



## Gordon Banning Richardson

May 19, 1937 - November 12, 2024

Gordon Banning Richardson, 87, of Caldwell, Texas joined the hand of his beloved wife Judy in Heaven in the early hours of Tuesday, November 12, 2024. He was born in New York City on May 19, 1937, to May (Shirres) Richardson and Ogden Richardson. Gordon grew up in Ottawa, Ontario. Services will be held at First Baptist Church Caldwell at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, 2024.

Gordon graduated from Ashbury College School, and spent the next year and a half circling the globe as a crewmember on the Brigantine Yankee, skippered by Irving Johnson. The Yankee's voyage is chronicled in multiple National Geographic magazine articles. During the cruise, Gordon and a ship-mate were lucky enough to discover the anchor of the HMS Bounty while scuba diving off Pitcairn Island.

When he returned, he enrolled at Boston University, and played on their varsity hockey team, as well as becoming a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. During the summers, Gordon was hired as first mate on the schooner "Victory Chimes," taking passengers for week-long cruises along the Maine coast. It was this experience that introduced him to Boothbay Harbor, Maine, a place that would become an annual family summer destination for the remainder of his life.

After graduating from BU, Gordon and a fraternity brother made their way to

Houston. A city that, at the time, was full of opportunity. Gordon started his career in Life Insurance with Provident Mutual, and met his bride to be, Judy Williams, on a blind date. In 1966 he married Judy in the First Baptist Church, and made their home in Caldwell. They opened Insurance Associates and a Sears catalog store on Buck Street in downtown.

It was around this time that Gordon caught the flying bug. At least initially, it was a way to cut down his travel time and see more clients. It became a lifelong passion for aviation. Gordon became very involved in the warbird community, owning and flying several WWII aircraft, he became a member of the Quiet Birdmen, and later Chaired the Texas Dept. of Transportation's Aviation Committee.

Gordon and Judy were both very involved in local and state politics. Gordon worked on the campaigns of Jake Pickle and John Tower, among others. Gordon was instrumental in Sen. Phil Gramm's early campaigns, flying him around the state to various campaign stops.

Gordon was a very active civic organization, especially the Caldwell Lions Club. He eventually became District Governor in 1981, and served on the board of the Texas Lions Camp for Crippled Children (now Texas Lions Camp). Gordon also served on several committees for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Professionally, Gordon was a leader in the life insurance business and in 1986 he was elected President of the Texas Association of Life Underwriters. It was a lifelong career for Gordon, and he continued to be an active insurance agent until the day he died. Finally, Gordon was a rabid Aggie fan. He held season tickets to almost every sport, and regularly attended them all, home and away.

Gordon is survived by his two sons, Gordon Richardson II (Leslie) and

Randall Richardson and grandsons, Will, Charles, Gordon III and Harry, all of Houston. Gordon was preceded in death by his wife, Judy Richardson.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation in Gordon's name to the Texas Lions Camp, P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville, Texas 78029 [www.lionscamp.com](http://www.lionscamp.com)

Express condolences at [PhillipsandLuckey.com](http://PhillipsandLuckey.com).

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

NOV 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home  
404 W Buck St.  
Caldwell, TX 77836

## Memorial Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
300 S Thomas St  
Caldwell, TX 77836  
(979) 567-3646

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gordon Banning Richardson*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - November 13, 2024 at 11:44 PM

HP

*Enjoyed seeing all the great pictures of Gordon and Judy and the boys. What an amazing life lived to the fullest.  
Sonny Presnal*

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**Henry L Presnal** - November 15, 2024 at 02:35 AM

GS

“ *“Gordon was not only a mentor but a tremendous friend during the almost 30 years we did retirement plan business together. He and Judy were my favorite customers and I miss him dearly already. Rest in peace Gordon. You brought joy and meaning to many lives.  
Greg Stone*

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**gregory stone** - November 20, 2024 at 01:23 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gordon Banning Richardson.*

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November 17, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gordon Banning Richardson.*



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November 17, 2024 at 10:07 AM



“ *Judy and Gordy got us into a Houston hospital and doctor for emergency surgery of our first born son in 1972 after they visited him in the Bryan hospital one night. Saved his life. They were a blessing for us, and many good times followed in our relationship. God bless their lives and their surviving family.*

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**Patrick L Williams** - November 17, 2024 at 08:36 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gordon Banning Richardson.*



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November 16, 2024 at 12:27 PM

DS

“ Sorry for your loss. He was a great man. He will be totally missed in Burleson County. I met him and Mrs. Judy as a young kid when they became business people in downtown Caldwell Texas next to Conner Jewelry Store. The other stores on this same street were The N Shop Clothing Store, Western Auto, Perry's, and also a movie theater. Gordon had such a great life. Rest in peace and thank you for your service.



David Waters Sr. - November 15, 2024 at 08:30 PM

WD

“ Warbirds of America Board of Directors planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gordon Banning Richardson.

Warbirds of America Board of Directors - November 15, 2024 at 07:59 PM

WD

“ Warbirds of America Board of Directors purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Gordon Banning Richardson.



Warbirds of America Board of Directors - November 15, 2024 at 07:59 PM

PF

“ Peter and Luke Johnson Families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gordon Banning Richardson.

Peter and Luke Johnson Families - November 15, 2024 at 04:05 PM

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“ Peter and Luke Johnson Families purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gordon Banning Richardson.



Peter and Luke Johnson Families - November 15, 2024 at 04:05 PM

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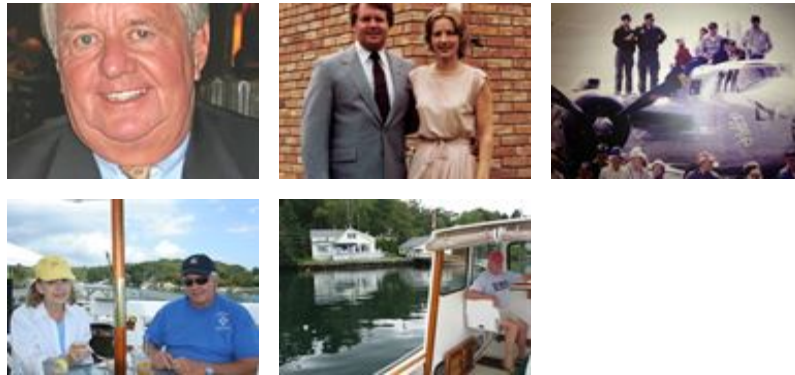
“ Gordon was such a wonderful man and will be deeply missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends. Love, Ann & Scott Gaines



Ann & Scott Gaines - November 15, 2024 at 09:54 AM



“ 19 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 14, 2024 at 08:06 PM

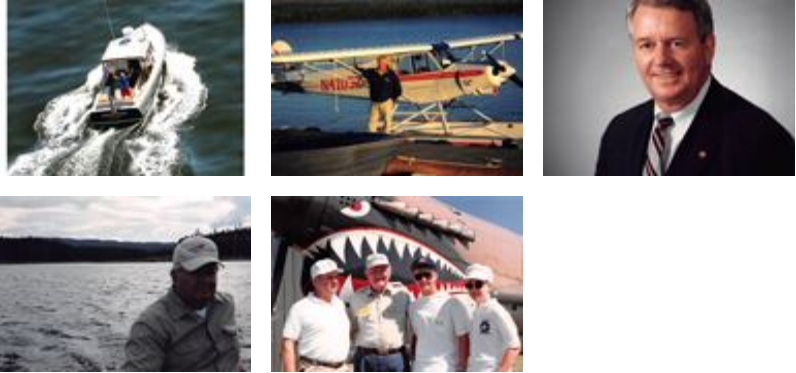


“ Gordon & Randall, your dad was a great person, he will be missed.

Melissa Horcica Weichert - November 14, 2024 at 06:17 PM



“ 78 files added to the album LifeTributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - November 13, 2024 at 06:24 PM



“ Love, Ramke Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gordon Banning Richardson.



Love, Ramke Family - November 13, 2024 at 05:06 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gordon Banning Richardson Sr..

November 13, 2024 at 03:45 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gordon Banning Richardson.*



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“ *Gene & Susie Chmelar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gordon Banning Richardson Sr..*

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**Gene & Susie Chmelar** - November 13, 2024 at 10:55 AM



“ *Gene & Susie Chmelar purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Gordon Banning Richardson.*



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**Gene & Susie Chmelar** - November 13, 2024 at 10:55 AM