



William J. Gordon

February 22, 1959 - June 11, 2016

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The cycling community lost a leader and friend Saturday morning when William J. Gordon passed away suddenly while biking with friends.

A Dublin resident, Bill was born February 22, 1959 in Elyria, Ohio. He graduated from Huron High School in 1977, and from Ohio Northern University in 1981 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

At the time of his death he was Events Director for Columbus Outdoor Pursuits leading bicycling activities including the Tour of the Scioto River Valley (TOSRV), the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA), and the Columbus Fall Challenge (CFC). He also supported various local charity rides including Pedal-With-Pete, Tour de Cure, Bike Lady, Ridge Runner Ramble and Pelotonia. A member of Team Sociale, he enjoyed participating in biking events here in Ohio and in neighboring states.

Earlier in his career, Bill was an executive in the newspaper printing industry. He was National Sales Manager for Inland Newspaper Machinery Corp., VP of Sales and Trading for Ferag AG, VP and General Manager of Cincinnati Color Press, and Regional Sales Manager for Goss Graphic Systems, a division of Rockwell International.

Bill was devoted to his family and was staunchly loyal to friends and to community service. He was an avid reader and was always working to improve himself and to understand the world around him.

He was preceded in death by his birth mother, Nancy Yarrington Gordon, and

nephew, William Michael Gordon.

He is survived by his wife Julie Zickar Gordon, who he met while attending Ohio Northern; his son William Ryan Gordon; his daughter Abigail Katherine Gordon; his father and mother Richard J. and Linda K. Gordon, Dublin, Ohio; his two brothers, Scott Gordon (Samantha) Cincinnati, Ohio; Bryan Gordon (Megan) Dublin, Ohio; and his two sisters, Linda Hoptry (James) Medina, Ohio; Jennifer Duwel (Kyle) Dayton, Ohio, and his eleven nieces and nephews.

Calling hours will be held at Rutherford Funeral Home at 450 West Olentangy Street, Powell, Ohio on Friday, June 17 from 4:00pm to 8:00pm. With a funeral mass on June 18, at 11:00am at Rutherford, and interment at Dublin Cemetery immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bill's memory to the following bicycling organizations:

Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) <http://goba.com/wordpress/> 1525 Bethel Road, Suite 100, Columbus, OH 43220 GOBA is a non-profit organizer of a yearly one week bicycle-camping tour, dedicated to inspiring independence and nurturing personal growth.

Bike Lady, Inc. www.bikelady.org PO Box 311, Blacklick, OH 43004 Bike Lady provides new bikes to Ohio foster children, who might otherwise never receive one.

Pedal-With-Pete, Inc. <http://pedal-with-pete.org> PO Box 1233, Worthington, OH 43085 The Pedal-With-Pete Foundation, also known for its signature bicycling events, was established to raise money for research to help prevent, treat, and even cure the effects of cerebral palsy.

Yay Bikes! www.yaybikes.com 82 E. 16th Street, Columbus, OH 43201 Yay Bikes! Works to influence the conditions that help people safely and comfortably ride bicycles for transportation.

Bill's family reminds you to "CONNECT by listening, INSPIRE by caring, CREATE by taking action."

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JUN 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
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Funeral Service

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William J. Gordon*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William J. Gordon.*



June 17, 2016 at 11:24 AM



“ *Bill was a good friend in high school and he will be missed. Jim Scheel*

Jim Scheel - June 16, 2016 at 08:08 PM



“ *-Butler County Visitors Bureau purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William J. Gordon.*



-Butler County Visitors Bureau - June 16, 2016 at 03:34 PM

CZ

“ Bill came seemingly out of nowhere to take on the Pedal-with-Pete door prize work several years ago. I loved sidling over there to his awning during the lull before riders returned and sitting back on the grass and just chatting with Bill about biking, the challenges of putting on rides and the challenges and joys of living. He was willing and able to listen and engage on any topic that I might raise with him and with his quiet manner make me feel that it was of great interest to him. And in the midst of that he carried out his task with competence and care for those who came up to claim their prizes. I will miss Bill. Chris Zeidner

chris zeidner - June 16, 2016 at 01:59 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William J. Gordon.



June 16, 2016 at 11:26 AM



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Julie Mingus Koegle - June 15, 2016 at 10:49 PM



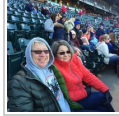
Bill was one of the kindest people in our graduating class. My deepest sympathy to Julie, and the Gordon family.

Julie Mingus Koegle - June 15, 2016 at 11:01 PM

JS

Bill was a good friend and a nice guy.He will be missed.JIm Scheel

Jim Scheel - June 16, 2016 at 08:07 PM



Bill was such nice guy. He will be sorely missed !! John Schultz

John Schultz - June 17, 2016 at 02:16 PM



Bill was a class act, both in High School and when we re-connected at the last reunion. So sorry for your loss.

Scott Sijan - June 17, 2016 at 09:10 PM

PG

“ *After I moved down to Huron, Bill was my best friend there. Gone, but, never forgotten.*

Phil Gellott - June 15, 2016 at 09:59 PM

RW

“ *Bill was in our graduating class from Huron High School. Always had a smile and was a great person. He will be remembered and never forgotten.My condolences to the Gordon family.*



Ron Wright - June 15, 2016 at 07:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William J. Gordon.*



June 15, 2016 at 05:11 PM

DH

“ Bill was a great friend, peer and boss while at Ferag, and remained a friend after our working lives went in different directions. He truly made an impact on both my professional career and in my personal life. From all I have read, Bill continued to impact others in a positive way. Julie, Ryan and Abigail, my heart is saddened by your loss, and you will be in my prayers.

Sincerely,
Dave Hornik

Dave Hornik - June 15, 2016 at 03:30 PM

RM

“ Bill was so kind to me. I knew I could count on his smiling face and gentle, accepting demeanor. Truly, I will miss him. Few people touch your life in positive, memorable ways; Bill was the exception.

Ryan Meanor - June 15, 2016 at 03:25 PM

KB

“ I am absolutely stunned. Bill & I became friends fast and worked very hard for TOSRV. You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers dear friend.

Kim Bauer
Portsmouth Coordinator
TOSRV

Kim Bauer - June 15, 2016 at 02:24 PM

PJ

“ Shorts, sandals, a biking t-shirt, slouched in his chair w/Jim Brickman playing in the background, and his favorite phrase when we were complaining to each other about something, "Exactly!"
Miss you, Bill.

Paul R Fishel Jr - June 15, 2016 at 02:03 PM



“ *Quiet Expressions was purchased for the family of William J. Gordon.*



June 15, 2016 at 12:25 PM



“ *Mary and I were shocked and deeply saddened by Bill's passing. We've known him for many years at cycling events around Ohio, and his smile of welcome was a constant. He will be greatly missed. We are so sorry for your loss.*
Mary and Bob Anthony
Berea, OH

Bob Anthony - June 15, 2016 at 11:05 AM



“ *Bill was at the top of my list of people who are highly respected and a joy to be with - true both personally and professionally. Always honest, hardworking and true to his beliefs. He had a special gift for putting smiles on faces around him and lifting people up. He'll be missed by all who knew him in the newspaper industry where he made quite a mark.*
Once he conned me into a bike ride with him in Bloomington, Indiana. Never saw his face...only his rear end while trying to keep up with the mad man.
May God console his family and friends as we all mourn the death of a wonderful man.
Beau Campbell

Beau Campbell - June 15, 2016 at 10:21 AM

AH

“ I'm praying for your peace and comfort, Julie. I'm so very sorry for your loss. -Amy & Klay Huddleston



Amy Huddleston - June 15, 2016 at 10:19 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of William J. Gordon.



June 14, 2016 at 08:17 PM

JC

“ I met Bill for the first time last year at GOBA. I have a medical condition and I do not feel well at times. We had a nice chat about my condition and he encouraged me to keep trying, and to keep going. The conversation we had meant a lot to me. I was looking forward to chatting with Bill again at this years GOBA. I am very for you loss. Stephen Cairns Rider 922 2016 GOBA



jeffrey cairns - June 14, 2016 at 07:16 PM