



Gordon Clark Graveline

November 24, 1954 - May 9, 2026

Gordon Clark Graveline (Gordie) was born Nov. 24, 1954, in Lathrup Village, Michigan, just outside Detroit. His parents were Merton Clark Graveline and Doris Ahola Graveline.

Gordie passed this life May 9 at age 71 in his Broken Arrow, OK home, overlooking the golf course where he played every day and even managed a hole in one.

Gordie grew up in Dearborn, MI and graduated from Dearborn High School in 1973. He earned a business degree at Western Michigan University after which he worked as a steel salesman for several Detroit area companies, retiring in 2014.

Gordie played hockey from grade school to college and even into his 50s. Once interviewed as a very senior member of his hockey team, he was asked what he thought about before going out on the ice. He said, "to not get hurt." When he moved to Broken Arrow in 2016, Gordie focused on golf. Not surprisingly, many fellow players saw the influence of the slapshot on his game.

Gordie is survived by three older sisters: Carol Hylkema and husband Bennett of Westland, MI; Janet Messenger and her husband Chris of Evanston, IL; Jeannie Jacobi and husband Stephen of Broken Arrow and his significant other, Deborah Ruona of Westland, MI.

Gordie was also a loving uncle to Kirsten Johnston, Steve Hylkema, and Carrie, Lucas and Ellie Messenger.

The family requests memorials be sent to Jude Children's Research Hospital.
501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or www.stjude.org

Tribute Wall

MC

“ I just heard of Gordie’s passing and am so sad to hear this. He and my ex husband Kevin Christoff grew up together and were great friends. Gordie was the best man for our wedding. He was a good friend of mine too. He sure went through a lot. May he rest in peace. Maybe he and Kevin are enjoying a beer in heaven. I love you, Gordie!❤️ MJ Christoff

Mary Jane Christoff - June 10 at 11:16 AM

SU

“ Mike and I are so incredibly sad over the loss of our neighbor and friend. We made a lot of fun memories and shared a lot of laughs throughout the years. One of my favorite pastimes was to pester Gordie. He’ll be deeply missed.

Deb, you and Rebel will be missed too — Our dogs have already done their fair share of excessive barking (shocking) and have been looking around for Rebel to come join them.

Such a sad loss and a reminder to hold the good people close. ❤️

Sunny - May 18 at 05:31 PM

SA

“ I love you Gord! You have been a part of my life longer than a lot of other people, my husband included. I was a little shit when we first met but I was always so happy that you and my mom had each other. Sometimes when I’m driving westbound on 96 after a tigers day game, I think about the time Chris and I went to opening day, and came home to you snuggling with Emma watching Peter Rabbit. You were so sweet with the girls even though we all drove you so crazy. I just hope that you know you were loved by us and my mom- my mom loved you so much, always. We will miss you so very much. I hope you get that perfect golf game and I know your mamma was there to greet you on Mother’s Day. Love you Gordo! - Sarah, Chris, Emma, and Rosie

sarah - May 13 at 09:59 PM



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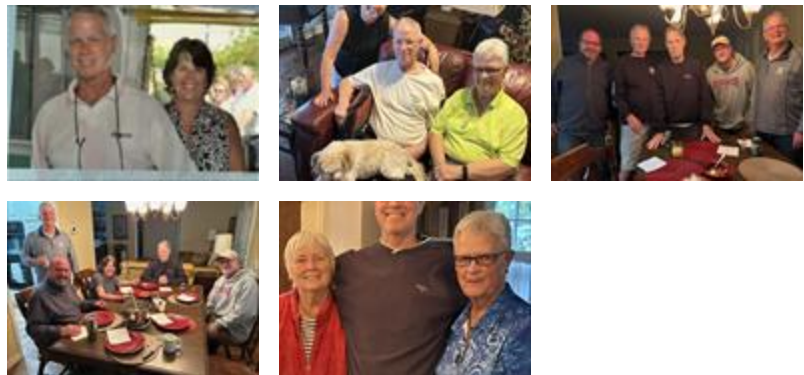
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