

Gordon R. "Gordie - Christian" Mattoon, Jr



BIRTH 29 Jan 1935
DEATH 21 Nov 2009 (aged 74)
BURIAL
Lakeview Cemetery
Eau Claire, Eau Claire County, Wisconsin,
USA
MEMORIAL ID 44933977

Gordon "Gordie" R. Mattoon Jr.
"Christian" was born on Jan. 29, 1935, at home in Groton, N.Y., to Gordon R. Mattoon and Beatrice Bernice (Isham) Mattoon. Raised throughout the United States, he last attended high school at Moravia Central in Moravia, N.Y., where he played football, basketball and baseball. After leaving high school, Gordie became a U.S. Marine on Nov. 6, 1953, and served his country in Korea, Okinawa

and Japan, and was honorably discharged three years later.

Gordie met and married his best friend and sweetheart, Patricia Ann Ford, on Aug. 2, 1958, in Baldwinsville, N.Y. Together they had five children, Jenny (passed away in infancy), Matt (Pam), Jennifer (Timn) Anderson, Daniel (Lisa) and Midge (Wendell) Noble; 12 grandchildren, Jessica (Andrew) Lehmkuhl, Ben, Chase, Emily, Brittany, Connor, Natasha, Nicholas, Colin, Nathan, Natalia and Eilis; and one great-granddaughter, Emerson.

Gordie spent most of his life in Eau Claire, Wis., in what he considered the finest community in the country. In addition to dairy farming for 10 years, he worked as building and grounds superintendent for several years each in the Eau Claire School District, at various area school districts, at Chippewa Valley Technical College (formerly District 1), and retired from Elmbrook School District in Brookfield, Wis., in 1992.

He often described his life as "extremely rich." He satisfied his days with his skill at working with his hands, and nurturing his gardens, caring for others in need and love of all things Packer. His greatest joy came from God's hope within him, and his greatest desire to be with his Christ was fulfilled when he was called home on Nov. 21, 2009.

Gordie and his family wish to thank the many friends who have supported them during his illness, and most particularly wish to thank the St. Joseph Hospice team who so graciously served him throughout the past few months. People who may wish to honor the spirit of Gordie's generosity may contribute to the Disabled American Veterans, the Lymphoma Research Foundation or the Warming Center at Valleybrook in Eau Claire, Wis.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1 at Fuller-Speckien-Hulke Funeral Home, 3209 Rudolph Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2 at Valleybrook Church, 412 S. Barstow St., Eau Claire, WI 54701, with visitation one hour prior to service at church. Interment will be at Lakeview Cemetery, Eau Claire, Wis.

Fuller-Speckien-Hulke Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Friends may offer online condolences at www.fullerspeckien.com.

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