



## Gordon Harold Madsen

September 19, 1924 - February 28, 2013

September 19, 1924 — February 28, 2013 Gordon Madsen of Fort Collins, Colorado peacefully passed away on February 28, 2013 surrounded by his loving family. He was 88. A great story teller, Gordon's life began in his beloved twin cities town of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Memorable childhood experiences were created at the Pillsbury Settlement House. At the age of 16 he found his true love and the love of his life Lorraine "Sparky" Ness age 15. Their love and her memory, as well as many letters, sustained him during his valiant service with the Marine Corps in the Pacific Campaign of WWII. After the war, Lorraine accepted Gordon's hand in marriage, and together they walked through life for 67 years. They were blessed in the birth of their loving daughter, Jeannie. After a wonderful career with Standard Oil Company, Gordon and Lorraine retired in Fort Collins Colorado. Quoted by dear friends "he loved his family," as well as "he was the finest individual I knew." Knowing that neither people nor life was perfect, he always had the courage to overcome obstacles and win. He spent many good times at Lindenmeyer Lake and rivers in Montana as a passionate fisherman, and loved to teach his family. Self-taught in many ways, he embraced learning and education. He always wanted to maintain his freedom. We are so proud of him for completing his book "The Story of A Young Marine." He cherished spending time with his family and friends. He was a role model to many. A salute for a life well lived! He leaves his loving wife, Lorraine; daughter, Jeannie Campbell husband, Ian; granddaughters, Laura Campbell and Lisa Gustas husband,

Dave; and great grandsons, Reid and Carter Gustas. Gordon will be laid to rest with military honors at Fort Logan National Cemetery on March 12, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. in Staging "B".

# Tribute Wall

CG

“ Gordon was my grandpa. He the most loving and caring person in the world to me and my brother reid. I remember every time i would go to his house he would do anything for us. He is all a grandson could ask for in a grandpa

*love carter gustas*

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**carter gustas** - July 28, 2020 at 01:39 AM

PI

“ I will remember Gordon as a devoted husband, a loving father, a terrific grandfather and a patriotic and proud Marine. I feel very fortunate to have shared many good times and great memories with his wonderful family. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him but he will remain in our hearts forever.

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**Patsy Isaacson** - March 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Gordon was a wonderful person! He always had a great laugh and was fun to be around. We always looked forward to visiting. We are thinking of you!

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**Chris and Karen Ryan** - March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Gordon & Lorraine were wonderful neighbors & friends! We have some great memories and we are thinking of all of you at this very sad time.

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**David & Cathie May** - March 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ My heart goes out to you Lorraine and your family. Gordan was a great friend and neighbor. He will be greatly missed. I have many wonderful memories of him. One of my favorites was going to Rockies Baseball games with him over the years. He loved to cheer for those Blake Street Bombers.

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**John C. Smith** - March 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ It was a pleasure to meet Gordon, and I enjoyed reading his wonderful story and assisting with the copyright process.

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**Sally Hutchinson** - March 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EC

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**Ernie and Marge Crewdson** - March 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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**Ernie and Marge Crewdson** - March 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Gordy and Lorraine were wonderful neighbors. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. Claire

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**Claire Schamberger** - March 06, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We all loved to listen to Gordon's colorful stories and experiences. He was a true gentleman and friend with an infectious laugh and smile that warmed the room around him. Gordon and Lorraine exemplified a very loving couple devoted to their family and friends. May God Bless You Gordon. You will be forever in our hearts, thoughts, and prayers.

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**Mick & Janez Moog** - March 05, 2013 at 12:00 AM