



Gordon Keith Helland

December 22, 1920 - January 31, 2016

Gordon Keith Helland of Brodhead, passed away on Sunday, January 31, 2016, at the home of his daughter Barbara Mertens. He was born on December 22, 1920 in Durand, IL, the son of Leonard and Helen Leona (Gingrich) Helland. He married Gladys Charlene Foss on January 21, 1944 at his parents home in Juda. Gordon graduated from Juda High School in 1940. He and his wife farmed in the Durand, Juda and Brodhead areas, retiring in 1972 when they moved to Brodhead. He was a welder at Fairbanks Colt Ind., Beloit, for 22 years, retiring in 1982. Gordon was a member of the United Methodist Church, Brodhead, Sugar River Pheasant Club, Pheasants Forever and enjoyed hunting, fishing and gardening. He truly enjoyed his ice fishing buddies till he could no longer walk out on the ice. He enjoyed the many camping, fishing trips, riding horses and packing into the mountains in Idaho with Gladys, Barb, and her family. Survivors include his wife Gladys; son Keith (Rae) Helland, Juda; daughters, Joyce Helland, Amery, WI, Cindy (Gale) Borgmann, Oshkosh, WI, Barbara (Ted) Mertens, Brodhead; seven grandchildren, Troy ((Hanna) Helland, Kristi Helland, Steven (Deb) Morelock, Sheila Anderson, Lon (Jenny) Borgmann, Kathi Borgmann, Jason (Keri) Mertens; four great-granddaughters, Kalli and Connie Olson, Bailey Anderson, Allison Borgmann; four great-grandsons, Ryan Borgmann, Quentin, Eli and Oliver Mertens; three step great-granddaughters; a brother, Bruce Helland, Japan; a sister, Bergene (Judy) Maxted, Beloit, WI; and a brother-in-law, Harry Buhlman. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Duane, a sister,

Rachel Buhlman, a brother-in-law, Robert Maxted and two sons, David, in infancy, and Konnie. Memorial services will be held at a later date. By Gordy's request, no formal funeral services will be held. Burial will be in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Juda, WI. Donations may be made to the United Methodist Church, Brodhead, and Mercy Hospice. A special thank you to Peggy Helland and Sherry Kuebli for your support during this time.

Tribute Wall

JB

“ I always liked talking with Gordy at Brodhead Historical Society meetings. As well as hosting with him at he Depot Museum. He severed on the Board of Directors for many years. He was so easy to talk to, and always learned thing from him. He always seemed so relaxed and easy going.

John Bernstein - May 10, 2021 at 11:09 AM

CC

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Gordy. He will be missed a great deal. Our prayers are with the whole family. May God watch over you all.

Chuck & Shirley Christman - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

TR

“ A candle was lit by Tammy Wardwell Riemer
on February 1, 2016 7:56 PM

Tammy Wardwell Riemer - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

GM

“ A candle was lit by Gary and Mary Mason
on February 1, 2016 10:44 PM

Gary and Mary Mason - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

BN

“ Thinking of you all at this time. Many fond memories. God Bless!

Becky Newman - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

KS

“ A candle was lit by Kathy Shelton

on February 2, 2016 5:28 AM

Kathy Shelton - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

MK

“ Dear Gladys, Barb and Family,

I am very sad to hear the loss of Gordy. My memory of Gordy that will stay with me forever is the twinkle in his eyes and the love he had for all of us Kuebli kids. No matter where I was at or who I was with and if I saw Gordy, he always give me the biggest hug and a story would come up of when us kids were little. Gordy was one the best and I will cherish my memories for a lifetime. I will miss you dearly sweet Gordy.

Love, Missy

Melissa Kuebli - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

MT

“ A candle was lit by Missy Kuebli and Al Timm

on February 2, 2016 9:28 AM

Missy Kuebli and Al Timm - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

JA

“ Our Prayers are with the entire family at this time. May God give you comfort in the many blessings and memories with Gordy.

Judy and Keith Albright - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

JS

“ *A candle was lit by Jo Ann M. Sagen*

on February 2, 2016 10:45 AM

Jo Ann M. Sagen - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

TH

“ *Dear Glady, Barb & Family*

We truly have lost a great friend & neighbor!! We all will miss Gordie, seeing him out daily gardening, mowing, & waving with his big smile. He would always ask how the kids were doing, & him telling me during our talks " It could be worse". When I would say, see ya later Gordie, he would always respond "I hope so". Thinking of you Glady, & Family during this very sad time.

Tammy & Todd Hahn - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

SB

“ *My sweet Gordie....he will be so missed. The fresh fish he would have me stop by to pick up and the fresh tomatoes. What a sweet man! I will see you again one day, until then I hope he enjoys fishing every day :)*

Shawn

Shawn-Mercy Brodhead - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

GD

“ *Dear Family of Gordy,*

Our sympathy goes out to you all in the loss of your Father, Husband, Friend. We will always remember Gordy on the Mississippi River hunting duck on the islands with us and Keith and the dogs, many good times.

Gary & Carol Davis - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

LM

“ *A candle was lit by Larry & Mary Malcook*

on February 2, 2016 10:11 PM

Larry & Mary Malcook - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

DP

“ *My sympathy and prayers go out to the entire Family, Gordie was more than a friend, he was like a brother. We attended churches together. I worked for him for many years. I was aware of his many antics.*

He leaves a big hole that never will be filled!!!

Dean

Dean Pawlisch - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

EI

“ *So sorry to hear about Gordy's passing. Our condolences to his family. We knew each other from years past when he lived in the Juda/Davis area.*

Edward and Karen Pehl, Davis, IL - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM

KZ

“ *Our sympathy to the Helland family.*

Karen and Brad Zimmerman - May 10, 2021 at 11:08 AM