

## GORDON W. BROWN

1937-2013

### FAMILY HISTORY:

Gordon Wayne Brown was born in Lorraine, New York on May 12, 1937 to parents Kellogg Brown and Helen (Ansted) Brown. Gordon had 2 brothers, Ronald and Gerald and 1 sister, Betty. He grew up in Adams Center, New York.

### EDUCATION:

He was a graduate of Adams Center High School in 1954 and SUNY Cortland in 1962. After graduating from college, he got his first job in Lansingburgh in 1962 and settled in Lansingburgh.

### HISTORY:

Gordon enlisted into the United States Air Force on July 12, 1954. He proudly served during the Korean War as a personnel specialist. He was honorably discharged in 1958. For his brave and honorable service to his country, Airman First Class Gordon Brown was awarded the Good Conduct Medal and the National Defense Service Medal.

### PERSONAL:

Gordon married Suzann (Fisher) Brown on June 27, 1964 in Cortland, New York. He was the father of one daughter, Loree and one son, Geoffrey. He was blessed with two grandchildren: Christie and Jensen and one great-grandson, Maddon.

### WORK EXPERIENCE:

Gordie began his teaching career in Lansingburgh as a 6th grade teacher. He was named principal of Whipple, Whipple Anex and Pleasantdale Schools in 1970. Gordon served as the first principal at Turnpike Elementary School. He was appointed the New York State representative to the National Elementary Association of Principals from 1985 to 1990. He retired from the Lansingburgh School System in 1994.

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/ORGANIZATIONS:

Gordie was enjoyed being an assistant football coach, little league baseball manager and independent league coach, involved in high school track, charter member and past president of the Lansingburgh Kiwanis, involved in the formation of the Youth Soccer Program, active in the American Red Cross, member and elected to the board of the Lansingburgh Historical Society. Gordie was named 112th Street Man of the Year in 1995. He served as the United Methodist Church and Cornerstone Community Church board member. Gordie and his wife loved to travel around the world, going on cruises, enjoyed reading, and snuggling with his cat Tasha. He was an avid New York Giants and St. Louis Cardinals fan.

Sadly, Gordon W. Brown passed away on April 4, 2013 and was buried at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville, New York.