



## Mr. Steve Gordon

January 27, 2014

Steve Gordon, 55, Kingsport.

KINGSPORT — Steve Gordon, 55, passed away on Jan. 27, 2014, after a long, hard-fought battle with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma.

Steve was proud to complete high school at the McCallie School for Boys in 1976 and matriculated to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville where he received a BS in Chemistry. Initially he started a check cashing business in his junior year of college on the UT campus (strip) that evolved into a full time financial company that served local Knoxville businessmen to collect unpaid debts. From there, Steve Gordon opened a printing company in Florida before going to work for Panasonic and Apple. His passion for computer security led him to Homeland Security in Washington, DC followed by his move to private industry with the OPIS Corporation serving the oil and gas industry. During his ten-year struggle with Lymphoma, Steve obtained a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Tennessee Executive Program.

On June 30, 1989 he married Kim Parham , a ETSU alumni from Kingsport, Tenn. and became proud parents of Jennifer Elizabeth Gordon on Sept. 12, 1990. Steve was a devoted husband for 25 years and active parent whom videoed all of Jennifer's soccer games at Beardon High School during his daughter's high school career and two state championship seasons. He loved the Beardon women's soccer program and continued to film their games for 4

years after Jennifer's graduation.

A lifelong UT football fan, Steve loved to expound on the 1998 championship season and still has a piece of the goalpost from their win over University of Florida that propelled the Vols to their championship season.

Steve is preceded in death by his mother, Sallye Gordon.

Steve is survived by his loving wife; and daughter, Kim and Jennifer; his father, Martin J Gordon; his sister, Susan Kruchten (husband Mark and children, Blake and Mitchell); his brother Robert (wife Sheryl and children, Dylan and Alec); his mother-in-law Kathy Parham; father-in-law Tom Parham II ( wife Martha); and Kim's siblings, Tom III (wife, Trish) and Mike (wife, Paige and children Jaxon and Kaden); his dog Lucky; and his extended beach family from their yearly Fourth of July forays to Myrtle Beach. Steve has now joined his daughter Ashley Cassandra.

Steve was an exuberant, honest, and loving person who never let life's adversity affect his positive outlook. During his last days, he was more concerned with the feelings of his numerous visitors than he was with his impending demise. He will be immensely missed by all of the people whose lives he impacted.

Steve's friends and family are cordially invited to " a celebration of life" service at Berry Funeral Home, 3704 Chapman Highway, Knoxville Tenn. on Feb.1, 2014 at 1 p.m. with a reception to follow, Trinity Memorial as the Service Provider.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in memory of Steven Gordon to the Duke Cancer Institute supporting the Jon P. Gockerman Endowment. Checks may be written to the Duke Cancer Institute and

contributions may be mailed to the following address: Duke Cancer Institute, 710 West Main St., Suite 200, Durham, N.C. 27701.

Trinity Memorial is honored to serve the family of Mr. Gordon. For more information please call 723-8177 or to send a gift, flower, or condolence visit [www.trinitymemorialcenters.com](http://www.trinitymemorialcenters.com)

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 1. 1:00 PM (ET)

Berry Funeral Home  
3704 Chapman Highway  
Knoxville, TN

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ Even though I did not know him personally, after the funeral, I certainly felt that I knew him. I loved each of the four memorials, but I especially would like to see the brother's eulogy printed. What a wonderful gift... from both the brother and the sister. You guys really showed your love, and I feel so blessed to have been there to feel that love! God bless each of you... and God bless you with Peace beyond Understanding. Barbara Coughenour (classmate of Kathy Parham)

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**Barbara Coughenour** - February 13, 2014 at 04:22 PM

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“ The Rockville Office purchased the Heavenly and Harmony for the family of Mr. Steve Gordon.



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**The Rockville Office** - January 31, 2014 at 03:01 PM

PM

“ Pat Morgan purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Mr. Steve Gordon.



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**Pat Morgan** - January 31, 2014 at 02:55 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Gordon.*



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January 31, 2014 at 02:54 PM



“ *Kim and Steve were the best TEAM ever. In the several years that I had known Steve (thru Kim at work), his passion for fun blended well with Kim's intensity, and that is rare. And over the past several years they were one- same focus,same courage. Their fight and tenacity I will always remember. Sweet dreams Steve.*

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**Pat** - January 31, 2014 at 02:47 PM



“ *As a colleague at JTV, Steve was a passionate professional in every sense of the word. He was also very gracious - inviting me to attend his wonderful UT football tailgates. He always had a smile, and his love and pride for his family was very clear. My warm condolences. Rest in peace Steve-*

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**DSB** - January 31, 2014 at 10:07 AM

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“ I lived next door to the Gordon family in Chattanooga. In the summer, a lot of the neighborhood kids would hang out under the street light just talking and having a good time. So sorry to hear of Steve's illness and untimely death. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. I am amazed at how much he looks like his dad (as I remember Mr. Gordon) in this photo. Blessings.

*Kim Spires Reagin  
Glen Oaks neighbor*

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**Kim Reagin** - January 30, 2014 at 06:23 PM

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*Thank you Kim, we had a great neighborhood growing up! Susan*

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**Susan Gordon Kruchteb** - February 05, 2014 at 11:54 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Gordon.*



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January 30, 2014 at 09:16 AM

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“ *We only saw Steve once a year on our family vacation to Maritime Place but he became one of our favorite people. He always made us laugh and we looked forward to seeing him. We are deeply saddened at his loss and are keeping Kim and Jenni in our prayers.*

*Love from Pittsburgh,  
Chas, Linda, Michael and Ryan Nauman*

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**linda nauman** - January 30, 2014 at 09:16 AM

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“ Steve was such a hero to the Bearden High School Soccer Team and their families. He made the most creative videos that captured memories for the team members and their families. He was one great guy that we all loved. He was always upbeat and most enjoyable to be around. He left a mark on everyone's heart. He will be missed!  
*The Nagels*

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**Kim Nagel** - January 30, 2014 at 08:41 AM

 Emily Webb

“ Steve was a wonderful & very cheerful man to say the least. I have many fond memories of growing up around Steve, Kim, and Jenni, they were all like a second family to me and I will never forget the wonderful times we had. He will truly be missed but may his smile, his laughs, and his sense of humor carry on.

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**Emily Webb** - January 30, 2014 at 08:14 AM

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“ "When good men die their goodness does not perish, but lives though they are gone. As for the bad, all that was theirs dies and is buried with them." So said Euripides, those words ring truer today. Steve was a good man that was always eager to help those who are in need of it. I was bless to know him, you will be greatly missed by your friends , your wife and daughter.

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**LUC** - January 29, 2014 at 06:29 PM

BF

“ My heartfelt sincere condolences got the family. I knew Steve at JTV. He was a fine man, and he will be missed.

*Ben Frazer*

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**Ben Wolf Frazer** - January 29, 2014 at 04:10 PM



“ *I remember Steve always giving me a hard time so when his daughter, Jennifer, and i went to a haunted forest, Steve ended up holding me almost the whole way threw. Such a great man. You'll very deeply missed Steve.*

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**Brittany Little** - January 29, 2014 at 03:18 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Steve Gordon.*



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January 29, 2014 at 09:06 AM



“ *So many wonderful, hilarious, crazy memories to reflect on, Thanks Steve!!!  
Pittsburgh Loves YOU!!*

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**Mary Greer** - January 29, 2014 at 06:56 AM