



## Leland Reichelt,

October 8, 1958 - December 29, 2009

Leland Gordon Reichelt, Jr., age 51 of Columbus, Mississippi, passed away unexpectedly on December 29th at his home. Leland was born to his parents Leland, Sr. and Carolyn (Ries) on October 8, 1958 at the Wesley Hospital in Wadena. Leland graduated from Wadena Senior High School and then attended the University of Minnesota - Duluth, University of Minnesota - Crookston and then avionics training in Alexandria. He lived in Denver for 20 years and spent the last two years in Columbus working for Aurora Aviation. Leland was active in the Knights of Columbus, church work, enjoyed cowboy action shooting, gun collecting, Civil War Re-enactment, Nascar & Sprint Cars, sailing, historic narrow gauge railroad and mountain climbing. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus - 4th Degree, Single Action Shooting Society and Sons of Confederate Veterans. Leland was preceded in death by his grandparents. He is survived by his parents Dr. Leland & Carolyn of Wadena, his brother William and his fiancée Jamie Glowacki of Duluth. The Mass of Christian Burial will be on Wednesday, January 6th at 11:00 am in the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Wadena with Fr. Donald Wagner and Fr. Kurt Gunwald concelebrating. Interment will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Wadena. Pallbearers will be Jeff & Ric Harrison, Charles Ries, Greg Lislegard, Duane Moore and Tim Edinger. Memorials are preferred to Friends of the Wadena City Library or the Wadena Area Crisis Pregnancy Center.

# Tribute Wall

JN

“ Dear Reichelt family,

*I am so sorry for your loss. I have many memories of Gordy from high school band...and the fun we all had there. Know that he is now in a place where there is only beauty and happiness.*

*Regards,  
Judy Nelson*

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**Judy Nelson** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear Carolyn, Leland & Billy,  
*We are so sorry for your loss. We keep you in our thoughts & prayers. We will miss him dearly. God Bless you and your family. Our deepest sympathy,  
Kim & Cindy*

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**Cindy & Kim Mortenson** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ *I'm so very sorry and sad that he has left us, I wish there was something I could say. If you need anything let me know. All my prayers in this sad time. Love Robert*

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**Robert D Lislegard** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Please accept our sympathy on the death of your son.

*Our daughter, Donna Leslie, graduated with your son.*

*Gene and Marge Leslie*

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**Gene & Marge Leslie** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *Gordon was a very bright, kind and a gentleman even at a young age. While babysitting for him we often had discussions around airplanes and future electronics. Loss of his talents at this early age is a loss to our country and to the electronics industry. Our dear sympathy to Carolyn, Lee and Billy.*

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**Mary Jane Rasmussen** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FZ

“ *We knew Leland as the Grand Knights of the W. H. Jolly Knights of Columbus. We were shocked to hear about this loss. Our sympathy is with this family.*

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**Frank & Agnes Zaiontz** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *We have many fond neighborhood memories with Gordy. We are so sorry for your loss.*

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**Cheryl Heinen and Lecia Edquist** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ God Bless you Leland - We'll miss you in Starkville at our First Degrees and at our Assembly Socials.

*Vivat Jesus!!!*

*Mike Kassouf  
District Deputy #4  
Starkville Mississippi*

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**Mike Kassouf** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Leland will be missed by all. His honesty and friendship was of the most pure. Leland was my sponsor into the Knight of Columbus and dedicated co-worker. Deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones.

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**Kurt Dobbel** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ The news of Leland's passing took me by surprise. I will miss our conversations at his truck. His was a life lived well, may he rest in peace.

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**Michael Dunstan** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ Dear Reichelt family;

*It's never easy for those left behind but when you lose someone so unexpectedly we all feel the shock.*

*May it help to know so many people share your sorrow and stand with you in your time of sorrow.*

*Employees of Aurora Flight Sciences*

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**Wanda Stacy** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *I was shocked to learn of Leland's passing this week. I knew him to be a dedicated and loyal member of the Knights of Columbus, and I appreciated his hard work in service to those in need. He will be missed here in Mississippi.*

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**Brian Engelland** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *The news that reached me this morning stunned me. My heart goes out to you and your entire family. My daughter Kris was a classmate and she just told me that Lori was contacting other class members. We are thinking of you and pray that God will comfort you in the days ahead.*

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**Mary Ellen Kennedy Kollodge** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ *A Grand Knight of enthusisum and dedication. May the pepetural light shine upon him and rest in peace.*

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**Howard & Jo Ann Ferguson** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ We will always remember the "socks" at christmas. How the next year everyone brought you socks.  
We really had fun that year!  
Terry enjoyed the interesting conversations about the civil war memorabilia that you collected and were most passionate about.  
The talks about anything and everything were what made christmas special with you and your parents especially your dad terry really enjoyed spending time with him.

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**Terence W. Teppo** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ My wife and I are very saddened by the news of Gordon's death. We wish we could find words to ease your pain, but words that can give you true comfort are difficult to find. Please except our sincere condolences and know that you are all in our hearts and minds.

*In sympathy*

*Brad and Amy*

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**Brad and Amy Smith** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ From pedal tractors (john deere of course) to snowmobile races in the back yard. Polaris would always WIN. We both drove Polaris. Sail boat racing on the 4th of July, Gordy at the helm always steering the best course. He was at the helm of his life, from Minnesota to Colorado and finally Mississippi. Making many friends along the way. Always staying in touch by phone, letting us know new things in his life. The years have passed quickly from childhood memories. Gordon(Gordy) as we knew him will be apart of lives forever. If you met, he probably had on blue jeans and tee shirt. Not to mention his black straight brim hat (I called it a preachers hat from the old west). That always got smile from him. To family and friends he was a GREAT MAN. Love Jeff & Kathy

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**Jeff & Kathy Harrison** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Gordy was one of my first childhood friends when we moved to Wadena in 1966. I fondly remember visiting Gordy at their family home on 9th Street even though it was a long time ago. My heart goes out to the Reichelt family.

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**Gary Bolt** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ I was in shock when I learned of Leland's passing. My sympathy goes out to his family for such a great loss.

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**Richard Muckala** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I am just so very sad for you...Although, I didn't know Gordy, my daughter, Suzanne Brill graduated from WHS in 1976 also. I have read the tributes to your son, and know that he was a fine man with many friends, both old and new. He left this Earth way too soon - I am thinking of you all.  
God Bless you as you go through the days ahead. Cis Johnson

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**Cicely Johnson** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Just got the news....we are so sorry!! But, God blesses those who love Him. Stay strong, stay faithful. We're hoping we will see you at TP. We will keep praying for you and your family.

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**Bob & Bev Krusemark** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Lee and Carolyn, I just heard about your son's passing. I am so sorry for your loss. What a hard thing to endure! Love, Franny

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**Frances Bigari** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Hi to all. I'm sorry to hear about Lee's passing. I'm the taller Brother Knight with Leland and Tim Paul in the photo at his Fourth Degree in Ft. Collins, CO. If possible I would very much appreciate a copy of that photo to remember him by.  
Not trying to be nosy, but since he moved back East, and I have transferred to another Knights Council, I have only gotten dribs and drabs about Lee. If you find the time, please email me with some info as to his death.  
In closing, both he and all of you will be in my prayers.

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**Jim Ritzdorf** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ We are all so shocked at the untimely departure of Leland. Our most sincere & heartfelt condolences to the entire Reichelt family from his Brother Knights.

We were at a great loss at our parish church & its Knights of Columbus Council when you left Denver CO. You were a very valuable member of both. We will miss you Brother Sir Knight Leland all the more now, until we are all reunited with our Lord and Savior JESUS CHRIST in His heavenly kingdom.

GOD Bless You Brother Leland & may he shine his perpetual light upon you

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**Brother Sir Knight Tim Paul** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I had tried contacting his family a few years ago inquiring where Gordon was. Unfortunately, I never heard back. We had many good times. He will be truly missed.

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**Mark Peters** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM