



## Gordon Klabo

November 18, 1933 - January 2, 2011

Gordon Nelvin Klabo was born November, 18, 1933 in Sharon, North Dakota, the son of Nelvin and Eileen (Berdahl) Klabo. He lived in Sharon until he was 8 years old and then his family moved to Mayville, North Dakota. Gordon graduated from Mayville High School in 1951. He continued his education at the University of North Dakota but after two years was drafted into the US Army and served in Korea from 1953 to 1955. Upon his discharge he returned to school at UND and graduated the fall of 1958.

He was united in marriage to Mary Jane Malone on June 9, 1958 in Linton, North Dakota. They made their home in Parshall, North Dakota where he was a game warden for the North Dakota State Game and Fish Department. Gordon then worked for the US Army in St. Louis, Missouri from 1967 to 1970. In 1970, they moved to Pembina where he worked for the US Customs Service as an inspector. He retired in 1995. They lived three years in Grand Forks, North Dakota before moving to Valley City.

Gordon was a member of St. Catherine's Catholic Church, Pembina American Legion and a charter member of the Pembina Knights of Columbus. He was the municipal judge in Pembina for 25 years and was also a hunter safety instructor.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Jane; four sons, Michael (Patricia) Klabo, Lignite, North Dakota; Steven (Nancy) Klabo, Bismarck, North Dakota; Timothy (Pamela) Klabo, Antler, North Dakota; Mark (Sam) Klabo, Valley City; 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. A brother, Lincoln (Marlene) Klabo, Locust Grove, Virginia; a brother-in-law, James (Judith) Malone, Omaha, Nebraska; a sister-in-law Colleen Malone, Mohall, North Dakota; and several nieces and nephews also survive.

Gordon was preceded in death by his parents.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 5. 2:00 PM (CT)

St. Catherine Catholic Church  
540 3rd Ave. NE  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ We send our sympathy to the family of Gordon's. We had the opportunity to meet him last year with Marilyn. What a nice person and also Mary Jane...beautiful people! Marilyn and us would have loved to have been at the funeral but with the weather conditions it was not favorable. Carol Hefta (Duran) and her brother Gary send their love and support> May God bless his memory!###imported-begin###Mark Rye###imported-end###

January 18, 2011 at 12:39 PM



“ Our hearts go out to you Mary Jane & your whole family on the loss of Gordy. What a wonderful, fun & good person Gordy was! We have just great memories of all the good times we had in Pembina with Gordy & you. We have been truly blessed to call you friends.###imported-begin###Harold & Beckie Ambroson###imported-end###

January 08, 2011 at 12:06 PM



“ Steve, Nancy and Family,  
Our thoughts are with you and your family. Please don't hesitate to ask if you need anything. God Bless.###imported-begin###Lynn Wanner###imported-end###

January 06, 2011 at 11:08 AM



“ I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone, friends and family members alike, that sent cards, flowers, emails, text messages and/or were in attendance at the prayer service and/or funeral. We had a wonderful send-off for dad today with many family members participating in the funeral mass. The mass was followed by wonderful fellowship at the reception in the church basement. Oliver/Nathan Funeral Home in Valley City did a wonderful job from start to finish. It truly was a beautiful service. On behalf of my mom and the rest of the family, thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Steven Klabo###imported-begin###Steven Klabo###imported-end###

January 05, 2011 at 10:15 PM



“ We are thinking and praying for your family. God Bless you all during this trying time.

*Deanna Hager*

*Pembina ND##imported-begin##Deanna (Finney) Hager##imported-end##*

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January 05, 2011 at 08:31 PM



“ *Mary Jane, Mike, Steve, Tim, Mark and family,*

*Terri and I were truly saddened to learn of Gordy's passing. Our hearts go out to you on your loss.*

*Gordy was a truly good and honest man. I considered him a friend and my #2 hunting mentor. I was blessed to have that experience. My his memory always remain a blessing to you, until you join him again in the presence of the Creator.##imported-begin##Jim and Terri Radig##imported-end##*

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January 05, 2011 at 05:40 PM



“ *Mary Jane and Family, I am so sorry to hear about Gordy. I remember so well the Y2K party and how he graciously danced with my friend Kristi who was there with us. She still talks about that nice man her took out for a dance. May you all be blessed by your faith, love of Gordon and your memories.*

*Blessings, Linda##imported-begin##Linda Baldock##imported-end##*

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January 05, 2011 at 02:13 PM



“ *Dear Mary Jane and family,*

*I have so many great memories of Gordy working at the Pembina/Noyes Ports working for Customs/INS. The old gang have been emailing back and forth the last few days just reminiscing about the good ole days.*

*He was a great guy, kind, honest, fun and funny and wonderful to work with. My heart goes out to you and your family Mary Jane. Please know that I'm thinking of you, praying for you and have a smile on my face thinking about Gordy and the 'good times'. They were the best of work days.##imported-begin##Jane Taylor##imported-end##*

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January 05, 2011 at 01:22 PM



“ Mary Jane and Linc, our hearts go out to you and your families. Gordy was a wonderful man and you have our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Fred and Decie Meyer##imported-end##

January 05, 2011 at 09:30 AM



“ Mark sorry to hear about the passing of your dad.##imported-begin##Tim Nesdahl##imported-end##

January 04, 2011 at 10:25 PM



“ We were sorry to hear of Gordys' passing. We have alot of fond memories of Gordy . We will remember you all in our prayers##imported-begin##Joe And Jean Korbelt##imported-end##

January 04, 2011 at 04:27 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Gordy's passing. He was a truly fine person and will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

*I have nothing but warm, fond thoughts of him, both through what I knew of him personally, and through the unending comments of praise and affection that my parents shared with me over the years. I know that they truly admired and adored him, as did anyone who knew him, I'm certain.*

*My heartfelt condolences to the family. I'm sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Jeff Johnson##imported-end##*

January 04, 2011 at 03:11 PM



“ Mary Jane and family,  
I am saddened about the loss of your dear husband, father, and grandfather. I remember when your family would come to Linton to visit Pat, Josephine, and Colleen, as well as Grandpa and Grandma Bosch and all the relatives.  
I pray that Jesus will wrap his loving arms around you all to give you comfort and sufficient grace for each day ahead. How blessed are those whose life he touched. With my sincerest love and prayers. Linda Renskers, Linton.##imported-begin##Linda Renskers Seidel##imported-end##

January 04, 2011 at 02:42 PM



“ I'm so sad for you, Mary Jane, and for your family. I pray that your loving memories of Gordon and knowing that God welcomed him with a really big bear hug, will see you through the difficult days ahead.  
Love and prayers,  
Connie###imported-begin###Connie (Guttu) Hodgson###imported-end##

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January 04, 2011 at 02:11 PM



“ Mary Jane:

We read of Gordon's death in our newspaper this morning. It brought back memories of the good times we shared, when you folks lived in Parshall and we lived in Stanley. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.###imported-begin###Gail and Delores James###imported-end##

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January 04, 2011 at 10:28 AM



“ We were saddened to hear of Gordy's passing. What I remember most about Gordy were the stories he would tell. They weren't short stories either. They were always colorful, detailed, and almost always funny. He will be missed. Our prayers are with you and your family.###imported-begin###Jim and Jenny Guttu###imported-end##

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January 03, 2011 at 11:48 PM



“ I am thinking of you and your family. Everyone that was lucky enough to know Gordy, loved him. xoxo###imported-begin###Brenda Finney Masloski###imported-end##

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January 03, 2011 at 10:35 PM



“ Steve, Nancy & Family,

Sorry to hear about your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

Bob & Paulette Heringer###imported-begin###Paulette Heringer###imported-end##

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January 03, 2011 at 10:26 AM



“ *Mary Jane & Family,  
We are sorry to hear about Gordy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and all your family. God Bless!##imported-begin##Rita & Pat Lauer##imported-end##*

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January 03, 2011 at 10:25 AM



“ *Gord was my older brother. Older by 3 1/2 years. I of course, have many memories of growing up together in Sharon, Mayville and Grand Forks. Gord, Mary Jane and I were at UND together for a couple of years until spring 1959. We had many activities and adventures at UND where Mary Jane took on the responsibility for the social lives of myself and many other Sigma Nu fraternity members. She also took care of the social lives of many of the young ladies in Johnston Hall, her dorm. If you needed a date you could just tell Gord and it would all be arranged.  
I left ND after college but returned for visits many times, especially to our parents lake home in Minnesota where all got together in the summer and I had the opportunity to know all of Gord and Mary Janes children and could see them grow up. I also visited them in their various homes in ND.  
When Marlene and I were married in 1966 we honeymooned at the lake and Marlene at that time got to meet and get acquainted with all the ND relatives and she also visited Gord and Mary Jane in Pembina a few times.  
I am sorry to see Gordon pass, but I am also very aware of all the illnesses he has had over the last several years and especially over the last year. It is comforting to know the suffering is over.##imported-begin##Lincoln and Marlene Klabo - Locust Grove, Virginia##imported-end##*

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January 03, 2011 at 09:03 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers to the whole family.##imported-begin##Lenaye Lauer Ensrud##imported-end##*

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January 03, 2011 at 02:06 AM



“ *I am terribly sorry to hear that Gordon passed away. I know he was really sick for a long period of time. It has been a tough struggle for Mary Jane and family. We had a enjoyable visit at the hospital that afternoon when I brought my friends from Mayville with me-it was like old home week-even though there was a big age span between us. My friend Mark and Gordon really touched base together. But with these road conditions-I am not going to drive on these terrible roads to Valley City from Fargo. My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Marilyn Poole##imported-begin##marilyn poole##imported-end##*

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January 03, 2011 at 12:55 AM



“ *Uncle Gordy was a good man with a great soul. I have so many wonderful memories of our visits to Pembina and all the visits to Linton when the whole family would be together. More times than not, he would sit at the "kids table" with all us kids while we ate dinner and tell us stories. I will always remember the way Uncle Gordy could tell a story. Every detail was told and you could see the story in your mind like a movie as he told it. I am thankful that he was my Uncle. He was a bright shining light to me. Rest in Peace, Uncle Gordy. Love, Kelly##imported-begin##Kelly (Malone) Green##imported-end##*

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January 02, 2011 at 09:31 PM