



Gordon Leo Ober

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Gordon Leo Ober passed away unexpectedly at his home in Garrettsville, Ohio on August 1, 2024. He was 74.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Elaine Ober, son Martin Ober (Colby) of Stow and daughter Claire Ober of Garrettsville; his grandson Wesley Leo Ober of Stow; sister LaVonne Bonin of Cincinnati and brother Nelson Bruce Ober (Joni) of Uniontown; many dear nephews and nieces and grand nephews and nieces. Gordon was preceded in death by his parents Austin and Martha Ober and by his brother Tom and sister Lynette.

Gordon was a proud 1968 graduate of Dalton High School. He received his Bachelor's degree from Kent State University in 1972 and an MBA in 1975. While at Kent he was a member of the track team and was the kicker for the Golden Flashes football team, holding four records for many years.

Gordon's professional career spanned nearly 40 years with The Davey Tree Company in Pittsburgh, PA and Kent, OH. He retired in 2014 as Vice President, Personnel Recruiting and Development. He believed in giving back to his community and was a member of Robinson Memorial Hospital's Foundation Board in Ravenna, OH, subsequently serving as President of the Board of Directors as it transitioned to University Hospitals Portage Medical Center.

An avid musician, Gordon was an accomplished pianist and organist, and loved all genres of music, especially classical. He was a member of the Chancel Choir at The Church in Aurora and sang in the chorus of the Orrville Community Chorus' presentation of The Messiah for sixty years.

A member of The Church in Aurora for thirty years, Gordon served as chairman of the finance committee; as an elder; and as the church's Moderator.



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Gordon's deepest love was for his family and home. He often said his children were his greatest accomplishment and his grandson was the light of his life. He looked forward to family gatherings at Thanksgiving, birthdays and weddings. He was always a country boy and returned to his roots in Dalton, OH often to visit with classmates and to ride the back roads of what he knew to be the most beautiful place on Earth.

Visiting hours will be Thursday, August 8 from 5:00-7:00 at Green Funeral Care, 4668 Pioneer Trail, Mantua, OH 44255. A memorial service will be held on Friday, August 9 at 10:30 at The Church in Aurora, 146 S. Chillicothe Road, Aurora, OH 44202.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Church in Aurora or the Orrville Community Chorus, PO Box 274, Orrville, OH 44667.

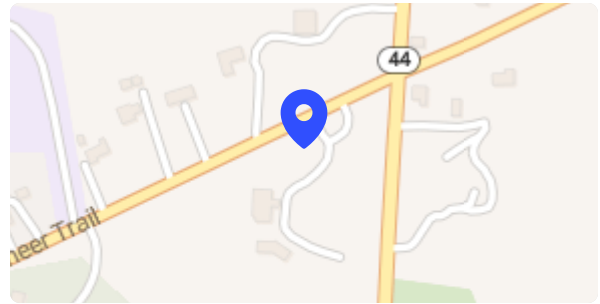


Events

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Visitation

- Thursday**, August 8, 2024
- 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Green Funeral Care**
4668 Pioneer Trail, Mantua OH 44255



Memorial Service

- Friday**, August 9, 2024
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM ET
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DB

Dan Blosser posted:

I'm sorry for this late posting but wanted to follow up Daryl Hall's posting with a memory of my own. I was on vacation when I heard of Gordo's passing and unable to attend his service. My heart ached when I heard the news. He is missed and I think of him often. Gordon and I were life long friends. We shared the same school bus all through elementary, camped together and hung out as neighborhood kids and played sports together. What a great man and a man of deep faith. We shared so many memories together. Gordon and I spoke about a month before his passing and he was going to stop by on one of his frequent visits to his hometown. About a year before, he had stopped by to see me. As kids, we had built a tree house in a huge maple tree. He wanted to see that tree. He struggled to walk back to that tree which except for a rotted out stump was no longer there. He seemed saddened by what he saw and the memories of our youth flooded back. His only statement was: "Where have the years gone?" I agreed and said it seemed like yesterday that we were building it. Daryl mentioned about Gordon's athletic ability but my special memory of that was his 40+ yard kick to beat North Carolina State at the end the game in Raleigh NC. I had transferred from Kent to a college in Tennessee and went to that game to see Gordon and my Brother Fred play. There were only about 200 Kent fans there and we all rushed the locker room after the game. Gordon was the hero. One more special memory of Gordon was shortly after Martin was born and we invited Gordo and Elaine to our farm for a cookout. Gordon put Martins tiny little foot into his mouth to show how small it was. He got the biggest laugh and kick of of doing that. My deepest condolences to Elaine, Martin, Claire and the entire family. Gordon will be dearly missed. Rest in Peace My Friend. Dan Blosser

February 18 at 9:56 AM



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DH

Daryl Hall posted:

To the family and friends of Gordon Ober, I just recently learned that Gordie passed away from his former Dalton teammate Dan Blosser. Consequently, I wanted to send my condolences to Gordon's family and friends and I hope this message isn't too late to be included in the Tribute Wall. Gordie was a special person and also a great athlete during his time at Dalton and Kent State. When he was at Dalton, I was an OPPONENT of his who played for Rittman and I remember vividly that he was an outstanding running back. In fact, the Dalton cheering section even had their own chant for him: "Ober, Ober, take it over!" And he happily obliged when we played them by scoring numerous touchdowns that evening (and many more touchdowns throughout the season). At Kent State, I was a TEAMMATE of Gordie's on the football team. Our coaches had recruited him from the track team because he could kick a football into the end zone as a kick-off specialist. Eventually, because of his exceptional kicking distance, they decided to try him as our field goal/extra point kicker. Around mid-season during his junior year, the coaches decided to use Gordie as our place-kicker for the first time against Western Michigan. Prior to that game, he'd never kicked a field goal in high school or college. But shockingly, Gordie let us to victory by kicking four field goals against the Broncos which also tied the all-time MAC record for field goals in a game - a truly remarkable accomplishment!! Obviously, after setting that record, he became our first team placekicker for the remainder of his junior year as well as his senior year. During those seasons, Gordie kicked several crucial field goals for Kent but none bigger than the game winning field goal he kicked against North Carolina State in which we upset the mighty Wolfpack at Raleigh. Just a great athlete and an even better person! Daryl Hall (Opponent of Gordie's at Rittman/Teammate of Gordie's at Kent State)

August 5 at 6:55 AM

GM

Gordon Matthews posted:

I just read of Gordon's passing in the Davey Bulletin. Our paths crossed often at Davey and he always joked with me that we were the only two Gordons at Davey! He made a huge difference in the lives and careers of all that he came in contact with. He is missed. Gordon Matthews

October 31 at 12:01 PM

OC

Orrville Community Chorus posted:

Gordon was a dedicated and treasured member of the Orrville Community Chorus for many years. We appreciated the joy and love of music he projected when singing Handel's Messiah. Welcome to Heaven's choir, Gordon! Our condolences to his family,

August 16 at 11:15 AM



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JO

Jillian O. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gordon.



August 11 at 11:26 AM

SW

Sharon Ann Westover posted:

When I was employed at The Davey Tree Expert Company, Gordon would always speak to me where others in his position did not. He was always smiling with that special twinkle in eyes. One time, he invited my husband and I to his home to see his beautiful horses. He was such a good, kind and real person. He always helped me to feel my best about myself. My heartfelt condolences to the family. He was a beautiful soul and I'm sure he is making the angels sing! Sharon Westover

August 10 at 11:11 AM

MR

Marilyn Rossiter posted:

As an upperclassman, Gordon was always friendly and supportive. He had the gift of empathy for others. You have our sympathy. Hank and Marilyn Rossiter

August 10 at 5:45 AM

RR

Ranette R. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gordon.



August 8 at 8:39 AM

DD

Danielle Dicesare posted:

Elaine, I am so heartbroken for you and your family. Gordon was such a kind, generous and funny man. I truly admired him. Please know that Patrick and I are thinking of you during this very difficult time. Love to you all Danielle (Celmer) DiCesare xx

August 8 at 4:15 AM



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Danielle D. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gordon.



August 8 at 4:05 AM



Jacob Perry posted:

Shortly after Claire and I met during our semester in Washington, D.C. together as classmates at OSU, Mr. Ober took me to lunch during a visit. It was our first time meeting, but we bonded quickly over our similar political views, and the conversation expanded as he shared his background and career path with me. As a college student still trying to figure out what my own path might look like, I was struck by Mr. Ober's genuine interest in getting to know me and sharing what he'd learned despite having just met me. He made me feel so comfortable and his warmth and love for his family was palpable. Claire and I remained friends through the rest of college, and Mr. and Mrs. Ober would continue to check in and encourage me from time to time. I enjoyed our comedic back and forth as Mr. Ober and I would frequently land on the opposite side of Claire and Mrs. Ober on the issues of the day. Mr. Ober was clearly such a kind and loving man who will be deeply missed. My wife Mackenzie and I are praying for his family during this time.- Jacob Perry

August 7 at 2:37 PM



The Schultz Family sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Ober family.



August 7 at 1:42 PM



Ray Griffin posted:

Gordon and I have always been great brothers in laws we could share our thoughts together And enjoy each other with laughs he was such a great guy I will miss him greatly God bless the family

August 7 at 1:06 PM



From Fred, Blake, Julee - Cavu Financial sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Ober family.



August 7 at 9:37 AM



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John Hostetler posted:

Gordon has always been one of my heroes. As an underclassman at Dalton, I was always amazed how flew over the hurdles in track and was also such an outstanding musician. In later years when he visited Dalton, he always had time time to share his infectious smile and warm greetings with me. I will miss him!John Hostetler

August 6 at 5:12 PM



Sandee A. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gordon.

August 6 at 2:53 PM



Jim And Barbara Stief sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Ober family.

August 6 at 1:15 PM



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Wayne, Amy & Paisley Griffin sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Ober family.

August 6 at 11:58 AM





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Beth & Fred Blosser sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Ober family.



August 6 at 10:35 AM



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August 6 at 10:35 AM



Pam & Michael Cable sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Ober family.



August 6 at 9:31 AM



Gayle Zitnik posted:

Gordon is the husband of my dear friend, Elaine. We've known each other about 45 years. Gordon is the epitome of a man. Strong, a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, family member and friend. Gordon loved giving smooches. I loved planting a nice red lipstick smooch on his head. He wore it with pride. Gordon was great at meeting everyone in the room. He always made you feel welcome & comfortable. One of my favorite memories with Gordon, family & friends is sitting around a campfire listening to 60's music. I know you are already getting everyone in heaven doing the Cool Jerk and enjoying a good martini. I will miss you so much. 🍷 Gayle Zitnik

August 6 at 3:20 AM



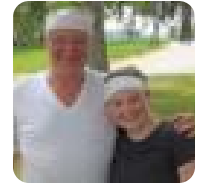
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Jillian Ober shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Uncle Gordon was an uncle among uncles and beloved patriarch of our family. There were so many things to love about him. I'm honored to name just a few. I loved how easily he was moved to tears by music, especially in church. I loved how no plate of leftovers was too questionable for him. I loved how he made Thanksgiving the undisputed best holiday of the year. I loved how he ruined his dress clothes because he never changed before working in the barn. I loved how he gave us cousins big sloppy kisses. I loved how glaringly proud he was of his family, especially sweet Wesley Leo. Uncle Gordon loved with gusto, and I loved that. He was exceedingly generous, fiercely nostalgic, and just the right amount of rebellious. I am beyond grateful to have been his niece, and I will miss him always. All my love, Jill



August 5 at 9:41 PM



Lindy Bonin shared 3 photos to the **Memories - Gordon Ober** album.



August 5 at 6:00 PM



Lindy Bonin posted:

Uncle Gordon was such a great man and loved by many. He will be forever missed Adding message for the memorial trees: For a man with a green thumb, who dedicated his working years to Davey Tree and who loved the beautiful countryside - five trees to honor his life and represent one for each Ober sibling. We love you! -LaVonne, Lindy, Melissa & Derek

August 5 at 5:50 PM



Lindy B. planted a grove of 5 Memorial Trees in honor of Gordon.



August 5 at 5:40 PM



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Betsey posted:

Years ago, free of charge and with no prompting from me, Gordon designed and hand-crafted a "desert box" for use in my Godly Play classroom, complete with wheels and a lid for easy storage and mobility. He saw the need and filled it. This was Gordon, and I will always remember and be grateful. My sincere sympathy and prayers to all his family. Betsey The Church in Aurora

August 5 at 3:25 PM



Connie Shane Clark posted:

My condolences to LaVonne, Bruce, and families. Gordon was an upper classman when I was in high school and I always admired him and his many musical talents. May God bless him and his family. ❤️

August 5 at 12:13 PM



Love, Bob And Kathy Grassie And Family sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Ober family.



August 5 at 11:10 AM



Love, Bob And Kathy Grassie And Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gordon.



August 5 at 11:10 AM



Love: The Sigler And Patrick Families sent a Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray to the Ober family.



August 5 at 10:50 AM



Mike Thomas, John Moser & George Bixler sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Ober family.



August 5 at 10:14 AM



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Dr. And Mrs. Ted Feucht posted:

Always enjoyed his playing piano for the Dalton Rotary Club and once rode to Apple Creek with him one of the many years that the rotary club did the Christmas program for the people at was eventually known as AC/DC.

August 5 at 8:42 AM



Dr. And Mrs. Ted Feucht August 5 at 8:45 AM
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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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