



## Gordon Gerald Proud

February 24, 1915 - January 4, 2013

Gordon G. Proud, hard working father, devoted husband, wonderful and loving grandfather, great-grandfather, and Notre Dame football fan, was reunited with his Creator and with his wife of 73 years on Friday, January 4, 2013, with his family around his bedside, just a few weeks shy of his 98th birthday.

Born February 24, 1915, in Oswego, NY, Gordon lost two siblings and his father by the age of 5 and survived polio but rose above a difficult childhood to own his own business-- Minetto Service Center (Minetto, NY)--and become Town Supervisor of that community later in life. Although he had to quit high school to help support his family, Gordon completed his GED as an adult and contemplated taking college courses in retirement but found life with his wife, Ellen, whom he had met as a young man while pumping gas in her car, to be completely fulfilling. Born a Lutheran, Gordon converted to Catholicism after marrying Ellen and was very active in the church his entire life.

Escaping the harsh winters of Oswego, NY, Gordon (and Ellen) moved to Surfside Beach, SC, in 1988 after living his entire life in Oswego County. They enjoyed the beach life for nearly 12 years before moving to Loveland, CO, to be in the same community with their daughter Susan as their ages increased and their health did not.

Gordon worked long hours during his career in auto mechanics and parts sales but always found time to keep his yard and his cars in immaculate shape. Once retired, he purchased a motorhome and he and his wife enjoyed many long trips south and west visiting family members. Gordon also made time for exercise and would run to Oswego and back, a total distance of 10 miles, in his late 70s! Into his 90s, Gordon still rode a stationary bike daily. No one ever guessed he was as old as he was; he kept his body in shape and his mind sharp until his death. Neat as a pin, Gordon kept a Dirt Devil next to his favorite chair in his last years!

Gordon was married to Ellen for 73 years; and on February 14, 2009, their marriage was featured in the Loveland Reporter-Herald Valentine's Day edition. His loving wife passed

away in late 2009, and Gordon lived with his daughter Susan until moving to the Park Regency assisted living residence in 2011 where he remained until he was hospitalized this past November.

Gordon was the patriarch of his extended family which includes his son, Gordon S. Proud (Carole) of Oakland, TN; Susan Roberts of Loveland; and Debra Proud Abell (Lyndon) of Washington, DC.; six grandchildren, acquiring four more through his daughters' marriages; and 12 great grandchildren.

Services will be held this Friday at 11 a.m. at St. John's Catholic Church in Loveland and followed by a reception in the church hall. In honor of Gordon and in thanks for the wonderful work of Pathways Hospice, the family asks that gifts be made to Pathways Hospice, 305 Carpenter Road, Ft. Collins, CO 80525. Also, please go to <http://www.goesfuneralcare.com> if you would like to sign Gordon's online guest book and add to his tribute page.

# Cemetery

# Events

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**Catholic Cemetery of St. Peter** JAN

379 East River Road

Oswego, NY, 13126

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**Funeral Mass**

11:00AM

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St. John the Evangelist Catholic Parish

1730 West 12th Street, Loveland, CO, US, 80537

# Comments

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“ I remember Mr Proud from when I was little. My best friends at that time were his granddaughter's Robin and Reggin. My parents, Harvey and Lynda were good friends with Gordon's daughter, Sue and her husband. I remember Gordon and Ellen's house in Minetto was lovely and perfectly kept. I go by there now and still think of them. Wonderful, gracious people. I will never forget Mr Proud or his beautiful family.

RIP Gordon and Ellen

Caryn Miller

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**Caryn miller** - March 05, 2016 at 09:57 PM

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**Susan Roberts** - January 17, 2013 at 09:43 AM

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“ Gacky, I'm so sad that you are no longer with us, but I know your reunion with Gummy and our Lord was a joyous one! We were all given a special gift just weeks before you left us. Dad had a wonderful visit and we were all able to FaceTime with you! I have treasured memories of family reunions in Oswego, visiting you all in Surfside Beach, and family reunions as an adult in Loveland! I will cherish the stories you told! Rachel will remember the phone interview for school. We were amazed at the details you remembered from your childhood. You told me how you prayed, especially for Bradley and for Lee. I know you will be watching over us and though it will seem an eternity for us, for you and Gummy, it will be a blink of an eye and we will be together again in Heaven! I love you Gacky!! Jeannie (Proud) Powell

**Jeannie Powell** - January 13, 2013 at 01:15 PM

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“ Dear Sue and family, please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of your wonderful Dad. He and and your Mom were the sweetest, kindest folks who always made me feel so welcomed in their home. In my minds eye, I can still see them as they were. Very loving and gentle souls. Sending many prayers to you. xo Rosemary from Oswego.

**Rosemary Scullin** - January 10, 2013 at 09:45 AM

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“ Rosemary, I'm so glad to hear from you and it's true that my parents welcomed our friends as family. We had a great Thanksgiving with Dad and he also came to my home for Christmas. We have been blessed by loving parents and their long time influence. It has been a blessing to me to be watching over them these last years. I appreciate your prayers and hold onto wonderful memories of our friendship through the years. Sue

**Susan** - January 17, 2013 at 09:37 AM

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“ Good bye, Uncle Gordon! Our family is much diminished with your passing.

Do you remember when you and Aunt Ellen visited us in Houston with my parents? I think that was the longest we had been together at any one time. It was great fun for all and I regret that we never made an opportunity to do it again.

Aunt Ellen and your marriage was an inspiration to us all. It taught us that your spouse can, and probably should be, your best friend. The one consolation with your leaving us is that you and Aunt Ellen will once again be together. You lived your life to its fullest and that's a tribute to you and your loving family.

Bill and Sonnie

**Bill and Sonnie Robb** - January 10, 2013 at 09:25 AM

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**Susan E. Roberts** - January 09, 2013 at 01:49 PM

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“ I can still remember the smell of his garage in Oswego as a kid. Rest in Peace Gacky. Tanner Proud will continue on the Proud heritage - both in name and honor!

**Gordon W. Proud** - January 08, 2013 at 12:54 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. We still have my parents (91 & 94) . I think when we have them for so long we feel they will be with us forever.. I do not look forward to the time when they are gone. God Bless Bill & Anne (Sheridan) Dodds

**Anne Sheridan Dodds** - January 10, 2013 at 12:07 PM



“ I also can remember the smell of Gordons garage and all the many things that I learned about an automobile from this very fine gentlemen and friend forever! I have used this knowledge over and over many times in my life and thought about the gentlemen that was so kind to share! May you live in peace forever!!

Robert Andres--Oswego, N.Y. 13126

**Robert Andres** - January 11, 2013 at 11:25 AM