



Gordon James Molitor

May 10, 1936 - December 14, 2015

OBITUARY

Gordon James Molitor was born on May 10, 1936 in Milroy, MN, the son of John and Agnes (Jarveis) Molitor. Gordy attended grade school and helped on his parent's farm near Milroy. Gordy met the love of his life Jenice Engesser while playing pool at a family business in Green Valley, MN. He asked Jenice to marry him and on May 25, 1957 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Tracy, MN they were united in marriage. Five children were born to this union Todd, Tim, Toby, Tammy, and Troy.

Gordy worked for Ideal Brass as a screw operator in St. Paul and then drove his semi-truck cross country from Kenosha, WI to the west coast. Gordy spent the last 35 years of his working career with Schwans Ice Cream of Marshall, MN. He started on the route truck where he rapidly advanced through the company ranks, assuming jobs such as Depot Manager, Division Manager, Region Manager, National Sales Manager and eventually VP of Sales and Marketing before retiring on January 1, 1996.

The many hobbies of Gordy include golfing, fishing, hunting, bowling, playing cards and occasional trips to the casino. He also liked working in his yard, watching the MN Vikings and MN Twins, and watching his thoroughbred horses run races. Gordy kept active in the communities he lived by becoming

a member of the Knights of Columbus, Pheasants Forever, and Lake Miltona Lake Association.

Spending time with his family and friends was very important to Gordy. He loved watching his kids and grandchildren with school related activities like dancing, wrestling, and other school sports and events. He also loved spending time with Jenice and his family at their home on Lake Miltona and well as their home in Scottsdale, AZ.

Gordy was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend to many. He will missed by all who knew and loved him.

Gordon J. Molitor died on Monday, December 14, 2015 at Grand Arbor in Alexandria at the age of 79 years old. He is preceded in death by his parents, sister-in-law Hazel Molitor and Brother-in-law Bud VanOverbeke. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years Jenice Molitor of Miltona; daughter Tammy (Molitor) Ziegenhagen and her husband Bill of Marshall; sons Todd Molitor of Jerome, ID, Tim Molitor of Buffalo, MN, Toby Molitor and his wife Tina of Glenwood, and Troy Molitor and his wife Kimberly of Sartell; Grandchildren Libby (Cody) Griffith of Twin Falls, ID, Devon (Ramey) Molitor of Twin Falls, ID, Blake Molitor of Buffalo, Shea Molitor of Buffalo, Nicholas Molitor of Glenwood, Kristi (Kirk) Arendes of Moorhead, Kara Ziegenhagen and her fiancé Jared Faller of Fargo, ND, Madison Molitor of Sartell, Rylee Molitor of Sartell, and Bodyn Molitor of Sartell; great grandchildren Harlow Griffith of Twin Falls, ID and Faith Ziegenhagen of Fargo; brothers Cyril Molitor of Marshall, Maynard (Marlene) Molitor of Anoka, and Dick Molitor of Fairmont; sisters Darlene Bellcourt of Fairmont and Delores VanOverbeke of Hanley Fall, MN.

An evening Prayer service will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 4PM with visitation continuing until 7PM at the Anderson Funeral Home in

Alexandria. A visitation will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2015 from 4-8PM with a 4PM Rosary and a 7PM Parish Prayer Service at the Rehkamp & Horvath Funeral Home in Marshall. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, December 18, 2105 at 10:30AM at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Marshall. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery in Marshall. Casket Bearers were Nick Molitor, Rylee Molitor, Devon Molitor, Blake Molitor, Shea Molitor, and John Nicko. Honorary Casket Bearers are Bodyn Molitor, Jewel Roesler, Mel Bump, John Drown, Ron Reiber, and Larry Arlt.

Arrangements are with the Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria, MN and Rehkamp & Horvath Funeral Home in Marshall. In lieu of flowers Gordy and the family requested donations to the Kunte Nelson Hospice 1910 Aga Drive, Suite 100
Alexandria, MN 56308

A special thanks to all of Gordy's loving caregivers who gave so generously of themselves and enriched his life, and to all the wonderful end-of-life care given by the medical and nursing staff of Grand Arbor.

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Cemetery Details

Calvary Catholic Cemetery

1157 E Main St
Marshall, MN 56258

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **16**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory
659 Voyager Drive NW
Alexandria, MN 56308
(320) 763-5900
mail@andersonfuneral.net
<https://www.andersonfuneral.net/>

Prayer Service

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Visitation

DEC **17.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rehkamp & Horvath Funeral Directors
411 West Lyon
Marshall, MN 56258

Parish Rosary

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Prayer Service

DEC **17.** 7:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

DEC **18.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Marshall, MN 56258

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC **18**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
503 W Lyon St
Marshall, MN 56258

Tribute Wall



“ *Anderson Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Gordon James Molitor*



Anderson Funeral Home - December 16, 2015 at 08:33 AM

DP

“ *To the Gordy Moliter Family _ a. Great family man and a working man. Many good memories of Gordy. Denise (Clausen) Petersen*

Denise Petersen - December 20, 2015 at 01:01 PM

MD

“ *TO THE FAMILY OF GORDY MOLITOR, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY, JIM & I ENJOYED IMMENSELY THE MANY EVENINGS WE SPENT ATTENDING WRESTLING MATCHES AT MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL WITH JENICE AND GORDY, A WONDERFUL COUPLE, WE THANK YOU FOR THE MEMORIES..*

JIM & MARILYN DENEVAN

MARILYN DENEVAN - December 18, 2015 at 10:59 AM

BC

“ *My wife Julie and I were with Schwan's for 26 years. It's never been the same after his retirement! It was always great to see Gordy when he came to Jerome to see Todd and his grand kids. Gordy was a man among men! GOD BLESS GORDY MOLITOR!! Butch Colson Jerome idaho*

Butch Colson - December 17, 2015 at 10:00 PM

MS

“ *A few times in our lives, we encounter someone who will alters that paths of our lives for the better. It is even rarer to encounter someone who does this for hundreds of people, Gordie was one of those people. He enriched people's lives by teaching, encouraging, and "expecting" people to be their best. He taught us how to succeed. My family owes a lot to his leadership and, although I cannot make it to the funeral, I will be paying my respects to him for years to come. Mike Speer*

Mike Speer - December 17, 2015 at 07:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gordon James Molitor.*



December 17, 2015 at 06:35 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Gordon James Molitor.



December 17, 2015 at 03:43 PM



“ Gordy was a great business Mentor with an outgoing Dynamic personality. He will be missed. God Bless

larry louwagie - December 17, 2015 at 02:16 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gordon James Molitor.



December 17, 2015 at 12:36 PM



“ With four boys active in the Marshall Wrestling Program, you couldn't think of the Marshall Tiger Wrestlers without thinking about Gordy Molitor. He was extremely active and supportive for many years, always giving of his time and resources to help the program. I know that he was a very special friend to my dad (Bill Nieno) and those years would not have been the same without Gordy. He will be missed. Love to the Molitor family.
Deb Nieno

Deb Nieno - December 17, 2015 at 11:57 AM

TS

“ *Many fond memories of a great leader during my 25 year career with The Schwan Food Company. Tim Sheehan*

Tim Sheehan - December 17, 2015 at 09:51 AM

DL

“ *So sorry to hear about Gordy. He always had a smile and time to talk to you. One memory I have is when Mom and Dad were his guests at the horse races at Canterbury Park and I got to tag along since I was the horse lover in the family. He was such a gracious host and we had a wonderful time. Gordy was truly a class act. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Deb Lindquist
daughter of Ralph & Irene Richardson*

Deb Lindquist - December 17, 2015 at 07:16 AM

SH

“ *Great Leader/Mentor/Boss and Friend to all. Gordy contributed to success of many and would always challenge you to be your best. He will always be remembered in our thoughts and prayers.*

Steve and Linda Howk

Steve Howk - December 16, 2015 at 11:29 AM

WH

“ The thing I remember most about Gordie was that when he stepped into the room, you immediately knew who the leader was. That is unless Marvin was there and generally in public Gordie deferred to him. You could tell he had a lot of respect. He had the appearance of a tough guy but when I was in Marshall I saw a lot of his heart and how he felt about people. I do remember a time when he was having some kind of shooting pain in his arm and thought it might be a stroke, so he quit smoking. After a few days the doctor told him that it was not a stroke and Gordie started up smoking again. What Schwan's became was because of Gordie and other men like him. He will be missed. Wayne Higgins

Wayne Higgins - December 16, 2015 at 06:54 AM

AS

“ I met Gordy when he moved into Grand Arbor. I still remember the first day we met. I walked into his room, introduced myself and asked if he would like to come to Wellness with me. He agreed and that was the beginning of our friendship. From then on I would knock LOUDLY on Gordy's door, walk into his room and give him a LOUD "Hi Gordy" In return I'd get the biggest heart warming smile with Hi Alice, what are we doing today? Every time I saw Gordy, he shared his smile. I learned a lot from Gordy in a short time. Thanks Gordy and family for giving me the opportunity to be a part of his life. Thanks for letting me be part of your "Dash"

Alice Schmitz

Alice Schmitz - December 15, 2015 at 10:21 PM

CL

“ A memory of Jenice and I going through the same path of our loving partners slowly leaving us. We said many prayers for each other and our families. To a wonderful journey Gordy and John to the "other side".

Cleone - December 15, 2015 at 09:08 PM

HK

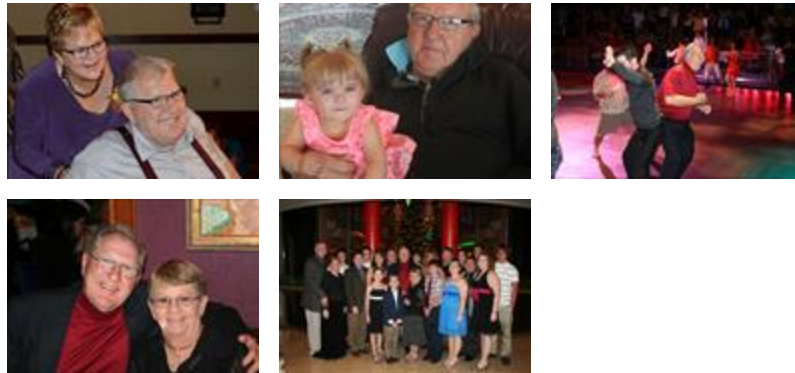
“ We are remembering fondly Gordon and all his boisterous voice in the hallways of Schwans. He was a devout and dedicated fellow employee of a great company. We will always have great memories of a good man.

Harold & Sharon Knolls

Harold & Sharon Knolls - December 15, 2015 at 06:56 PM

BI

“ 8 files added to the album New Album Name



Bill - December 15, 2015 at 01:52 PM

WS

I went to school with Troy. Sorry for your loss. Craig Stuart. Worcester MA

Wallace Craig Stuart - December 15, 2015 at 05:46 PM

FN

“ Francisco, Lori, and Natalie purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gordon James Molitor.



Francisco, Lori, and Natalie - December 15, 2015 at 01:23 PM

RS

“ I lived in the Marshall minn. area from 1984-2010, in my profession in the auto repair industry is how I got to know Gordie, he reminded me off my father,.... Old school with no room for excuses or bullshit, but very sincere, honest & fair in our business deals!

Gordie & I hit it off from the start, you see I was raised old school by a Marine, I respected my elders, We had an unspoken appreciation for how we were both raised, a firm hand shake & a mans word is all that was ever needed!!

Gordie & my memories of him will always be with me!!

Rest in peace Gordie

God Bless

Most sincerely

Randy F. Scherr

Randy Scherr - December 15, 2015 at 01:22 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Gordon James Molitor.



December 15, 2015 at 11:23 AM

SL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you . Marv and Steph Lechtenberg*

Stephanie lechtenberg - December 15, 2015 at 09:23 AM

RM

“ *To my uncle Gordy, you will be missed! As I remember you in my childhood, You were always with a smile and welcomed me to your knee for a fun bounce and tickle! As I remember you in my adulthood, you always inspired me with kind words and inspiration!! I love you!*

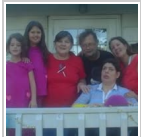
Rance (Randy) Molitor - December 15, 2015 at 09:14 AM



“ *Thanks to Gordan and Todd I got my first buck on the farm in Glenwood.*

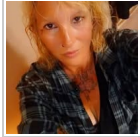
My condolences to the Molitor family!

Jeff Polman - December 15, 2015 at 08:43 AM



“ *gordon was a good loving caring person , he done everything he could for his family and if possible helped his fellow man.i will miss my uncle god bless his family in there time of need..*

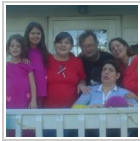
Mark Bergeron - December 14, 2015 at 09:51 PM



“ *Connie Bergeron sent a virtual gift in memory of Gordon James Molitor*



Connie Bergeron - December 14, 2015 at 09:46 PM



“ *Mark Bergeron sent a virtual gift in memory of Gordon James Molitor*



Mark Bergeron - December 14, 2015 at 09:42 PM