



## GORDON KUNDE

April 6, 1936 - May 18, 2014

### Obituary of GORDON KUNDE

Reverend Gordon W. Kunde, Age 78, of Howey-in-the-hills, FL passed away May 18, 2014 in his home. A man of great Faith, Honor, Dignity and Respect, he was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on April 6, 1936 to the late Wayne and Eleanor Kunde. Husband of 55 years to Zora Kunde and Father to Jennifer Kunde Yordan, Carrie Kunde Showalter and Grandfather to Michael Yordan and Gabrielle (Gabby) Yordan. Gordon was a graduate of Muskingum College, a Presbyterian school in Southeastern Ohio. He enrolled in Pittsburgh Theological Seminary with the intent to serve as a pastor-missionary engaged in income-generating agricultural development. Gordon served on the staff of a large church in Pittsburgh and to a rural congregation in Western Pennsylvania and finally as the Stated Supply Minister designated by the Central Florida Presbytery in 2007 to serve as Pastor at the Presbyterian Church in Umatilla. Following a term as a missionary in Brazil and studies for a Master of Agriculture in Economics and Production at Penn State University, the reduction in missionary personnel in 1968 by the United Presbyterian Church resulted in pursuing a career in agribusiness and small enterprise development over a 30 year period as part of the U.S. Government foreign aid program. His work involved consulting to foreign business and governments, the management of small and large business analysis and implementation development programs. Gordon and his wife Zora have lived

in eight foreign countries and worked in a total of fourteen (Columbia, Kenya, Ghana, Uganda, Pakistan, Liberia, Mozambique, Egypt, Zambia, Guinea Bissau, St. Lucia, El Salvador, Portugal and Brazil. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Gordon Kunde's name to First Presbyterian Church of Umatilla Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 407 Umatilla, FL 32784.

### Services

Memorial Service is at 11am on May 31, 2014 at The First Presbyterian Church of Umatilla- located at 493 N Kentucky Ave, Umatilla, FL, 32784 (352) 669-2334. There will be a reception following in the church's fellowship hall.

# Tribute Wall

DF

“ Dear Zora, It has been a sad surprise to find out that Gordon Passed on May. I didn't know and I am really sorry;; Please let me say that I really admired him and felt fortunate in life to be able to have him as my boss. Along with you, I had a great understanding of what a great marriage is and how he supported you learning spanish and got adapted to our costumes and traditions of our Country, always a team work with you. Just to send all my cherish in this difficult moment, may God provide peace and comfort. Please send my condolences to your children and whole family. My heart and thoughts are always you. My prayers go for you and your family. Big hug. Blessings.

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**DIANA ACERO AND FAMILY** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EJ

“ Dear Zora, Though I only met you for a brief time during your wedding ( I was in your wedding party) I was so impressed that you and Punch seemed so very right for each other. I had the great fortune of knowing Punch as our families we're both members of Hebron U.P. ( then) Church in Penn Hills, PA. He was 3 years older than me and we would often ride the bus together back to Muskingum College Sunday nights after a week end home to visit our girl friends. Asked many time during my early adult years who I had held up as role models, without hesitation Punch was one of two people that I would name, both from that church by the way. I am sure that your partnership was an extraordinary one. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family on the lost of one whom I'm sure will be missed by you and all who know him. Ed Johnston

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**Ed Johnston** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Zora, you won't remember me, but I was in the youth group at Mt. Lebanon U.P. when Punch was on staff there and remember both of you fondly. I began thinking about the two of you as I've been corresponding with friends before our fiftieth high school reunion this September. My condolences to you and your children. May God provide comfort and peace as only he can.

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**Marty Emmons** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Dear Zora, I remember with deep love and affection you and Gordon at Leesburg. I looked forward to seeing Gordon at meetings of transitional pastors as well as you and him at presbytery meetings. May the presence of our Living Lord be your comfort during this time of transition for you and your family. I am looking forward to seeing him again in our glorified condition. Gordon showed the power of God in his ministry and life of faith. God bless you.

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**Dave & Ruth Haw** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Dear Zora and family, I met Gordon when he came to the interim pastors group that met monthly at Maitland Presbyterian. It was my joy to know him; he brought such quiet strength, such a man of business experience and faith. I grew to respect him very much as a colleague, pastor and man. He was full of wisdom and when he spoke I listened. He gave his life in service of the Lord. He gave First Presbyterian, Umatilla hope and renewed life. He gave me another model for ministry, life and faith. We had a great group for about 5 years. Gordon was one who made the group a great fellowship of learning. May God give you peace through your faith. Blessings and thanksgiving.

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**Rev. Dr. Radford Rader** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Gordon was a fine pastor and contributed to the work of Central Florida Presbytery. He was a mentor, example, and inspiration to me.

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**Tim Rogers-Martin** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EZ

“ Ed and I have fond memories of Gordon and Zora. We were members of First Presbyterian Church in Leesburg many years ago. We are so sorry for your loss.

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**Ed & Jo Zimmerman** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ It was with great sorrow that I learned of the death of Punch Kunde, a great mentor to me as my "boss" while working on the Waterfront at Camp Twin Echo, the local Boy Scout Camp near Ligonier, Pennsylvania. Punch was a wonderful role model for me and the other staff members that worked under his supervision. Many of us thought that if we could grow up and be like Punch Life would be a success. I treasure the last visit I had with Punch at his home in March, his courage and strength will always be in my memory. My prayers and sympathy are with his wife, Zora (a wonderful high school friend) and his daughters Carrie and Jennifer during this difficult time.

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**Walter J. Lawson** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Gordon was such a strength to me during Juliet and Dean's deaths. Remember hourly to lean on the Everlasting Arms. I love you Zora.

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**Margaret Locke** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NG

“ Zora and family, We were both sadden to hear of Gordon's passing. We have kept him in our prayers and will continue to keep you and your family in our prayers. What a great man he was and a husband and father to be proud of! Take comfort in knowing that he is with the Lord whom he loved so very much. Take care of yourself and please keep in touch. Love, Nick and Gerry

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**Nick and Gerry** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ My sympathies to Carrie and her family at the loss of her father. I only met Mr. Kunde once and he was a very nice man. A loss of a parent is something we all go through. I wish strength and love to his family at this difficult time.

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**Wayne Harris** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM