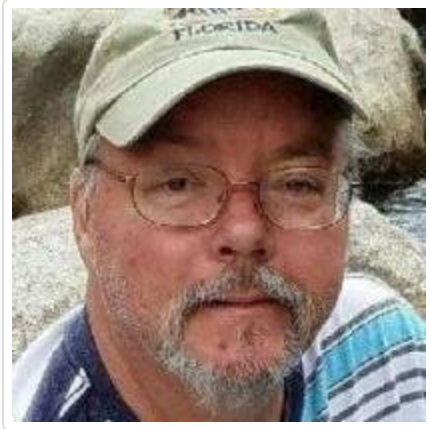




Gordon M. Schaefer

January 25, 1963 - April 27, 2017

Gordon (Gordy) Schaefer, 54, of Gridley, IL, died at his home on April 27, 2017, after a yearlong battle with lung cancer. Gordon was born on January 25, 1963, to Paul and Therese Schaefer in Blue Island, IL. He was the youngest of 9 children and grew up in Riverdale, IL, a south suburb of Chicago. He attended Queen of Apostles School and Thornton Township High School, graduating in 1981. Gordon moved to Carbondale, IL, to live with his brother, Greg, and attended Southern Illinois University. He then eventually relocated to Bloomington, IL, to be near his sister Michele. He earned a certificate in Computer Aided Drafting from Heartland Community College. Gordon and Garnetta married on June 28, 2002. Gordon bravely and wholeheartedly embraced the roll of first time husband and stepfather to Garnetta's two sons. He enjoyed being part of a family, sharing adventures, assisting with advice and direction and celebrating all of the happy events that nearly 15 years of togetherness brings.

Gordon was proud of his 16 years of employment with Tee Jay Central. He started with the company doing computer drafting and ended his career there just a month ago being a respected, knowledgeable and valuable asset to the company. Gordon regarded the owners, Jim and Jeff, and his co-workers as his extended family.

Gordon was an avid Chicago sports fan, with a major highlight of this past year being the Cubbies winning the World Series. He spent many hours coaching the Cubs, Bulls, Blackhawks and Bears from the comfort of the living

room recliner. He and Garnetta enjoyed taking annual vacations and weekend trips, camping, celebrating family times and doing home improvement projects together. Gordon also enjoyed bowling with the King of the Hill bowling league at Twin Cities Bowling Lane in Bloomington. He began bowling with the league approximately 8 years ago and enjoyed the companionship and friendship of his fellow league members.

Gordon is survived by his wife, Garnetta, his son Jeffery (Jamie) Fox of Bloomington, IL, son Patrick (Madison) Fox of Washington, IL, and his beloved companion, rescue dog, Daisy. Gordon was thrilled with the news that his first grandchild will be born this fall, at the same time was disappointed that he wouldn't be here to welcome the little one to the family. Also surviving are two brothers, Ken (Nita) Schaefer of Rock Falls, IL, Greg (Linda) Schaefer of Murphysboro, IL, sister Michele King of Bloomington, IL, and 14 nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents, Paul and Therese, sisters, Kathleen Schaefer and Mary Helen Schaefer, and brothers, Michael Anthony Schaefer, Steve Schaefer and Carl Schaefer.

Gordon was an extremely practical man and it was his request that good deeds be done in his honor in lieu of flowers. Family and friends are invited to a gathering to honor Gordon's life on Saturday, May 6, from 2-4 p.m., at the Bloomington Masonic Lodge #43 located at 302 E. Jefferson St., Bloomington, IL, 61701.

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. He will be greatly missed.*



Debbie & Mike - May 05, 2017 at 01:33 PM

RP

“ *We will miss Gordon!
Our tears and broken hearts are a tribute to how Gordon has impacted our lives.
He will never be forgotten.
Robe & Teresa Pelka*

Rob Pelka - May 02, 2017 at 08:48 AM

BH

“ *Thompson Electronics Company has worked with Gordon for many years and never once questioned his expertise and commitment to serving his customers and ours. Having worked with him just a few weeks ago, this loss is especially difficult and our thoughts and prayers go out to his family, friends, customers and co-workers.*

*Regretfully,
Brad Hoff
Security Systems Specialist.*

Brad Hoff - May 01, 2017 at 06:37 AM

RD

“ I didn't have the privilege of meeting Gordon Schaefer, but I know some of the family members who will be missing him dearly. I am sending my thoughts , prayers, peace and love to the entire family. And definitely I will be doing a random act of kindness in honor of his life. Rosie Ash Davis

Rosie Ash Davis - May 01, 2017 at 06:23 AM

 Beth
McQuade-
Nichols

“ Garnetta and the Schaefer famly, my condolences to all of you in this difficult time. Gordy was always a sweetheart and will be missed. I hope your memories sustain you in this difficult time. I wish I could be there. Remember all the good times, it helps.

Beth

Beth McQuade-Nichols - April 30, 2017 at 01:08 PM

 Beth
McQuade-
Nichols

“ Beth McQuade-Nichols lit a candle in memory of Gordon M. Schaefer



Beth McQuade-Nichols - April 30, 2017 at 01:01 PM

TG

“ Therese Griffin lit a candle in memory of Gordon M. Schaefer



Therese Griffin - April 30, 2017 at 12:47 PM

TG

My Love and Prayers are with Gordon's family and friends. I love an old saying: The Love in your Heart wasn't put there to Stay. Love isn't Love until you give it away. Your Family/Friends Loves You! Thank-you for Loving Us.

Peace/Love Couz Therese

Therese Griffin - April 30, 2017 at 12:51 PM

MO

God bless you Gordy! It's ironic to now find out you lived 2 miles away from me.

Mick Oliver - April 30, 2017 at 01:06 PM

EM

I met Gordo 29 years ago. I'm the only one he let call him Gordo. 😊 Spend countless hours barbecuing, watching sporting events, bowling, hanging out and back yard parties in Riverdale, Illinois. Thought of him like a big brother. My heart is very heavy and sad knowing I'll never be able to give him a running tackle ending with the biggest hug possible. I'll always love ya Gordy. You were so fun to be around..... I can hear your goofy laugh still.... Rest in peace. Fly free my friend. Cheers to you. Till we meet again. Hugs!!! XOXO

Ellen McGrory - May 01, 2017 at 06:59 AM

RL

“*My sympathies go to the entire family. Gordon was a great person to get to know. We enjoyed many laughs at the bowling alley over the years. His best year in the league came this year as he fought hard to win it, but came just short by taking second place. I really enjoyed getting to see him when he made a surprise visit to us all at the end of the year. I speak for our entire league that he will be truly missed. May he R.I.P.*

Richard Leas - April 30, 2017 at 11:30 AM

BC

Prayers are with his family as they go through these hard times. Gordon will be miss at bowling that's for sure. Blyth & Chad

Blyth Chambers - May 01, 2017 at 07:04 AM

KC

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to you Garnetta and your entire family. I know how Pat and Madi appreciated him. I pray God will comfort your family now. Karen Cole*

Karen Cole - April 30, 2017 at 08:58 AM