



Gordon Harold Gowen

July 16, 1930 - December 3, 2016

Sutton resident, Gordon Harold Gowen, 86, passed away Saturday, December 3, 2016, at Bryan Medical Center West Campus in Lincoln, NE.

Funeral services will be 11:00 a.m., Thursday, December 8, 2016, at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sutton, NE with Pastor Kris Schroeder officiating. Graveside services will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, at the Stockholm Lutheran Cemetery near Shickley, NE with military honors by the American Legion Argonne Post #61. Visitation will be Wednesday, from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m., with the family present from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m., at Sutton Memorial Chapel in Sutton, NE.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the family to be designated later.

Gordon Harold Gowen was born July 16, 1930, in York, NE to Clem and Hazel (Bumgardner) Gowen. He attended 1st grade at Lake Side School in Clay County, NE. The family moved to Las Vegas, NV in 1934, after which they moved to Portland, OR in 1939. At the death of his grandfather, they moved back to the family farm northwest of Ong, NE in 1940, where he attended Grove School. He attended Ong High School and graduated in 1948. He furthered his education for 1 semester at Peru State College. He and his twin brother Gaylord joined the United States Navy in January 1949. He served 1

year of active duty and 6 years in the reserves. He was recalled to active duty in 1952 during the Korean war and was discharged in 1954. He married Doris Peterson May 26, 1951, and to this union were born 5 children: Kathy, Keith, Karen, Kimberly and Kolleen. After his discharge, they moved to Shickley, NE and he was employed with Alfs Implement and Well Drilling for 6 years. He spent 1 year running a dairy with his father and then moved back to Shickley and worked for Lichti Brothers Oil Company. The family moved to Sutton in 1962 and he started Gowen's 66 Service where he worked until his retirement and business closing in 1995. During his retirement, he worked part time for Friesen Chevrolet hauling vehicles for the company.

Gordon was baptized in the Ong Methodist Church and Confirmed into the Lutheran Faith while serving in the Navy.

He is survived by his wife, Doris of Sutton, NE; daughters, Kathy Berkshire of Ralston, NE; Kimberly Wilson of Bellevue, NE; Kolleen Whaley of Papillion, NE; 13 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren and brother, Leonard Gowen of Beatrice, NE.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Betty Boswell; twin brother, Gaylord; son, Keith Gowen and daughter, Karen Butler.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ My deepest sympathies to all of Gordy's family and friends. He was an amazing man and mentored us "kids" in so many ways. In the early 60's he helped us learn how to fix things and never told us to not hang around his station. It was our second home for some. He played a very important part in our lives. Thank you and God Bless!!!

Jim Hevelone - January 17, 2017 at 09:40 PM

RR

“ I am saddened to hear of Gordy's passing. I liked Gordy. I will never forget when three newly licensed private pilots - Gordy, Dr. Jim Barbee, and myself flew a plane from Harvard airbase to Idaho, Oregon, and California (and back). That was exhilarating! Gordy LOVED to fly! I am sure he is doing a little flying now. My condolences to his family.

Ron Ramsey - December 13, 2016 at 10:23 AM

GG

“ So sorry to hear about Gordy's passing. When I was young and working for him, he taught me a lot about mechanical work and working hard. He would fix any thing. Lessons I still remember. Heaven has a top notch mechanic now.

Greg Girmus - December 06, 2016 at 02:11 PM

VK

“ We're so sorry for your loss. Both Vic and myself thought a lot of Borden and Doris. Our prayers are with you Doris and your family. God bless

Vic and Lorraine Katho - December 06, 2016 at 10:51 AM