



Dr. Gordon Lester Franke

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Dr. Gordon Lester Franke passed away on Sunday, May 18, 2014 surrounded by family at his home in Mandeville, LA. He was 72. He was born on August 26, 1941 in Chicago, IL to the late Lester Herman and Bernice Christopher Franke. He resided in Mandeville for the past 37 years.

In 1967, Gordon married Kathleen Ludeman Franke and together they had two children, Gordy C. Franke (Laura) and Betsy F. Knotts (Christopher). He will be dearly missed by two precious grandchildren, Madeline and Simon Knotts. Gordon was the brother of Lawrence Franke (Charly).

Gordon was a clinical psychologist at Southeastern Louisiana State Hospital for many years and was Director of Youth Services when he retired in January 2013. He was an avid fan of melodic jazz throughout his life.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Funeral Service on Saturday, May 31st, 2014 at St. Timothy United Methodist Church, 335 Asbury Dr, Mandeville, LA 70471. Visitation will start at 10:00 AM and service at 11:00 AM. A reception will follow services at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in memory of Dr. Gordon L. Franke be made to MD Anderson Center, www.mdanderson.org and Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center, www.marybird.org. Please sign the online Guest Book at www.ejfieldingfh.com.






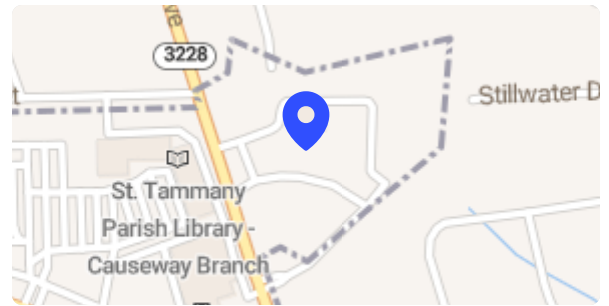
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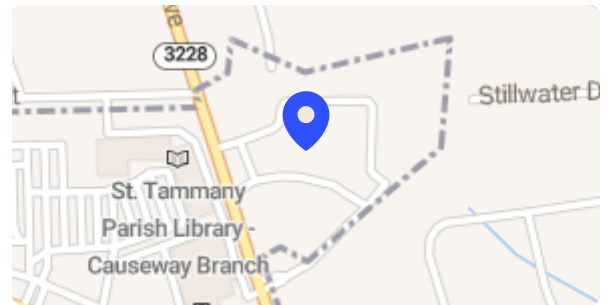
Visitation

-  **Saturday**, May 31, 2014
-  10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
-  **St. Timothy on the Northshore**
335 Asbury Dr., Mandeville LA 70471



Funeral Services

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Tribute Wall

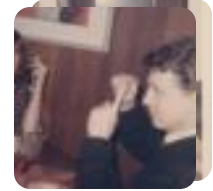
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CG

Claudia George shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I am so sorry, Kathy, to hear about Gordon. My deepest sympathy. I remember Gordy and you so fondly from your years in Chicago. I will post two photos from 1967 on this Tribute Wall but the picture I have in my mind is like the one posted here by the Rostows - the two of you dancing together. Love, Claudia



June 27 at 7:26 PM

BM

Brenda Martin posted:

I worked with Dr. Franke for many years at Southeast. He will long be remembered as a kind, gentle soul who loved his work. Condolences to his family.

May 30 at 3:35 AM

PM

Patti Milner posted:

Kathy, Don and I are so sorry for your loss. Gordon was such a sweet man and so easy to be around. Please know that our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. Sincerely, Don and Patti Milner

May 29 at 2:44 PM

CL

Cindy Little posted:

I knew Gordon through Southeast Louisiana Hospital. I was on the Leadership Committee with him. I was always impressed by how much he cared about the kids that he treated on Youth Services. He went above and beyond in doing everything he could, along with the treatment team, to see the kids get better. He will be missed.

May 28 at 6:01 AM

RM

Rusty Meyer posted:

Gordy, I am sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. - Rusty Meyer

May 28 at 1:54 AM



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SF

Stephanie Frederic posted:

Dear Ms. Kathy, Betsy, and Gordy, So very sorry to hear of Mr. Gordon's passing. I remember him with great fondness. I know he loved you all so much. Thinking of you in this difficult time. Love, Stephanie (formerly Rostow), Jeff, Alex, Henry, and Jason Frederic

May 26 at 1:44 PM

CR

Cary And Darlene Rostow shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Dear Kathy, Gordon, and Betsy, Please accept our deepest condolences and sympathies on Gordon's passing. We are deeply sorry as we share in your great loss. We are fondly remembering those early years together at graduate school in Illinois, the good times our two families spent together with our babies, and that shared experience in Pineville as we discovered our new home state. Our love goes out to you across the years and miles. We hope that the memories of those little things help to push away the pain. Love, Cary and Darlene

May 26 at 1:05 PM

DG

Delecia Gibson posted:

I worked with Dr. Franke many years on Youth Services at Southeast Louisiana Hospital, with both inpatient and partial hospitalization programs. He was an amazing man with those children and adolescents. He was always smiling and upbeat, except for during a few of the tedious meetings we were required to attend! He will be greatly missed. He was revered among his colleagues for his experiential knowledge and mentoring manner. My heart goes out to his family for their loss. Prayers for peace and healing during their grief. With sympathy and respect Delecia "Dedee" Gibson

May 22 at 5:58 AM

DM

Diana And Kevin Marse posted:

Our hearts go out to the Franke family during this difficult time. Dr. Franke "Gordon" was such a wonderful person and quite the gentleman. I had the honor of working with him for several years and still treasure those moments. Kevin and I feel blessed to have known him and his family. We pray that the Franke family have the strength to carry on as he is lifted into that great heavenly place where he will be welcomed with open arms by those who went before him. With sympathy, Diana and Kevin Marse

May 20 at 6:30 PM



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Jennifer Wallace sent a virtual gift in honor of Gordon.



May 20 at 10:31 AM



Jennifer Wallace May 20 at 10:34 AM

"While we are mourning the loss of our friend, others are rejoicing to meet him behind the veil."~ John Taylor



Debbie Miller posted:

I feel blessed to have been able to have met Dr. Franke. I will always cherish his humor and how he traveled his journey after his diagnosis. He brought smiles to all of us here at the Cancer Center even in his tough times. My prayer is that each of you feel his presence in your hearts during the days to come. What a wonderful man....Sincerely, Debbie Miller, RN Mary Bird Perkins Center at St. Tammany Parish Hospital

May 20 at 6:56 AM



Michelle M. Boze, Psy.D. posted:

Dr. Franke will always have a special place in my heart. What a great psychologist and mentor. I will always remember him as a kind soul. Thank you Dr. Franke and thank you to your family for sharing you with us!

May 20 at 1:55 AM



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SS

Susan Stein posted:

Had many wonderful years working side-by-side with Dr. Franke. He will be greatly missed. A wonderful friend.

May 19 at 4:44 PM

RH

Regina Harrison May 31 at 2:50 PM

I worked with Dr. Franke for years at Challenges Day Treatment Program at SELH. His caring nature and warm spirit made the work place pleasant and enjoyable. I thank God for the opportunity to have known him and learn from him. My sincere condolences and prayers are with his family! Regina Harrison

GV

Ginger Varnado May 22 at 6:38 AM

I worked with Gordon for years also. He was a wonderful person and was very kind. He worked hard to help the clients and as well the staff. I remember when we were evacuated for Katrina. He was always thinking of others and trying to do what he could to help. He was very helpful to let us know what was going on when no one else would. But that was him. Prayers to comfort the family at this time and the days to come. He will surely be missed.

RC

Rosemary Cullen May 20 at 9:52 AM

I had worked with Gordon for many, many years. He was my boss for a lot of those years and no one could have a more considerate, kind and understanding boss. His son and mine went to school together so we would talk about them and other family things that we could relate to. His irreverent humor about our work situations was almost appreciated. He poked fun at himself and laughed about himself, which is a true example of the kind of person he was. We grew old together and watched many changes happen, including the lost of a friend and coworker, Ron Cahanin, we ultimately retired at the same time. I wish he had a chance to enjoy it more. He really was a special person, I am glad I knew him.



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Kathy and Gordon



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gordon by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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