki Nedry** posted:

Dianna, I can't tell you how sad and sorry I am to hear of Gordy's passing. Mike and I always loved going to the store when we were up home to say hello. You were an awesome couple. I know first hand how badly this hurts. Lean on your friends and family. It is some help. God just got another great guy!!!!My Best,Jacki Nedry

April 29 at 8:00 PM

HT

**Helen Taylor** lit a candle in honor of Gordon.

In remembrance of Gordon Humm. R. I.P. in GOD's loving arms.

April 25 at 8:00 PM



RP

**Rick Pate** posted:

Our Lord has gained another very special Knight at his table. Gordon was and always will be a wonderful person in our lives. His thoughtfulness, kindness and overall spirit was admired and enjoyed by all. Our hearts go out to Diana and her family along with Gordon's family during this sad time in their lives. Always remember that smile and sparkle in his eyes will forever be watching over you all. Rest In Peace!

April 24 at 8:00 PM

VH

**Vicki Peterson Hadfield** lit a candle in honor of Gordon.

We are so very sad & sorry for your loss. Gordie was our Mom's cousin. (Janet Gordon-Peterson) We didn't see our Gordon family as often as my Mom would of liked, but when we did, we loved being around Gordie. He was always so much fun & we will have those memories forever. Even though we are unable to be there in person, please know that we are thinking of all of you & are keeping you in our hearts & in our prayers. Love & Hugs: The children of Jerry & Janet (Gordon) Peterson: Vicki (Peterson) Hadfield, Sheri (Peterson) Waterman & Mikel Peterson

April 23 at 8:00 PM





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PB

**Pat And Tom Berry** lit a candle in honor of Gordon.

One of a kind friend. Always put others first. Truly lived the Trinity life, God others and then him. Never loud and boisterous. Always quiet and took time to smell the roses. Gordie' kindness, gentleness, compassion will be missed. Great listener. We have lost a great man. But he lives in each of us.

April 23 at 8:00 PM



MA

**Marion And Bob** posted:

A wonderful in-law for our son who became a family friend. We always enjoyed our Michigan get-aways to Lakeview with the Humms friendship. Such a great guy who will be missed by many. Marion and Bob K.

April 23 at 8:00 PM

AC

**Arthur Campbell** posted:

An ache in my heart along with a tear in my eye at the news of Gordy's passing. He was a longtime friend from our school years and we shared many good time laughs together, dive buddy. RIP till we meet again.

April 23 at 8:00 PM

DP

**Deanne Derenski Pruett** lit a candle in honor of Gordon.

Deepest sympathy.

April 22 at 8:00 PM



JW

**Judy Ann Boyle (Ward)** lit a candle in honor of Gordon.

Diana--I am so very sorry for your loss. I never got to meet your wonderful husband, but I know you have very many great memories that perhaps one day you might share a few with me. May the Lord comfort you and your family in this very sad time. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Judy Boyle (Ward)

April 22 at 8:00 PM





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CM

**Cathy Moore** lit a candle in honor of Gordon.

Our deepest sympathy to Diana & family. A good man...gone too soon. Peace to all

April 22 at 8:00 PM



PH

**Patty Hawley** posted:

What an inspiration to so many of us. He will be greatly missed.

April 22 at 8:00 PM

LH

**Linda Holmes** lit a candle in honor of Gordon.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under Heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 This is one of my favorite passages. RIP my dear friend. Your light will shine forever on all the people whose lives you touched.

April 22 at 8:00 PM



JK

**Jerry Kellogg** posted:

Gordy and I played softball together and he was just a great person. Class was best word to say about Gordy. I will miss him forever.

April 22 at 8:00 PM

LK

**Linda Kernan** posted:

Rich and I met Gordie at our 50th class reunion. We were both impressed with how kind he seemed and perfect for you, Diane. We offer our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Love, Linda & Rich Kernan

April 22 at 8:00 PM

SW

**Sheri Lei Waterman** lit a candle in honor of Gordon.

So sorry to hear of cousin Gordie's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Sheri(Peterson) Waterman and family and Susan (Shoup) Peterson

April 22 at 8:00 PM





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**Jen Cannon** lit a candle in honor of Gordon.

Sorry for your loss. Your family is in our thoughts in prayers during this difficult time.

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Gordon by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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