



Gordon McCool

October 26, 1943 - March 18, 2019

Gordon McCool, 75, of Gilmer, passed away on March 18, 2019. He was born, October 26, 1943, to A. L. McCool and Jean Williamson McCool, in Durant, Oklahoma. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 11:00 am, Friday, March 22, 2019, at Rosewood Baptist Church, with Bro. Charles Johnson officiating. Visitation will be held 6:00 until 8:00 pm, Thursday, March 21, 2019, at McWhorter Funeral Home.

Gordon was a 1961 graduate of Harmony High School who went on to obtain an Associates' Degree in Engineering from Kilgore College in 1963, a Bachelors' Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Texas at Austin in 1966 and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Houston in 1971.

In the late 1960s, Gordon worked for a NASA contractor in Houston on the Lunar Landing Training Vehicle that taught the Apollo 11 astronauts how to operate spacecraft for the final descent in the historic 1969 moon landing. Gordon practiced civil litigation and general law in Houston and then in Gilmer, serving as the President of the Upshur County Bar Association for many years. Together with his brother Al, he operated McCool's Farm & Cattle, the family dairy farm at Rosewood started by his father A.L. in the 1950s. Throughout his career, Gordon served in a number of corporate board membership positions for numerous milk marketing organizations including Borden Cheese, AMPI (American Milk Producers Inc.) and Dairy Farmers of America.

A lifelong sports fan, Gordon's favorite teams included the Dallas Cowboys, the Brooklyn/Los Angeles Dodgers and the Texas Longhorns. A constant learner, he avidly read action and mystery novels, newspapers and legal journals. He had an extraordinary sense of humor and a warm and generous heart.

Gordon is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sharon Planto McCool, his mother Jean McCool, his brothers Tracy and Al, his sister-in-law Susan, his daughter Melanie, his son-in-law Paul Dugan, and grandchildren Kaitlynn, Kameron, Kaleb, Nash and Zane Dugan. Donations may be made to The Leukemia Lymphoma Society, www.lls.org, in memory of Gordon McCool.

Please visit Gordon's on-line registration book at www.mcwhorterfh.com to leave a memory for the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

McWhorter Funeral Home
1074 St. Hwy 300
Gilmer, TX 75645
info@mcwhorterfh.com
<https://www.mcwhorterfh.com>

Service

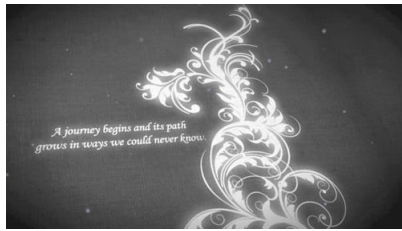
MAR **22**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Rosewood Baptist
8260 Arrowwood Rd
Gilmer, TX 75644
<http://www.rosewoodbaptist.net>

Tribute Wall



“ *McWhorter Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gordon McCool*



McWhorter Funeral Home - March 21, 2019 at 10:32 AM

HA

“ *Harry And Linda Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Gordon McCool*



Harry and Linda Armstrong - March 26, 2019 at 09:06 PM

PP

“ *the entire McCool family is in our prayers - Terry and Pamela Pyeatt*

Pamela Pyeatt - March 22, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gordon McCool.*



March 22, 2019 at 03:25 PM

AI

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Alfred E. Springer IV - March 21, 2019 at 07:01 PM

AI

Front row, five on the right , 1st string, Gordon #21 and me #22.

Alfred E. Springer IV - March 21, 2019 at 07:06 PM

AI

“ I remember Gordon and I attending Kilgore College together, for the first two years of our college days. We were both in Electrical Engineering, studying under Dr. S. L. Canterbury, after whom the Engineering/Science Bldg. is named. We both graduated from KC together with ASE degrees (Associate of Science in Engineering). We were two (2) receiving that degree out of 600+ graduates. Gordon fought a valiant fight with the health issue. Gordon and I virtually team taught the HS chemistry class, since it seemed that the alleged teacher was afraid that he might be too close if there were a chemical explosion. Yes, Gordon was a good and valuable friend. We virtually "toured Texas" in Agriculture class, entering the various "Judging" contest, i.e. Grass judging, Livestock Judging, etc. Attended the Texas State FFA convention. Of course, he took honors in the Dairy Cattle judging contest.

Alfred (AI or Bubba), E. Springer IV

Alfred E. Springer IV - March 21, 2019 at 06:27 PM

AI

Correction above, The sentence should read , "We were two of the six receiving the ASE degree out of 600\+ graduating that day.

Alfred E. Springer IV - March 21, 2019 at 06:29 PM

AI

I had almost forgotten what our class motto was. It just came to me. "Be not simply GOOD, but GOOD for something".

Alfred E. Springer IV - March 21, 2019 at 06:45 PM



“ 95 files added to the album LifeTributes



McWhorter Funeral Home - March 21, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Gordon McCool.*



March 20, 2019 at 02:49 PM

AR

“ *Andy And Liz Richardson lit a candle in memory of Gordon McCool*



Andy and Liz Richardson - March 20, 2019 at 12:56 PM

JD

“ *Dear McCool Family...We are saddened to hear of Gordon's passing...Our Prayers for Gods Love and Peace to be with you ...We will miss him...*

Janice& Gene Davis - March 19, 2019 at 09:44 PM

MZ

“ *Dear McCool Family--Gordon lived a special life and we are so sorry for your loss. Melanie's friends and colleagues at Mood Media have made a contribution to LLS in Gordon's memory. You are all in our prayers.*

Michael Zendan - March 19, 2019 at 06:19 PM

FM

“ *From your friends and colleagues at Mood purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Gordon McCool.*



From your friends and colleagues at Mood - March 19, 2019 at 03:08 PM



“ *Love's Embrace Roses – Purple was purchased for the family of Gordon McCool.*



March 19, 2019 at 02:31 PM