



Rev. Gordon Lee Morrison

March 16, 1940 - March 19, 2013

The Rev. Gordon Lee Morrison, of Easton, Maryland passed away on Tuesday, March 19, 2013, from complications following an automobile accident. He was 73.

Born on March 16, 1940, in Princeton, Indiana, Gordon was the son of the late, Leland and Ruth Morrison. After graduating from Indiana University with a BA in Philosophy in 1960, Gordon struck out to see the world. He served briefly as a youth minister in Union City, TN while attending the Cumberland Presbyterian Seminary in nearby Martin. But when the seminary moved to Memphis, he volunteered for the Peace Corps and served in Iran from 1964 to 1966. While training new Peace Corps Volunteers in the Florida Keys, Gordon met Returned Guatemala Volunteer Lynda Sanderford, and they were married 90 days later in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. They spent their first year together in Derby Hollow, Virginia where Gordon worked with rural community development for the Methodist Church and preached as a circuit rider on Sundays. Gordon then returned to Iran with Lynda and they worked in Isfahan, Iran as missionaries of the Episcopal Church for three years.

A tireless steward of God's creation, Gordon received an MS in Environmental Education and Parks Administration from Indiana University in Bloomington, IN, and was a Parks Administrator in both Minneapolis, Minnesota and the Chicago area in the 1970s.

But Gordon's Christian faith drew him back to formal ministry. He received his Master of Divinity from The University of the South in Sewanee, TN in 1984, and was ordained to the priesthood. Over the past 25 years, he has been the rector at several Episcopal parishes: St. Stephen's in Eutaw, Alabama; St. Paul's in Selma, Alabama; St. John's and St. Barnabas in Odessa, TX; and for ten years at St. Paul's in Henderson, KY. More recently, he served as Assistant Rector at Christ Church in Easton, MD, and after a partial retirement, worked at St. Peter's in Salisbury, MD and St. Paul's in Trappe, MD.

Father Morrison's exuberant embrace of life and extroverted personality made him the center of attention at practically every gathering. He was a beloved leader of the many congregations he served. Gordon was also an intrepid traveler, avid reader, and deep thinker about the theological connections between Christianity and Islam. He is missed dearly by his family, with whom he was exceptionally close, as well as by friends and the many people he served as a priest.

Also known as "BawBaw", Gordon is survived by his wife Lynda, also of Easton Maryland; his son Gregory Morrison, currently in Dublin, Ireland with wife, Elizabeth and their sons, Gabriel, Luke, and John; his son, Christopher Morrison, who with his wife, Rachel and daughters, Ada Jane and Margaret Ruth live in Washington, DC; and sisters, Rita Knight and Joan Bailey, both of Oakland City, IN.

The family will receive friends at St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Main St. in Trappe, MD from 4:00 to 6:00PM on Sunday, March 24, 2013. A vigil will continue at St. Paul's until 8:00 PM. A funeral service will be held at 10:00AM on Monday, March 25, 2013 at Christ Church, 111 S. Harrison St., Easton, MD 21601. Burial will be in White Marsh Cemetery on Route 50 in Trappe, MD.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gordon's honor can be made to the Izaak Walton League at www.iwla.org, or to Episcopal Relief and Development at www.er-d.org.

Arrangements are being handled by Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St., Easton, MD 21601.

Cemetery Details

White Marsh Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **24**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Trappe
3936 Main Street
Trappe, MD

Service

MAR **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Christ Episcopal Church, Easton
111 S. Harrison Street
Easton, MD 21601

Tribute Wall



“ *My name is Rickie Bergquist. I was so sorry to just learn about Gordon’s passing. I did my internship through Indian university while Gordy was with the Minneapolis Park Department. He was so brilliant, exuberant, loved laughing and life. He was an inspiration and inspired me to commit to serving in Park and Recreation Administration until my retirement in 2007. It was a special gift getting to know him.*

rickie bergquist - May 14, 2025 at 05:10 PM



“ *Rev. Gordon Lee Morrison*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Rev. Gordon Lee Morrison*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Rev. Gordon Lee Morrison*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

MF

“ Lynda...

This is Mary Jane Francis [pka Levitch] who was Gordon's classmate at Sewanee. I just got the CPF form that said Gordy has died and was totally shocked.

Apparently it was after an accident.

I am so sorry to learn this news and hoping that you will go well thru these difficult days ahead. Having been there before you I do know that it is possible to get to the other side. So please do be gentle with yourself....

You are in my thoughts and prayers.

pax. Mary Jane

The Rev. Dr. Mary Jane Francis

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mary jane francis - May 31, 2013 at 10:42 PM

BN

“ Benjamin Norris and Melissa Karnuth express their condolences.

Father Gordon and his family were neighbors of our parents on Kennicott Lane in Glenview IL. Before he became a pastor.

Remember all the laughs and good nature from the dinner parties

my parents held with the Morrisons. Our mother Patricia passed

away 3/9/13 so I'm sure they are all enjoying each others company.

If Linda, Greg, or Christopher wish to reach me my email is bennorris5@gmail.com. God Bless.

Ben Norris.

ben norris - April 09, 2013 at 04:55 PM

TP

“ *Father Gordon was a blessing to my family through the years and was always there for us when we needed him, day or night. I considered him a personal friend and confidant and words could never express how much he meant to me or my family. His inspiration and wisdom will never be forgotten.*

Tami Caudill Pantano

Tami Pantano - March 29, 2013 at 10:41 AM

BG

“ *I will always cherish my memories of Gordon as a great personal friend, an inspirational priest and a very special mentor to my daughter, Mira.
My sincere sympathy.*

Bill Gentry

Bill Gentry - March 25, 2013 at 09:27 AM

KW

“ I'm so sorry about the loss of Gordon. He was a big part of my family and my life. My daughter Katherine was the first child he baptized her at St. Paul's in Henderson. He was always so gracious and generous with his time and vast knowledge. I often said he was a walking encyclopedia and he was excited to share his knowledge with anyone interested. He shared his cabin here in Indiana and was the best tour guide ever in D.C. and Damascus and for that I will be forever grateful to him and his wonderful family. He will be sorely missed and we will be fondly remember. My prayers go out for Gordon and his family.

Kurt Wilson



Kurt Wilson - March 24, 2013 at 10:23 PM

MJ

“ Mr. and Mrs. Russell Morrow, Jr., Selma, AL. express condolences to the Morrison family. We have many fond memories of ministers' gatherings with you during your ministry here in Selma. We know Gordon will be greatly missed by you and the community in which you are currently living. Russell was minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) while you lived here.

Mrs. Russell Morrow, Jr. - March 23, 2013 at 07:28 PM

VW

“ To the Rev. Gordon Morrison's family; we send our deepest sympathies on your loss. Gordon was a devoted, good and faithful servant to our parish, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Selma, Alabama. Many good things happened on his watch....he was very gentle and kind to me on the loss of my father back in 1990. He is well remembered. Thank all of you for sharing him with us.....Veta Sobera Wall.

Veta Sobera Wall - March 23, 2013 at 11:51 AM

Jay
Box

“ Linda, Greg, and Christopher, we are so sorry for your loss. Fr. Morrison was so influential in our lives. Jason attended Sewanee because of his influence. When Gayle and I moved to Kentucky, Linda and Gordon reached out to us and helped introduce these Texans to "Kentucky culture." Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Jay & Gayle Box, Georgetown, KY

Jay Box - March 23, 2013 at 09:43 AM

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“ "Sandy" Sanderford lit a candle in memory of Rev. Gordon Lee Morrison



"Sandy" Sanderford - March 22, 2013 at 01:11 PM

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To my sister, Lynda, my nephews Greg and Chris, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. "Sandy"

"Sandy" Sanderford - March 22, 2013 at 01:17 PM

DC

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

David Cordray (Shelter Insurance)

David Cordray - March 22, 2013 at 12:56 PM

DB

“ My boys and I lived next to you and Gordon down on Judson Place in Henderson for awhile I always enjoyed speaking to him and sharing our love of dogs. I am so sorry to learn of his passing. You have our thoughts and prayers for the family.

Debbie Barclay.

debbie barclay - March 22, 2013 at 09:07 AM