



Gordon D. Babcock Sr.

June 22, 1937 - May 4, 2019

Gordon B. Babcock, Sr., 81, of Kalkaska, passed away peacefully at the KMHC – Eden Center on Saturday, May 4, 2019. He was born on June 22, 1937 in Johnstown Twp., Barry County to the late Ray and Luella (Talmadge) Babcock.

Gordon worked at Penn Central Railroad for many years, later in the oil fields for as a truck driver and farming. He also spent time in the Sheriff's Reserve. Gordon enjoyed working on old cars, going South in the winter and mushroom hunting. Gordon was a great mechanic, buying, repairing and reselling lawn tractors.

Surviving Gordon are his children, Gordon D. Babcock, Jr., Rory T. (Darla) Babcock, Ira L. (Barbara) Babcock all of Kalkaska; and Taressa Babcock, Grawn; 20 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren; siblings, Howard (Wilda) Babcock, Rockford, Evelyn Blaisdell, Kalkaska, and Donna (Rolland) Sayer, Traverse City.

Proceeding Gordon in death is his wife, Phyliss; his siblings, Walter, Richard, Mildred, Leah, Hugh, Betty, Marge.

There will be a graveside service at Boardman Twp. Cemetery on June 8th at 11:00 am. Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Boardman Twp. Cemetery
4668 Boardman River Rd. SW
South Boardman, MI 49680

Tribute Wall



“ *Gordon D. Babcock Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 04:02 AM



“ *Gordon D. Babcock Sr.*

January 30, 2023 at 01:03 AM



“ *Gordon Rory ira and teressa sorry to hear about your dad I remember coming to your house to visit you guys with Mom and Dad. Melinda (Watson) Ashley*

Melinda - May 16, 2019 at 11:42 AM



“ *Rory & Ira and Family,
Sorry to hear about the loss of your father who I remember very well from our days and years of Scouting. He always took credit for teaching you both how to play euchre and I may have learned a thing or two from him as well. Great father, mentor, man. Godspeed. Jay Morse - Lake Ann*

Jay Morse - May 10, 2019 at 05:42 PM



“ *I so enjoyed meeting Gordon in 2017, watching his gardens at Eden Center flourish all last summer, and enjoying the fruits of his labor. His stories and life history were amazing to listen to, and his music was soothing to all. He always had a kind word for everyone. He will be missed. Rest peacefully my friend.*

m - May 08, 2019 at 09:11 AM



“ I had the pleasure of recently spending some time with Gordon and what a pleasure it was. What an amazing life Gordon lived. I loved hearing stories from working for the railroad. Gordon will be forevermore be fondly remembered at our home when we speak of the exploding egg. Gord said if you held an egg in the palm of your hand and squeezed the egg, the egg would not break. The force on the egg would be the same from all directions and the egg would not break. Well.....we apparently held the egg a bit wrong since when my son tried this the egg literally exploded and yolk went everywhere. Yolk hit the ceiling, kitchen cupboard doors and my husband in the face! Days later we were noticing egg somewhere new. Gord's response to my story about the exploding egg was a big snicker and he told me to go home and try it again and hold it right this time. LOL. My thoughts and prayers will be with you all.

Leslie Carey - May 06, 2019 at 09:01 PM