



Donald "Don" James VanGordon

July 8, 1958 - January 19, 2019

Donald (Don) James VanGordon of Lucas, Texas passed away on January 19, 2019 at the age of 60. He was born on July 8 1958 to Fredrick and Florence (McFarlane) VanGordon in Pontiac, Michigan.

Don graduated from Milford High School in 1976. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force from January 1977 until January 1981. Don married Karen Alexander on December 18, 1982 in Milford, Michigan. He graduated with an Electronic Engineering Diploma. Don was an avid Harley Davidson motorcyclist, music lover and found great joy spending time with his horses, Tex and Whisky.

He is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Karen VanGordon of Lucas, Texas; brothers, Bob VanGordon and wife, Barb of Michigan and Jeff VanGordon and wife, Nadeen of North Carolina; sister, Patricia VanGordon of Kentucky; sister-in-law, Kathy VanGordon of Michigan.

Don is also survived by nieces and nephews and their families, Cynthia Hutchins, Julie (Jason) Darr, Jill (Darrin) Loye, Jessica (Michael) Dabish, Kayla (Evan) Meinicke, Erin (fiancé, Joey Williamson) VanGordon, Nicci (Kristjan) Jonnson, Carl Willis, Devin (Uyen) Willis, Elizabeth (Scott) Janson, J.T. (Jaclyn) VanGordon, Jared (Gianna) VanGordon and special "Little Brother" Brad Devine.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Fredrick and Florence VanGordon; and brother, Ron VanGordon.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home Chapel, 2525 Central Expressway North, Allen, Texas 75013.

Interment and Military Honors will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Milford Michigan Memorial Cemetery with a hometown Celebration of Life for Don. Details will be coordinated through Lynch and Sons Funeral Directors in Milford, Michigan.

Please do not send flowers as Karen is highly allergic.

Memorials may be made in Don's name to a charity of your choice or: Hooves for Heros (Equest) <http://www.equest.org/veterans>, Disabled American Veterans <http://DAV.org>, Veterans Center of North Texas <https://www.veteranscenterofnorthtexas.org>.

Memorials

Karen, I was stunned to hear of Don's passing. My heart goes out to you and the rest of the family. You are in my prayers.

ROBYN MEAD, FEBRUARY 13, 2019

*Don it was pleasure to know you and love you. Until we see each other again.
Love,*

GREG AND JANA NEZERKA, FEBRUARY 1, 2019

I know this sounds redundant and simple, but my thoughts and prayers are with you. Please reach out if you need anything. I'm so blessed I was able to see you and Don over the past several years.

JULIE REASON, FEBRUARY 1, 2019

Karen, May you always have an angel by your side, watching out for you. Giving you strength for serenity reminding you to believe in brighter days to come. May you always have an angel that travels down the roads near or far. May your path be kept clear and may you find a rainbow after this storm. Look at this day, it is filled full of life. May all your wonderful memories help bring you happiness, and as you begin to see a vision of Hope and new tomorrows. May your angel always keep you safe. God Bless You, Diane

DIANA HIGDON, JANUARY 31, 2019

Don was one of our great Harley Riding Buddies. Never to be forgotten as we had many good times together. Don bought my "First Born" Harley Davidson MC while we were both employees of Electronic Data Systems (EDS). Norma and I had some great times with Don & Karen that we will never forget. May God Bless Don and may God bless Karen for many years to come.

KENDALL & NORMA HUTTON, JANUARY 30, 2019

Karen, The time spent getting to know you and Don will be forever cherished

starting with our TSA session as new franchise owners. The camaraderie shared as we grew our businesses and laughs at conferences and through the years. Don will have a special place in my life and my deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. With Love, Nate

NATHAN KIRKLAND, JANUARY 29, 2019

Don, I will miss you. One hell of a man. Karen thoughts and prayers. Death brings heartache only God can heal. Dons love made memories no one can steal.

KYLE HOUP, JANUARY 29, 2019

Karen, my deepest sympathies and condolences for your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

SUSAN MARIA JOHNSON, JANUARY 28, 2019

Karen My heart was heavy to hear about Don. I will keep you in my prayers that God will carry you through this while showing the world His glory. The two of you were definitely missed at the CertaPro Conference and I have always thought very highly you and Don. With Love and Sincerity, Steve & Nicole Leeland

STEVE LEELAND, JANUARY 24, 2019

Karen - we were all blessed to have known your hard charging, AF warrior, Harley riding, horse lover! Don had a charming disposition and to this day, I will always remember how much he loved you and you him! I was lucky to have both of you in my life for the last 10 years. Don was a strong partner with a keen business toughness but also a very warm heart. We all ache for your loss but know that you both were blessed to have each other and live a wonderful life together! As he climbs to heaven in his F-15, I know that he's dodging in and out of the clouds and will be providing you with a little air cover...and waiting for the day he gets to rejoin with his wingman, Karen! Love, Steve and Charlotte Carey

STEVE CAREY, JANUARY 24, 2019

Karen, so sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

JIM AND CARLA BEATY, JANUARY 24, 2019

Karen, we were shocked to hear of Don's illness at the conference this year and now his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

JOANN BROWN, JANUARY 24, 2019

Our sincere condolences from all of us at CertaPro, Southern Alberta.

ROBERT JACQUES, JANUARY 24, 2019

Dear Karen, My heart is heavy for you. I pray that you are surrounded by many friends and family during this difficult time. I have no doubt that you have so many wonderful memories of your years with Don. You are surrounded by love from your CertaPro family! Sending love and hugs to you from Houston, TX.

KAREN HELDMAN, JANUARY 24, 2019

We are truly sorry for your loss. There aren't words to express our sorrow. Please know we are praying for you and your family during this very difficult time. Sincerely,

SUSAN AND JOHN CONROY, JANUARY 24, 2019

My deepest condolences, Karen. I have fond memories of working with you and Don as you started your business. I am so sorry for your loss and will pray for you and Don's family for comfort and healing during this time. Spend extra time with your beautiful horses as I hope they can bring you healing and comfort as only animals can. The Andre Team is here for you.

TRACY ELEFThERIOU, JANUARY 24, 2019

Karen, my heart is breaking for you. Please know that my prayers are with you.

GREGG WILDE, JANUARY 23, 2019

You have been a huge part of my life for the last 17 years. From the first time we met we never lacked conversation. I am thankful you allowed me to be a part of your family. I will miss you so much. RIP dear Don. Until we meet again love #2.

KAREN ROWLETT, JANUARY 23, 2019

Karen, I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. My heart hurts for you. Sending lots of love and condolences. <3

TRICIA MARCOLINI, JANUARY 23, 2019

Flash, my heart is broken to learn that you were ill and I didn't have a chance to visit & share a smile & a prayer with my friend & his lovely bride. Words just can't say how my heart is breaking. RIP brother.

JOHN D CHANEY JR AKA HOOSIER, JANUARY 23, 2019

Karen - I am so crushed for you. You two were the best. My heart aches for you and I will pray with every ounce of my soul that you will heal and find some peace. If you need anything at all - you have a 2nd family of over 400 people here at CertaPro that you can count on. We love you.

NICOLE MARINO, JANUARY 23, 2019

RIP Don. A great neighbor, friend, and man. You will be missed greatly by all that knew you.

DALE FEIGLEY, JANUARY 23, 2019

Karen, I am so sorry for your loss. Don was one of the most gentle and caring people I have met. Whenever I was around Don, his vibe that he naturally put out made me feel relaxed, comfortable and content. What a special gift he had. My deepest condolences.

SCOTT PHILLIPS, JANUARY 23, 2019

We are saddened by Don's passing but grateful that we got to know him. He won't be forgotten.

DON LENEHAN & JULIA PURVIS, JANUARY 23, 2019

Our thoughts, prayers, and love go out to you, Karen, and the rest of your family.

GAYLE & CLAYTON BARNS, JANUARY 23, 2019

We are going to miss Don so very much. Don and Karen were our first friends when we moved to Michigan back in 1984. Forever Friend and Forever in our hearts.

CATHY & DAVE DOUGHERTY, JANUARY 23, 2019

My deepest sympathy for the loss of Don. Lee and Peggy have kept me informed. He will be missed.

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