



## John E. Van Gordon

December 22, 1954 - May 4, 2018

John E. Van Gordon, 63, of Keystone, passed away on Friday evening, May 4, 2018, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

John was born on December 22, 1954 in Hartford City, Indiana to Arlo Edgar & Dorothy I. (Swim) Van Gordon. He graduated from Blackford High School in 1973.

It was at Purdue that John and Toni L. (Kidder) first met. They were married on June 23, 1979 in Fort Wayne, she preceded him in death on March 31, 2018.

John was a member of the Local Christian Assembly, NY. He served as a deacon for many years and served as the local elder for Bluffton.

He worked at Star Homes in Fort Wayne, was a general contractor for many years and retired from Peyton's Northern in Bluffton.

John was an avid vegetable gardener and enjoyed sharing the produce with all he knew. He was always working with his hands, solving puzzles and reading. Most of all, he loved the Lord and would express that with all those he met.

Survivors include two children; Rachel (Bill) Maggard of Bluffton and Sam (Cheryl) Van Gordon of Frankfort along with four grandchildren; Benjamin, Alexander, Emily Maggard and Harper Roe.

John is also survived by his siblings; Esther (O'Dell) Lakes of Carmel, Joy (Dave) Bellinski of Muncie, David (Cindy) Van Gordon of Hartford City, Nancy (Michael) Lager of Williamsburg, VA. and Mike Van Gordon of Hartford City.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a sister Sharon Fry.

Funeral services will be held at 1 P.M. on Saturday (May 12th) at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Burial will follow at the Hartford City Cemetery. Calling hours will be held on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Wells County Public Library. Memorials may be made during visitation or service at the funeral home or mailed to the funeral home at Thoma/Rich, Lemler 308 West Washington Street, Bluffton, Indiana 467614.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hartford City Cemetery

Highway 26 East  
Hartford City, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home  
308 West Washington Street  
Bluffton, IN 46714  
<http://www.thomarich.com>

## Service

MAY 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of John E. Van Gordon*



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**Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home** - May 11, 2018 at 06:48 PM



“ *John E. Van Gordon*

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September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Jo and Terry Ford purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of John E. Van Gordon.*



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**Jo and Terry Ford** - May 12, 2018 at 06:38 AM



“ *Rachel, I am so very sorry about the loss of your dad. Praying for all of you in this time of (HUGE) transition. Wishing you comfort and peace. Love, Robin Nash*

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**Robin Nash** - May 11, 2018 at 01:25 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of John E. Van Gordon.*



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May 10, 2018 at 09:56 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of John E. Van Gordon.*



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May 10, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences; we are so very sorry for your loss.*

*Sincerely,*

*Stephen & Daniella Cina*

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**Stephen Cina** - May 10, 2018 at 08:52 AM



*Thank you*

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**Rachel** - May 11, 2018 at 07:21 AM



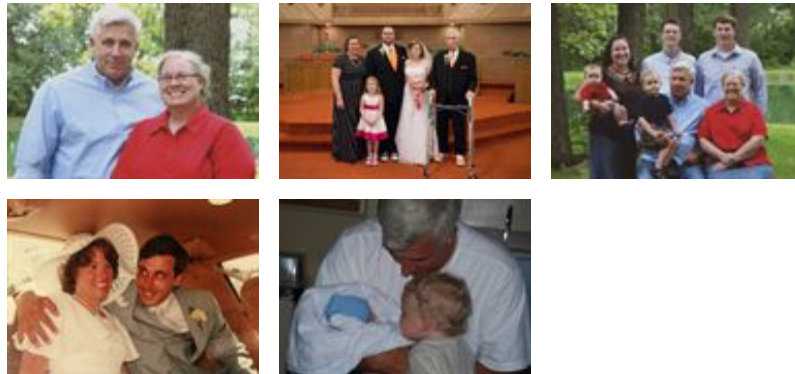
“ Love, Sarah Baptiste and Winnie Lamarre purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of John E. Van Gordon.



Love, Sarah Baptiste and Winnie Lamarre - May 09, 2018 at 05:07 PM



“ 87 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - May 09, 2018 at 11:30 AM



“ Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of John E. Van Gordon.



May 08, 2018 at 10:57 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All Red was purchased for the family of John E. Van Gordon.*



May 08, 2018 at 01:31 PM



“ *Allison, Evan & Robin purchased the Gable Gift Box for the family of John E. Van Gordon.*



**Allison, Evan & Robin** - May 08, 2018 at 07:54 AM



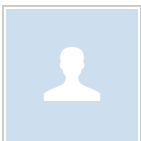
“ *John was always that happy guy when I knew him, I believe he is even happier now.  
God bless his family. James Coressel*

**James Coressel** - May 08, 2018 at 07:25 AM



*Thank you and God bless.*

**Rachel** - May 09, 2018 at 06:27 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of John E. Van Gordon.*



May 08, 2018 at 01:23 AM

SB

“ Dear Rachel, Bill, Sam and family,

*My sincerest condolences to your entire family during this time. I have so many great memories of time with your father, starting with my time with your family during the Indiana meetings. He always had a kind word and big smile and his genuine warmth always made me feel comfortable. May God's love and the love of those around you support you during these upcoming days.*

*Love,  
Sarah Baptiste*

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**Sarah Baptiste** - May 07, 2018 at 09:40 PM

RA

*Thank you, Sarah. He loved you and your family.*

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**Rachel** - May 09, 2018 at 06:28 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of John E. Van Gordon.*



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May 07, 2018 at 06:47 PM

TF

“ *The Cubert Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of John E. Van Gordon.*



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**The Cubert Family** - May 07, 2018 at 04:24 PM



“ *An amazing man with a ready smile. Always had a kind word, word of encouragement and loved sharing the word of the Lord. No more tears for there is a shouting time in heaven rite about now. May the Lord comfort the whole family esp Rachel n Sam.*



**Cynthia Shoyemi** - May 07, 2018 at 03:39 PM

RA

*Thank you, Cynthia.*

**Rachel** - May 09, 2018 at 06:28 AM

JL

“ *May God rest rest your gallant soul ,till we meet again  
May the Lord Comfort the the family  
John larbi and family*



**John Larbi** - May 07, 2018 at 01:43 PM

RA

*Thank you for everything* ❤️

**Rachel** - May 09, 2018 at 06:29 AM

BW

“ *Brenda Wolfe lit a candle in memory of John E. Van Gordon*



**Brenda Wolfe** - May 06, 2018 at 05:51 PM

JH

“ *Jodie Hummer lit a candle in memory of John E. Van Gordon*



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**Jodie Hummer** - May 05, 2018 at 12:02 PM



“ *Bernie Kleinknight lit a candle in memory of John E. Van Gordon*



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**Bernie Kleinknight** - May 05, 2018 at 10:45 AM