



Gordon Lee Essington

June 15, 1929 - April 28, 2020

Gordon L. Essington, 90, of Cabery, passed away on April 28, 2020. He was born June 15, 1929 to Otis and Nellie (Sargeant) Essington. He married Patricia Strebeck on January 25, 1954 at the Presbyterian Church in Kankakee. Gordon was the Director of Homeless Veterans at the Illinois Veterans Home-Manteno for seven years and worked at A.O. Smith for 30 years. He served as a Corporal in the Army during the Korean War. Gordon was a Past Master of the Masonic Lodge#389 and a lifetime member of VFW Post #2857, Amvets, and the American Legion #737. He was an avid, St. Louis Cardinals fan, enjoyed gardening and fishing, and loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Gordon is survived by two daughters, Cindy (Bridget) Bertrand-Essington and Sarah (Ron)Scully and five grandchildren, Rachel, Dane, Ryann, Tiernan, and Kyle. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Patricia, and a sister Avis Schultz.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Private family service will be held due to social distancing orders and burial will be at a later date at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gordon Lee Essington*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *So sorry that you are gone Uncle Gordon you will be greatly missed. Best times we had we're going across the street to the bar and getting a hamburger. Loved those times. Loved spending my 6th grade school year with you and Aunt Pat. You both taught me so much. I love and will miss you both. Love Rudi*

Wish I could be there but I am still stuck in Afghanistan.

Rudiger Strebeck - June 04, 2020 at 10:56 AM



“ *Cindy and Sarah. I'm so sorry to get the sad news yesterday that you're Dad has passed. He was such a wonderful guy my grandson Roy and I were just talking about uncle Gordon yesterday morning because his mom, uncle Robert and Roy himself share a Birthday together. We talk about him and his wife aunt Pat a lot. So sorry about both of them being gone. They were great and a loving family. Rest in Peace when you see Pat tell her hi and we love you both. Antje Strebeck and Family*

Antje Strebeck - June 04, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ *Dear Cindy and Sarah, so, so sorry about your dad. I always enjoyed seeing and talking to your parents. I hope all the great memories give you comfort. Sincerely, Donna(Palmer) Casino*

Donna Casino - May 05, 2020 at 02:19 PM

LC

“ So sorry for your loss girls, I worked with Gordon & the crew of Spraker Bossert Chaney etc. at A.O. Smith.



Larry Elliot of Chebanse - May 04, 2020 at 11:33 AM

DF

“ We are so sorry for the passing of your Father. Our condolences to all of you, and our prayers are with you and your family.

Dave, Sue, Savannah, Madison

Dave Frantzen - May 02, 2020 at 09:07 AM

RP

“ Your family is in my prayers!
Ruthann Pinnow

Ruthann Pinnow - May 01, 2020 at 09:01 PM

MF

“ So sorry for your loss, Cindy and Bridget. Glad though you were able to spend some time with him.

Melissa and Lee

Melissa Fadeley - May 01, 2020 at 05:37 PM

MM

“ Cindy, Bridget and family,
Our deepest condolences on your great loss. Please know we are
thinking of you.

Margaret Menzies and family

Margaret Menzies - May 01, 2020 at 03:09 PM

LH

“ Prayers to the family. He was one of my favorite people from
Cabery as a child and as an adult. 🙏🙏

Lori Johnson Hoegger - April 30, 2020 at 11:51 PM

CW

“ I'm sorry to hear of his passing I remember your dad such a nice
man ✨🙏✨

cheryl weaver - April 30, 2020 at 09:52 PM

GL

“ You have my deepest sympathy on the passing of your father. I
remember you would always call him "Flash". 😊 He did so much
good in his lifetime. You must be very proud of all his
accomplishments! My thoughts are with you and your family. 🙏

Glenda Loeschen - April 30, 2020 at 03:58 PM

ES

“ Elaine Schwass lit a candle in memory of
Gordon Lee Essington



Elaine Schwass - April 30, 2020 at 11:26 AM