



Gordon G. Kreth

April 11, 1938 - September 29, 2025

Gordon G. Kreth, 87, of Fort Myers, Florida, passed away peacefully on September 29, 2025. Born on April 11, 1938, in Brooklyn, New York, Gordon lived a life full of passion, creativity, and joy. His journey led him from the U.S. Marine Corps to the world of real estate, hospitality, and the performing arts — each chapter reflecting his drive to connect with people and bring warmth wherever he went.

Gordon's entrepreneurial spirit shone through as the proud owner of The Locust Tree Inn Restaurant and the New Paltz Golf Course, both beloved community landmarks where he welcomed guests with his familiar smile and generous heart. His life was as dynamic as the melodies he loved to sing. Gordon's dedication to community theater and his time performing with the 90 Miles Off Broadway group and the Brooks Singing Group captured his boundless love for performance and camaraderie.

When not on stage or managing his businesses, Gordon could be found enjoying the simple pleasures of life — casting a line with friends at the Brooks Fishing Club, playing a spirited round at Shadow Wood Country Club, or expressing himself through his artwork. He found inspiration in travel, exploring the world with curiosity and an open heart.

Gordon's life was one of enthusiasm, connection, and artistry. He will be

affectionately remembered by all who knew him — not only for his many accomplishments but for his laughter, graciousness, and spirit of celebration.

Gordon is survived by his loving wife, Joanne, his sister, Lillian Mertes, his brother, Ernest Kreth, Jr. and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service to honor Gordon's extraordinary life will be held at a later date. His legacy lives on in the memories of those whose lives he touched through friendship, song, and the countless moments shared over good food, laughter, and love.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Tribute Wall

AS

“ Dear Joanne--deepest sympathy...May you be comforted by the beautiful memories of Gordon. We will miss that wonderful guy!

Ann & Harry Stellar - October 16, 2025 at 02:24 PM

WS

“ Dear Joanne— God Bless you and God Bless Gordon! Gordon was one of my all-time favorite people! He was smart, funny, loyal and a real friend! The very best to you! Burt Stokes

William Shikany - October 12, 2025 at 05:42 PM

MN

“ I spent a few years during the "Feed the 5000" Thanksgiving charity event, working with Gordon making stuffing, mashed potatoes, etc. and he was an absolute delight to be with. He was a good man. My condolences to Joanne and their family. Michele Norbeck

Michele Norbeck - October 12, 2025 at 02:15 PM

GF

“ Gordon was a major icon in our town of New Paltz NY, and a major icon of our heart. His passing has broken our heart but remembering and admiring a close friend, (buddy G-Man), next door neighbor and great presence in our life. Our heart goes out to Joanne and the loss of the love of her life! —George & Cami Fischer

George & Camille (Cami) Fischer - October 11, 2025 at 11:09 PM

JT

“ Dear Krethy,
Jerry & I are so very sorry to learn of Gordon's passing.....He always made our times with you so fun and special. And I know that Jerry always looked forward to partnering with him at golf. Please know that you are in our prayers as well as wishes of comfort during this difficult time.
Sending big hugs,
Suzy Tenser

Jerry Tenser - October 11, 2025 at 03:35 PM

JC

“ THE OBITUARY CAPTURES THE GORDON WE REMEMBER. THOUGHTFUL, KIND AND ALWAYS REFLECTIVE.... HE WILL BE FONDLY REMEMBERED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM....
BONNIE AND JIM CASOLO

JIM AND BONNIE CASOLO - October 11, 2025 at 01:25 PM

DW

“ A beautiful obituary that captures Gordon's gentle nature and spirit I will miss him. God Bless!
Doug Wacek

Doug Wacek - October 11, 2025 at 10:50 AM