



## Gordon Dillingham

October 19, 1938 - February 28, 2015

Gordon Dendy Dillingham, age 76, of Hermitage, TN, passed away peacefully at 2:40AM on Saturday, February 28th, 2015 at Summit Medical Center. Funeral services will be conducted Monday, March 2nd, at 3 o'clock pm in the chapel of Austin & Bell Funeral Home in Springfield with Brother Jeff Whitener. His remains will be cremated following the service.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Sunday, March 1st, from 4-8:00PM and again on Monday from 1:00PM until the hour of service.

Mr. Dillingham was born October 19th, 1938 in Buncombe County, NC to the late Mack Garland and Lucy Bell Cogdill Dillingham. He was an accomplished musician who played with many musical legends. He is also preceded in death by his son, Joey Rayfield.

Gordon was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Dillingham; son, Marty (Gina) Dillingham of Springfield, TN; daughters, Sonda (Gene) Meadows of Fayetteville, GA; Connie (Mike) Applewhite of Lawrenceville, GA; Sheila Pegg Maiden of Springfield, GA, and Melody (Greg) Smith of Covington, GA; grandchildren, Ryan Dillingham, Jeremy Dillingham, Brooke Trujillo, Lauryn Meadows, Christopher Rayfield, Isaac Whitehead, Jackie Whitehead, Rose Whitehead; and eight great-grandchildren.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-

509 WALNUT STREET, SPRINGFIELD, TN (615) 384-1000

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield  
509 Walnut St.  
Springfield, TN 37172  
(615) 384-1000  
<https://austinandbell.com>

## Visitation

MAR 2. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home Springfield  
509 Walnut St.  
Springfield, TN 37172  
(615) 384-1000  
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## Funeral Service

MAR 2. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ REST IN PEACE GORDON, THANKS FOR BELIEVING IN MY MUSIC AND GETTING SONG “I WAS TAKEN” RECORDED BY MOE BANDY.....IM SORRY I DIDNT KNOW YOU LONGER ....GOD BLESS

Eddie Cunningham - August 27, 2024 at 08:59 PM

JF

“ So sorry to just now hear of your passing. God has gained a piano playing Angel. Prayers to all of your family and friends and I have great memories singing with you and your band at Mana’s Country Showcase, in the ‘ole Atlanta days. My husband thought you all hung the moon. God Bless!



Jeris Ross Ford - April 18, 2018 at 01:43 AM



“ Rest in Peace Gordon D.

Shawn Elmore - February 02, 2018 at 06:39 PM

RY

“ hello Gordon this is your friend ron young sorry to find out about your passing but we both know you are in a better place with the lord enjoyed working with you at mamas country showcase you are one of the best keyboard players ever you always did have a great laugh and heart god bless you and your family !!!!!

Ron Youngronyoungaselvis.com - April 28, 2016 at 02:47 AM

MA

“ *This is for Melody, I'm sorry to hear about your father. This is Marsha please call me at. 770-722-1165.*

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**Marsha** - January 25, 2016 at 10:57 AM

LG

“ *On February 28 I lost a true and wonderful friend. We spent many hours watching our favorite TV show "24", Of course, after eating a big homecooked meal. You will be greatly missed. Rest In Peace my dear friend. Libby Griggs*

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**Libby Griggs** - March 03, 2015 at 02:13 PM

LD

“ *Sandy and Family: May God comfort each of you as you continue your life without your loved one. We always enjoyed hearing him play at our multi class reunions and I remember the last one we had, he and Sandy were celebrating their 1st wedding anniversary. That was special. Cherish the precious memories you have made until you meet again.*

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**Leta & Robert Dover** - March 02, 2015 at 11:21 AM

JP

“ Dear Family of Gordon Dillingham,  
It is with sadness in my heart that I write this note to you. I grew up with Gordon at Erwin High School in Asheville, NC. He was very well loved by all of the class of 1957. We thoroughly enjoyed listening to him play the piano and other musical instruments at our class reunions. Cherish the memories you made with him and talk about him often to keep his spirit alive in your hearts. He will be missed!

Much love in Christ,

Jeanette Wright Parham 703-323-5990 jparham713@aol.com 5358 Gainsborough Dr, Fairfax, VA 22032

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**Jeanette Wright Parham** - March 02, 2015 at 09:16 AM

LM

“ Gordon,  
We've been friends for over 20 years. You were the reason I got my first artist gig in Nashville! What I'm going to miss about you the most are your stories, your kindness, and most of all your laugh. Keep me a seat in the band in Heaven cause I know you're singing and playing right now. Don't be playing too many of those Jerry Lee licks up there till I get there! I love you my dear friend.  
Lewell Molen

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**Lewell Molen** - March 02, 2015 at 09:05 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gordon Dillingham.



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March 01, 2015 at 10:01 PM

KV

“ Greg & Melody,  
So sorry for the loss of your Daddy, We have fond memories of  
Gordon playing the  
piano at our family Thanksgivings. He will be GREATLY missed.  
Love and prayers for you all.  
Wayne and Karen

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**Karen S VanHorn** - March 01, 2015 at 09:15 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Gordon Dillingham.



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March 01, 2015 at 08:25 PM

LS

“ Gordon was a great friend and I have missed him ever since he left  
Asheville. Leland Sanders

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**Linda Sanders** - March 01, 2015 at 05:19 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Gordon Dillingham.



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March 01, 2015 at 04:53 PM

JT

“ I first met Gordon in the late 1970s at Mama's Country Showcase in Atlanta, where he had an excellent country band. He was a fine song writer and singer, and darned good piano man. He was always ready to help a new person trying to navigate demands of the music business. His wonderful sense of humor came through in his songs, such as "A Fool and His Money Will Soon Party" - a song some new artists should record today. Gordon, as folks have said, always had a sunny disposition and was generous to a fault. Above all, he was always a gentleman without fail. I was so sorry to hear of his passing and send love and condolence to his dear family. He was a good friend and I enjoyed the years we worked together after he moved to Nashville. - James Talley

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**James Talley** - March 01, 2015 at 04:51 PM

SS

“ Gordon was among the friendliest, kindest and most passionate men I have ever known. My greatest memories of him are rooted in the unconditional love that he demonstrated as a step-father to April and Melissa, and as a grandfather figure to my kids (Scooter and Abby). We will never forget his sense of humor, his laugh, and his infamous lean-over belch after eating (Lol). He will remain in our hearts forever.

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**Scott Smith** - March 01, 2015 at 03:56 PM



“ A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Gordon Dillingham.



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March 01, 2015 at 03:25 PM

BR

“ *When the Lord calls our loved ones home, He leaves a gift of memories in exchange, Hold on to your memories, as we all will, and let them guide you during this time of sadness. Gordon will surely be missed by many. A friendship we shared for over 50 years. Gordon loved his music and entertaining people. He also loved good home cooking. R.I.P. my friend....*

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**Barbara cook riales** - March 01, 2015 at 12:51 PM

WS

“ *May God's wondrous grace comfort the family as you mourn this loss. My memories of Gordon go back to Woodfin school and the joys of growing up together. I have enjoyed his talent and his humor over the years, especially the class reunions. I will remember him fondly as my friend. God bless each one left to cherish his memory.*

*Wayne Smith  
Fairview, N.C.*

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**Wayne Smith** - March 01, 2015 at 11:55 AM

DP

“ *Gordon and I shared a stage many times, most notably at the Ryman Auditorium in "Could It Be Love." He was always kind and a pleasure to work with. We had many laughs and audiences always loved his warm, beautiful voice. He will never be forgotten. Rest in peace, my friend.*

*— Danny Proctor*

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**Danny Proctor** - March 01, 2015 at 07:30 AM

MH

“ I will always remember Gordon's laugh and his smile. He could truly light up a room. I had the pleasure of calling him my step dad for most of my life. He will truly be missed. I hope the angels know what that have. Love you G-money!

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**Melissa Hutchins** - February 28, 2015 at 09:00 PM

PN

“ I will always remember my cousin Gordon...his ready smile and warmth could fill a room! When I was young I remember him visiting Asheville and playing piano at my Aunt's home and he always made time for the cousins. I especially remember him visiting my Mom "Aunt Ocie" and attending her funeral. You will be missed cuz but you can sing in heaven! God bless and comfort the family.  
Pamela Penland Nieting, Virginia Beach, VA

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**Pam Penland Nieting** - February 28, 2015 at 07:44 PM