



Gordon Keith Lynch

June 18, 1947 - December 22, 2022

Gordon Keith Lynch, of Sanger, TX, passed away Thursday, December 22, 2022 while vacationing with part of his family in Missouri.

As Gordon would say, he was born at a young age on June 18, 1947 in Long Beach, CA to Ivan Eugene and Ruby (Blankenship) Lynch.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Amy Lynch of Sanger, TX; three sons, Chris Lynch and wife Tracy of Milwaukee, WI, Jacob Lynch and wife Kelly of Sanger, TX, and Adam Lynch and wife Michelle of Sanger, TX; daughter, Carin Barnett and husband Russ of Fort Peck, MT; twelve grandchildren; two brothers, Wesley Lynch and wife Sue of Puyallup, WA and Craig Lynch and wife Joanne of Puyallup, WA; and his sister, Gail Archer and husband Dennis of Inverness, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ivan and Ruby.

Although he would tell people his music talent was playing the radio, he was ranked one of the top tuba players in Northern California and had great memories of being part of the marching band and Pep band at North Highlands High School. He also played football and ran for class president.

Gordon married his high school sweetheart, Mary Marell, in 1968. They were

married

for 22 years, having two children, Chris and Carin. Gordon would share fond memories

of the vacations they would take, adventures they had, and of course, the funny stories, mostly relating to snow and skiing.

Gordon joined the Navy in December 1966 and was so proud to be a part of serving his country for six years. Fortunately, claustrophobia was not an issue as his "ship" was a Submarine and he finished his time on the USS Sperry. He would tear up any time someone would say "Welcome Home" or "Thank you for your service" and loved and valued each time it was said.

He was such a proud dad and papa. If he could, he would have been with each of them every second of every day, (well, as long as he could have some quiet downtime). Talking and laughing on the phone with Chris, beaming when he would talk about Carin and the loving bond with Jacob and Adam, being so proud to be their dad. He loved supporting all the grandkids in their sports, talents, and hobbies and just hanging with them. It was a soccer, hockey, gun shooting, baseball, basketball, football, music, picture taking, memory making, kind of relationships.

He was fearless about trying anything new, the original DIY'er. He enjoyed making his own ski rack, although you couldn't drive over 55 or the skis would go flying. He loved fixing things, well, he loved the challenge more than anything. He would take things apart, figure them out and put them back together, usually working better than it did. He loved woodworking or "making man glitter" as he would tell people, making knives and working with his hands. He was a perfectionist, which also resulted in many unfinished projects, because if it didn't meet his expectations, he would stop. He was very good at electrical, although, to his wife's dismay, would many times rather

than turning the breaker off, would just force the break by blowing the fuse with the live wires.

He was the ultimate selfless example, always wanting to help, making his family a priority and then friends, but always first was God. He loved the Lord with every breath and trusted Him in all things. He always shared that he had a prodigal journey in his younger years and regretted not being a better father and leader, but God never let go and Gordon at the lowest and loneliest time emotionally, re-dedicated his life in 1990 with a full commitment and passion. He knew he couldn't make up for lost time, but that didn't stop him from trying. He loved theology, testing everything that was said, reading his bible and every other book or commentary he could. He served in leadership as the Director of Single's at his local church in Escondido, as well as heavily involved in the Men's ministry, marriage mentoring, pre-marital counseling, and leading bible studies. Gordon's compassion for others was based on God's compassion that was shown to him and he would share often with people, 2 Cor 1:3-5 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ."

He had a sense of humor that was dorky, funny, the total "dad humor" guy, and would make us laugh (or roll our eyes) on a regular basis. The best was when he would crack himself up or hear a joke, and could hardly breathe, he would laugh so hard. His laughter was contagious.

After a long working life as an Electrical Engineer, Director of Sales and Marketing, and a Web and Graphics Designer, Gordon retired after his last job with the Navy Medical Research Center, in 2019. Part of that retirement meant

leaving California, something he looked forward to doing for years, and landed on moving to Texas with his wife, Amy.

Gordon and Amy felt blessed that God led them to Sanger and finding a loving church family and home at Midway Baptist Church. Quickly making friends and joining "ROMEO", which stands for "Retired Old Men Eating Out", Gordon started fitting right in and finding where God was leading.

Gordon and Amy just missed celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary by five days before he went home to be with the Lord. He is and will be forever missed.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00PM, Saturday, February 4, 2023 at Midway Church in Pilot Point, TX. Inurnment will follow at Slay-Bloomfield-Jones Cemetery in Mountain Springs, TX. Online condolences may be shared at www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 4. 1:00 PM (CT)

Midway Church
9540 US-377
Pilot Point, TX 76258

Inurnment

FEB 4 (CT)

Slay-Bloomfield-Jones Cemetery
Mt Pleasant Rd
Valley View, TX 76272
<https://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com/>

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Amy and family,
Gordon's life was a consistent testimony of His love for the Lord Jesus and you. His time in ministry on staff at EFCC was filled with demonstrations of compassion and helpfulness. He was a blessing to me and all who came in contact with him. May the Lord give you His comfort as you mourn and grieve his loss, and celebrate his life.
Pastor Dennis Keating

Dennis Keating - February 03, 2023 at 10:31 AM

RK

“ Greetings from Idaho, Amy and family. I know you are all missing Gordon very much but we know that we will see our loved ones soon(maybe sooner than we think with all that is going on in the world today). My time with the Choir and Orchestra @ EFCC was the biggest blessing of my life that I will always remember, and you were a part of that Amy. Blessings,

Dick & Louise Kolb

Richard Kolb - February 02, 2023 at 04:52 PM

KI

“ Gordon and his dream of deli ownership with his wacky sandwich names... and his RX7 we were forbidden to drive and got caught every time.... I'm sure my dad greeted him with tequila shots when he arrived. May the memories get you through the tough day's ahead.

kirsten - February 01, 2023 at 08:13 PM

PT

*Amy and family,
Sorry to hear about your dad and husband passing. The lord called him
to be with him in heaven. We pray that you find peace and comfort
during your time of mourning.
Patty and Bruce Tait*

patty tait - February 05, 2023 at 11:52 AM

SA

“ *Saeid Abdoli lit a candle in memory of Gordon
Keith Lynch*



Saeid Abdoli - February 01, 2023 at 04:56 PM

LT

“ *Lisa Thatcher lit a candle in memory of
Gordon Keith Lynch*



Lisa Thatcher - February 01, 2023 at 03:28 PM

CS

“ *Carrie Schryver lit a candle in memory of
Gordon Keith Lynch*



Carrie Schryver - February 01, 2023 at 03:19 PM

JH

“ *What a wonderful and full life story.*



Jacque Hughes - February 01, 2023 at 11:55 AM

AB

“ *Angela Boles lit a candle in memory of Gordon Keith Lynch*



Angela Boles - February 01, 2023 at 10:55 AM

LO

“ *Loriebel lit a candle in memory of Gordon Keith Lynch*



Loriebel - February 01, 2023 at 10:14 AM