



Leslie Gorton

August 2, 1944 - October 15, 2013

Myrtle Beach

MSgt Leslie "Bud" Gorton (Ret)

MSgt Leslie "Bud" Gorton (Ret), age 69, died on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at Tideland's Hospice House in Georgetown, SC.

Born in Lansing, MI, Bud was a son of the late Harold and Helen Gorton. Bud served in the US Air Force for 1963 to 1989. While serving in Vietnam in 1969 he received the Bronze Star for meritorious service. He also received the Tactical Air Command's Information Systems Program Manager of the Year in 1986. Bud attended church at Surfside Beach Christian Church. He delivered the mail at the Lakes and was well loved.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years, Claudine Gorton of Myrtle Beach; a daughter Dorothee, son Frederic; grandchildren Eric and wife Gwen, Natasha, Melissa and Renee, Andrew and Roger; great grandson Bryson; sisters from Michigan Mary, Louise and husband Chet, Peggy, Penny and husband Rick; best friends Hugh and Sue, Nicole and Jean Marie, numerous nieces and nephews here and in France.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 pm, Saturday, October 26, 2013 at

Surfside Beach Christian Church.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donation be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, P O Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

Sign a guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Previous Events

Service

OCT **26**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Surfside Christian Church
340 N Azalea Drive
Surfside Beach, SC 29575-5024

Tribute Wall



“ *Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Leslie Gorton*



Goldfinch Funeral Home - October 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM



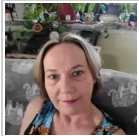
“ *Claudine, Dorthie, Eric and grandkids, I am so very sorry for your personal loss. He is gone but won't be forgotten by you. You will see something that makes you think of him and you'll smile. You'll hear something he used to say and you'll want to weep. You will pick up the phone to call him and remember he isn't there. Grieve in your own way. And remember, some glad day you will see him again. He was truly a good person. I will miss you too Bud! Save us a seat up there! I love you guys, Chris Mullins*

Chris Mullins - October 26, 2013 at 11:11 AM

TM

“ My sisters and I have been very fortunate to be able to go and visit with uncle Bud and aunt Claudine and get to know them over the last few years. He was an awesome uncle and very generously shared his family and his memories with us. We loved spending time with him and having the opportunity to get to know grandma and grandpa through his eyes. He is missed but will live on in our memories and our conversation as we share this great man with our family . He lived life large and is now with God and family in heaven and at peace, but I will still talk to him.

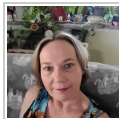
Tina Munro - October 25, 2013 at 11:34 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dorothee Gorton Campbell - October 24, 2013 at 09:49 PM



I love you daddy, always and forever.

Dorothee Gorton Campbell - October 24, 2013 at 09:52 PM

JL

“ Bud was a quiet man and always interested in you and how your life was going. After my husband's death, he often would bring my mail to the door and ask, in a thoughtful way, how I was doing and giving me words of real encouragement. Oh, if more people could be so genuine, it would be a happier world.

Janet Likes, The Lakes

Janet Likes - October 24, 2013 at 02:59 PM

 Mark
Mercer

“ So sorry for your loss.....

Mark Mercer - October 21, 2013 at 09:15 PM

 Laurie
Smith
Snyder

“ I am thinking about your family at this time of great sorrow. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Laurie Smith Snyder - October 20, 2013 at 06:39 PM

JG

“ So sorry to hear about Buds passing. He was such a wonderful gentleman and coworker. Thinking of you all during this time of sorrow.

Joan Gasque



Joan Gasque - October 20, 2013 at 03:18 PM

CG

“ Claudette Grecourt sent a virtual gift in memory of Leslie Gorton



claudette grecourt - October 20, 2013 at 08:28 AM

CG

“ Claudette Grecourt lit a candle in memory of Leslie Gorton



claudette grecourt - October 20, 2013 at 08:27 AM

DJ

“ I was so saddened to hear of Bud's illness, and passing. But we all know, he is without pain, and fear now. I was lucky to have met him and his wonderful family, and he was without a doubt, the finest family man, and the gentlest giant I ever knew. Bless you Claudine, Fred, Dorothee, and family. Thinking of you always.
Love, Debi

Debi Jordan - October 19, 2013 at 07:47 PM

AG

“ Al & Patti Gorzkowski lit a candle in memory of Leslie Gorton



al & patti gorzkowski - October 19, 2013 at 06:50 PM

AC

“ worked with Bud 18 yrs in the Post Office, he was always a pleasure to be around. He will be missed greatly. Rest in Peace with the Lord. Alleycat.



Arthur "Al" Chamberlain - October 19, 2013 at 08:22 AM

BB

“ Bruce Bigart lit a candle in memory of Leslie Gorton



Bruce Bigart - October 18, 2013 at 03:09 PM

AC

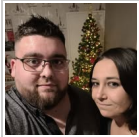
“ je viens d'apprendre le départ de ton mari, je te souhaite beaucoup de courage Claudine dans ces moments difficiles.

André Catrain - October 17, 2013 at 06:49 PM

DB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know Bud very well but am a friend to his sisters in Michigan. He is well loved!! My prayers to Bud's family and friends during this very difficult time.
Debra Bruch

Debra Bruch - October 17, 2013 at 03:29 PM



“ Mes sincères condoléances a toi claudine et à toute ta famille. Bud je l'ai pas vu beaucoup de fois mais c'était quelqu'un de formidable. J'espère qu'il sera bien la ou il se repose :-(

Kévin Catrain - October 17, 2013 at 02:44 PM

SE

“ Claudine,
Je n'oublierai jamais l'accueil que toi et Bud m'avez réservé pendant mon séjour aux Etats Unis. Votre gentillesse a été et est toujours un grand réconfort pour moi. Vous êtes ma famille des USA. Merci à vous deux.
Je prie pour Bud, toi et toute la famille.
Je t'embrasse.
Serge.



Serge - October 17, 2013 at 02:15 PM

AB

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Please accept my deepest sympathy. May you find comfort from your memories, as well as the comfort found in God's word the bible. Romans 5:12 says, "That is why, just as through one man (Adam) sin entered into the world and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men because they had all sinned." How loving of God to promise what is found at Revelation 21:4 which says, "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away.”

A. Bell - October 17, 2013 at 12:05 PM

JS

“ This is how I remember Bud! Always laid back and easy going! This picture was from Christmas 1985 and has my daughter Erin, Fred and Bud in the picture. While we were in Myrtle beach the Gortons were part of our family and we were part of theirs! Miss that time very much but some day we will all be together again in Heaven and oh the great memories we will have. Rest in Peace Bud, no more pain, and God's grace and peace for you and the family you left behind. My love to everyone in the Gorton family.

June Storey



June Storey - October 17, 2013 at 10:01 AM

PU

“ Thank you Mr. Gordon for your service to our country and to your family, may you rest in peace now. Claudine, Dorothee and Fred, hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your friends and family for strength, and always remember how much you are loved.



Pam and Jim Ulmer - October 17, 2013 at 08:21 AM

WU

“ RIP AIRMAN !!!

Wayne Williams - USMC - October 17, 2013 at 07:44 AM

SS

“ Claudine, it has been many years since I left Myrtle Beach, I had many fond memories that I had to leave behind. But, please take solace in knowing that just because I did not keep in touch, my thoughts never left. I can only say to Bud, "Thank you for being one of the best supervisors that I had the pleasure of working for during my 20 year Air Force career." He always handled things as the true professional that he was, I NEVER saw him angry, even in some some of the most difficult times. He truly was a mentor to all of us. He is with God now, in a very special place in Heaven. He truly will be missed.

SEAN F. STOREY, TSgt (Ret), USAF

Sean Storey - October 17, 2013 at 04:36 AM



“ Susi M lit a candle in memory of Leslie Gorton



Susi M - October 16, 2013 at 11:21 PM

MC

“ Claudine, my love and prayers are with you and your family. Mary Crolley

Mary Crolley - October 16, 2013 at 10:39 PM

DR

“ Debra Rice lit a candle in memory of Leslie Gorton



debra rice - October 16, 2013 at 10:16 PM

DR

I am so sorry for your loss. He will be missed.

debra rice - October 16, 2013 at 10:18 PM

SJ

“ Sheila Jiles lit a candle in memory of Leslie Gorton



sheila jiles - October 16, 2013 at 08:01 PM

SJ

Trust GOD!! He will make everything all right. Be encouraged!! Love you Mrs. Claudine!!

sheila jiles - October 16, 2013 at 08:03 PM

MS

“ CLAUDINE, I'M SO SORRY ABOUT BUD. HE'S NOT SUFFERING NOW, AND YOU WERE BLESSED TO HAVE HIM, AND YOU WERE SO GOOD TO HIM. I PRAY GOD WRAPS HIS LOVING ARMS AROUND YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN THIS TIME OF NEED AND DAYS AHEAD,

MONTY

monty sullivan - October 16, 2013 at 07:05 PM



TC

“ You all are in our thought and prayers during this time. With all our love, Terri, Randi, and Cayla

Terri, Randi, and Cayla - October 16, 2013 at 05:36 PM



TR

“ So very sorry for your loss. I worked with Bud at the Post office and he will be missed

Terry Rittenberry - October 16, 2013 at 04:20 PM



WH

“ Wesley Hucks lit a candle in memory of Leslie Gorton



Wesley Hucks - October 16, 2013 at 03:52 PM

 Andrea Clifford Melton

“ Claudine and family...so sorry for your loss...a former walmart employee...Andrea Melton

Andrea Clifford Melton - October 16, 2013 at 03:34 PM

GV

Sorry for your loss.

Guy & Loretta Vandiver - October 16, 2013 at 08:36 PM

MF

“ Fred and Family
You are in my thoughts and prayers. Much Love Myra

Myra Ferrell - October 16, 2013 at 03:10 PM

EG

“ Emilie Grecourt sent a virtual gift in memory of Leslie Gorton



emilie grecourt - October 16, 2013 at 02:29 PM

EG

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