



Gordon Wright

February 26, 1939 - February 15, 2016

Gordon Bruce Wright, resident of Hawthorn Lakes Senior Living Center in Vernon Hills, passed away Monday, February 15, 2016 after a long illness. Gordon was a lifelong resident of the Chicago area and had lived in Libertyville, Evanston, and Vernon Hills. He was a graduate of Libertyville High School and earned his B.S. degree in Journalism from the University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri. He served in the Army after completing college. Gordon had a lifelong passion for building design. His most recent employment, which covered thirty two years, was as an editor for Building Design and Construction Magazine where he did superb work which reflected his passion for writing, editing, and photography. Gordon received the Silver Helmet Award for excellence in construction writing. He enjoyed travel, biking, wind surfing and serving others, which was evidenced by his support of several charitable organizations. Before moving to Vernon Hills, he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, where he served as a volunteer and usher.

He was preceded in death by his father, Val Wright and mother, Lenore Wright. He is survived by: his brother Gary Wright of Dunlap, Illinois; his sister, Linda Sanii of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; sister-in-law Martha Wright; and brother-in-law Mike Sanii. He also has two nieces, two nephews, and a great nephew: Heather Briganti of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Brian Wright of Phoenix, Arizona; Laurie Sanii of Decatur, Georgia; Michael Sanii of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and Mason Briganti of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Gordon will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him but will forever be remembered and respected for his love of family, friendliness to all he met, high standards, and determination to give any task he attempted his very best effort.

Funeral will be held at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Avenue in Libertyville, Illinois on Saturday, February 20 at 1:00 p.m. with visitation preceding the service from noon to 1:00 p.m. Interment will be at Highland Memorial Park in Libertyville, Illinois.

Tribute Wall

BP

“ To Gordon's family, I had the pleasure of working with Gordon at *Building Design + Construction* magazine for many years. Gordon was such a joy to work with -- such a sweet and kind-hearted soul. We shared the same birthday, so the staff would always take us to lunch to celebrate.

I was deeply saddened to hear of his passing, he will be forever missed. Rest peacefully, dear Gordon.

Bertha Podgorny - April 27, 2018 at 05:02 AM

JS

“ Lynn contacted me to tell me that Gordon had passed away. I'm so sorry for your loss. Gordon was always a friendly, kind person, as well as a gentleman. I know he will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Just know that he is at peace now.

Janice

Janice Rix Slaubaugh - April 27, 2018 at 05:02 AM

SG

“ I had the pleasure of working with Gordon in the early 2000s and saw him as genuinely one of the nicest, most kind and humble people I have ever met. I am so grateful that we had the opportunity to reconnect recently and talk about life and eternity just like old friends would. My condolences go out to his family and friends who will surely miss his goodness and sharpness of mind. The Lord has bigger plans for Gordon now in His Kingdom.

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JW

“ Gary
Sorry to read of Gordon's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Joe

Joe Wilson - April 27, 2018 at 05:02 AM

RM

“ I am embarrassed to write this nearly a year after the fact, but I just wanted to go on record saying what a treat it was to work with Gordon, however briefly, in 2002. That year, I served as editor-in-chief at BD+C, but only for a tumultuous six months. Given that narrow window of opportunity, my achievements were few. But the one of which I am still most proud was persuading management finally to promote Gordon to Executive Editor before I left. It was recognition long overdue for such a beloved industry icon and all-around good soul. Unfortunately, I did not see him much in subsequent years, but I always have fond memories of his most pleasant demeanor. And as a worker, he was the definition of dependable. Godspeed Gordon. I trust you are well entrenched in the celestial editors' lounge.-- Rob McManamy

Robert McManamy - April 27, 2018 at 05:02 AM

AD

“ *Gordon!!! Calabi yau! You have arrived in the right place & time as you always did. Thank you for letting me know you & for knowing me all of us!! Eternally grateful Amy*

Amy Marina DZenes - April 27, 2018 at 05:02 AM