



Gordon Wells Reid

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Gordon Wells Reid, age 88, passed away surrounded by his family on Thursday, October 4, 2018.

Born in Beverly, Massachusetts, Gordon spent his early years in Beverly and on Cape Cod with his father and mother, Thomas James and Alice Davenport Reid and two older brothers, Abbott and David. Gordon later met his wife Bernadette (Bernie) skiing at the Gray Rocks resort in Mt Tremblant, Canada, and they were married for almost 54 years.

Gordon attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and served in the US Army in Germany during the Korean War. During his working years he was a Certified Safety Engineer and worked in insurance and later for several Roman Catholic archdioceses.

He and Bernie retired to Rehoboth Beach in 1994 and later built a home in Kings Creek Country Club in 1996, where they enjoyed golf and their friends in the community. Until his retirement Gordon was an avid skier and ski patroller. He also loved riding his bike and was often seen biking around the circle in Kings Creek - most recently on his bright red trike. For those that knew Gordon well, he also had a passion for hunting for golf balls and had a serious affection for peanut butter.

Gordon was a co-founder of the Borrow-a-Bike program at Cape Henlopen State Park. He was a member of St. Edmonds Catholic Church through the years and was on the buildings and grounds committee. His true pride and joy in life was raising his daughters, Lesley and Laurie, with Bernie, and enjoying time with his three grandchildren, Lindsey, Reid, and Allison.

Gordon was preceded in death by his brothers Abbott Fraser and David Davenport Reid as well as his parents. He is survived by his beloved wife, Bernadette; his two daughters: Lesley R. Corydon (David) of Rehoboth Beach, DE and Laurie R. Bruner (David) of Voorhees, NJ; and his grandchildren: Lindsey Marie Corydon, Reid Scott Bruner, and Allison Grace Bruner. Gordon



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was a loving and caring husband, father, and grandfather, uncle and friend and will be greatly missed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 12:00 PM at St. Edmond Catholic Church, 409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE, where friends may visit beginning at 11:00 AM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Gordon's memory to the Borrow-a-Bike program, c/o Friends of Cape Henlopen State Park, PO Box 132, Nassau, DE 19969.

Please sign the online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE FAMILY.

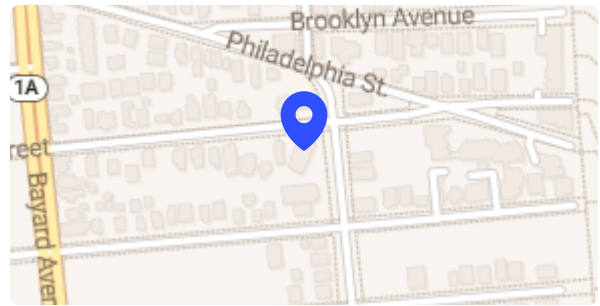


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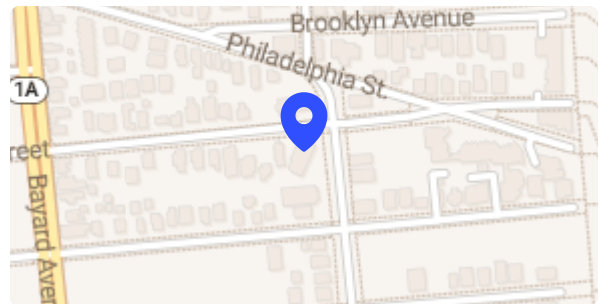
Visitation

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- 🕒 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
- 📍 **St. Edmond Catholic Church**
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Claudia Molina posted:

My prayers and thoughts go out to Lesley and her family during this tough time. Wishing you peace, strength and understanding. With deepest sympathy, Claudia Molina

October 22 at 9:37 AM



Jim Doane posted:

Rest in peace, you will be sorely missed by all your friends at KCCC, He had a great smile and back in the day we loved playing golf together, later it was fun watching him ride his bike around the circle. Jim & Jeannine Doane

October 13 at 4:19 AM



Lesley Corydon October 16 at 5:08 PM

Thank you Jim and Jeannine for your friendship and support. He will definitely be missed - especially bike riding on the Circle. -Lesley, Laurie and Bernie



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Reid family.



October 12 at 12:55 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Reid family.



October 11 at 2:14 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Reid family.



October 11 at 6:58 AM



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Judy Rayner lit a candle in honor of Gordon.

I wish I had more time to get to know Gordon. Pete enjoyed working for Gordon and Bernie and would often comment what a nice man he was. The love from his family shows he was a great husband and father. We send you our prayers.



October 10 at 12:29 PM



Lesley Corydon October 16 at 5:07 PM

Thank you Judy. Dad loved all the dinners and parties with you and Pete at our house and we will have those memories for a long time to come. -Lesley, Laurie and Bernie



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Reid family.



October 10 at 11:06 AM



Susan Poersch Fey posted:

I'm so sorry. Gordon was a lot of fun and energy. He will be missed. Love and Prayers to you.
Susan Poersch Fey



Lesley Corydon October 16 at 4:04 PM

Thank you Susan and thank you for the beautiful flowers! All that love on the altar helped us get through the services. :) -Lesley, Laurie and Bernie



Susan Poersch Fey sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Reid family.



October 10 at 8:28 AM



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SB

Sarah Wampler Bergh posted:

I'm so sorry to hear this news. I have great memories of Mr Reid when I would visit Laurie's family during our college years and in the years after. I know he was deeply loved by his family.

October 9 at 7:24 AM



Lesley Corydon October 16 at 5:03 PM

Thank you Sarah. Laurie especially appreciates your support during this difficult time. - Lesley, Laurie and Bernie

PK

Pam Kline posted:

So sorry to hear of Gordon's passing. I had the pleasure of working with Gordon during his physical therapy and enjoyed his humor and stories. Will be praying for God's grace for you all during this time. Pam Kline Aquacare

October 9 at 2:50 AM



Lesley Corydon October 16 at 5:02 PM

Pam - thank you for the note. Dad raved about his therapy with you and the aquacare team - it was a highlight of his week! - Lesley, Laurie and Bernie

MF

Monica Fleischmann posted:

Bernie. Very sorry for your loss. Gordon will be deeply missed. Monica Fleischmann

October 8 at 9:31 PM



Lesley Corydon October 16 at 5:00 PM

Thank you Monica - we appreciate your note. - Lesley, Laurie and Bernie



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HD

Howie Donges posted:

Our thoughts and prayers to Gordon's wife and family. I only knew Gordon a few short years as a new volunteer with the Friends. I met him at the bike barn where he showed me the ropes. I'm very glad I got to meet Gordon and will remember his great sense of humor. Howie and Sue Donges

October 8 at 3:02 PM



Lesley Corydon October 16 at 3:59 PM

Howie - thanks for your note. You learned the ropes from the right man. We hope to keep his sense of humor and love for the bike barn alive. -Lesley, Laurie and Bernie

GP

Gretchen Richter-Pippin posted:

I am so sad to find out that a dear man who made me smile all the time is gone. He made my days at work seem like play time, Bernie I love you and send all the prayers I can. He was such a pussycat under that tough exterior. If there is anything I can do please let me know. I am no more than a phone call away.

October 8 at 6:41 AM



Lesley Corydon October 16 at 3:58 PM

Gretchen - thank you for your note and for your friendship that mom and dad appreciated so much! -Lesley, Laurie and Bernie



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BA

Betty Andrews posted:

I meet Gordon 5 or 6 years ago at the bike barn. He was the volunteer that kept the bike barn going at that time and he was glad for any help. We had a lot of fun volunteering there. I remember him often talking about his family, he was one proud family man. Bernie and her golf awards, his daughters, top notch in their fields, and the grandkids achieving things to be proud of. I will cherish your memory dear friend! Betty

October 5 at 4:30 PM



Lesley Corydon October 16 at 4:56 PM

Betty, Maureen and Edna - thank you so much for your notes. It helps to see how many people cared so much about dad. He will be missed! -Lesley, Laurie and Bernie



Edna Lemiska October 9 at 9:01 AM

My deepest sympathy to Bernie and the girls. I will greatly miss Gordon. We had a lot of good times at the Cape. I will always remember those memories. Edna



Maureen Sheridan October 7 at 11:44 AM

Dear Bernie, so very sorry for the passing of Gordon. Prayers and thoughts are with you and your family . Maureen and Kevin Sheridan . (Myrtle's daughter)



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gordon by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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