



## GORDON "GORDY" BAUER

May 14, 1937 - February 10, 2019

Gordon 'Gordy' Bauer, 81, of Caledonia went to be with the Lord peacefully on February 10, 2019 at Tweeten Nursing Home in Spring Grove, MN. He was born on May 14, 1937, to Gerhard and Helen (Reining) Bauer in Caledonia. Beloved husband to Wanda Haugstad, his wife of 59 years and father to seven children: Dan Bauer, Greg Bauer, Maria Keefe, Brian (Kim) Bauer, Gina Gran (Jeff Sawle), Sara (Tracey) Ludgood, Kevin (Kerri) Bauer. Grandfather to: Adam, Aubrey, Emma, Halle, Cora, Mackenzie, Leah, Austin, Abby, Arick, Cassie, Lindsay, Tanner, Danielle, Hunter, Caeden, Nevaeh.

Gordy was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Parish where he was actively involved with the Knights of Columbus, ushering and served as a trustee on the Calvary Cemetery Board. He was a very faith filled man, very devoted to his family, loved to serve others and had a wonderful sense of humor. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing cards, golf, and attending any sporting event his grandchildren were in. And of course, baseball (oh, the stories!). He humbly accepted his induction into the Minnesota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 2008. He was a pillar of the community and loved by all.

Gordy worked at various jobs throughout his lifetime including Dolly Madison, Texaco, Jahn Transfer, Gateway/Fleming and the Houston County Sheriff's Office. Service to others was a very important part of his life, so upon retirement, he devoted his time to the Rod & Gun Club,

Meals on Wheels, the food shelf, and working at community dinners.

He is survived by siblings Bernice (the late Les) Lange, Vina (the late Ted) Lange, Rita (Lee) Svehaug, John (Judy) Bauer, Mary Mullen, sister-in-law Leota Bauer and brothers-in-law Art Robak and Dave Augedahl. Also survived by in-laws Judy Haugstad, Sandra Guillaume, Elizabeth Wintheiser and Rick Haugstad. Also survived by many nieces and nephews, cousins, and extended family.

He was preceded in death by siblings Vince (Rosine) Bauer, Sr. Vinciana Bauer, Teresa (Ralph) Heberlein, Shorty Bauer, Millie Robak and Helen Augedahl; in-laws, Jay Schense, Ole Haugstad, Richard Guillaume and Ed Anderson; son-in-law Dan Gran; and two infant grandsons.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, February 15th, at 11:00 am at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Caledonia. Father Stephen Abaukaka will officiate and burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Caledonia. Visitation will be Thursday from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at St. Mary's Holy Family Hall with prayer service at 7:30 pm. Visitation will also be from 10:00 to 10:45 am Friday morning before the service in Holy Family Hall.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **14.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KG

“ Hi Wanda,  
Do you remember me, Karl Gurgel? I grew up in Caledonia during the 40s and 50s. Tom Dewitz and his wife, Betty, are good friends of mine. While checking an obituary for someone who died recently in Caledonia, I came across the obituary for Gordie. We played baseball together; he pitched, I caught. I had to put extra padding in my glove when Gordie was pitching to keep my hand from swelling! He was a great pitcher, hitter, too! I caught for him one day when a scout from the Cincinnati Reds was taking a look at him. I'm sad to hear he has passed away. I pray the Lord is giving you comfort and strength.  
I recently retired from the parish ministry after 51 years and we are living now in Winona.  
Blessings, Wanda! Karl Gurgel

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**Karl R Gurgel** - August 29, 2019 at 08:05 AM

DS

“ Thinking of Wanda & the rest of the Bauer family during this time of great loss. Gordy's legacy lives on!

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**Dave & Wilma Schoh** - February 15, 2019 at 09:34 PM

SR

“ I can't remember a time when Uncle Gordy didn't have a smile on his face! He was quick with a joke, and being around him was fun. My Mom (and Dad) told us many times how great a pitcher Gordy was... even when Mom would watch pro baseball players years later, she'd compare them to Gordy :)  
My heart breaks for Aunt Wanda and the family, knowing how much you'll miss him. I'll be keeping all of you in my prayers.

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**Sue Ann Robak** - February 15, 2019 at 11:57 AM

RW

“ *Our sympathy to the Bauer family, Rick and Karen Woods*

**Rick Woods** - February 15, 2019 at 08:42 AM

BG

“ *Sorry to hear this sad news, played baseball with him many years. Was one of the nicest people I have ever known. My sympathies to Wanda and the whole family.*

**Butch Grob** - February 14, 2019 at 05:56 PM

LK

“ *so sorry to hear of Gordy passing, you have are deepest sympathy. Mike and Linda Knudtson.*

**Linda Knudtson** - February 14, 2019 at 02:07 PM

ST

“ *So sorry to hear of the loss of Gordy. I worked in the warehouse at Gateway/Fleming while Gordy was there and he was always a pleasant, cheerful person to talk to when there was a spare moment or two. We would also occasionally bump into him in Caledonia (my wife is from Eitzen) and share a story or two if time permitted. He will be missed, but I am sure he leaves behind many fond memories to family and friends.*

**Steve Thompson** - February 13, 2019 at 06:15 PM

BG

“ *BILL GLYNN purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of GORDON "GORDY" BAUER.*



**BILL GLYNN** - February 13, 2019 at 02:58 PM

HB

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Bauer family. Very sorry for your loss.*

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**hbc.com** - February 13, 2019 at 08:56 AM

KN

“ *He was the best boy friend I've ever had!!! (Gordy would smile at that!)*

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**Karen Ness** - February 12, 2019 at 11:01 PM

WB

“ *Wanda, we are so sorry to hear of Gordy's passing. Although thousands of miles apart we always felt a special bond with you. May he now rest in peace. Blessings on you and all the family. Wes & Peggy Bergsrud*

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**Wes & Peggy Bergsrud** - February 12, 2019 at 10:39 PM

DL

“ *Sorry to hear of Gordy passing. He was great man. Sincere sympathy to all his family. Don and Alice Link*

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**donald link** - February 12, 2019 at 04:24 PM

KG

“ *Deepest Sympathy to Wanda and family. Kathy (Link) Gill*

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**Kathy Gill** - February 12, 2019 at 03:41 PM

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“ Sympathies to Wanda and family. Gordy was a wonderful man that will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Steve and Nancy Peter

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**Nancy** - February 12, 2019 at 12:08 PM

DS

“ Thinking of Wanda & the entire Bauer family during this time of great loss!

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**Dave & Wilma Schoh** - February 11, 2019 at 06:07 PM

JW

“ Gordy was a friend and good man an one superb baseball pitcher. I so much enjoyed playing on the Caledonia town team of 1964 and our run at the class B championship where we placed second to St. Bonifacious. I was privileged to be able to attend his induction into the Mn Baseball Hall of Fame which he richly deserved. I remember our "Barney Fife" moment when we were washing our uniforms at the laundromat, playing dime poker. Heaven just received a class person. John Winslow

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**john winslow** - February 11, 2019 at 01:26 PM