



Gordon S. LaVanway

April 15, 1935 - March 4, 2016

Dr. Gordon S. LaVanway, 80, of Bangor passed away unexpectedly on Friday, March 4th at Bronson Commons, Mattawan, following a two-month hospitalization. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Mildred LaVanway.

Gordon is survived by his loving wife of nearly 55 years, Beverly (Woodley) LaVanway of Bangor; brother, Dr. James (Char) LaVanway, Colorado Springs, CO; children, Robert LaVanway of Bangor; Sheri (Kadir) Mohmand of Kalamazoo; Jon (Anita) LaVanway of Monroe; grandchildren, Saidal (Andrea) Mohmand of Chicago; Arian and Aliah Mohmand of Kalamazoo; Kyla (Travis) Erb of Bangor; Luke, Hannah and Jon-Marc LaVanway of Monroe; and great-grandchild, Aubre Erb of Bangor; brothers-in-law, Fred (Sandy) Woodley, Monck's Corner, SC; and Larry (Becky) Woodley, Hartford; several nieces and nephews and relatives.

Gordon, known as "Doc" to many in the community, a Delta Sigma Delta member and 1960 graduate of the University of Michigan dental school, was a well-known dentist practicing for 42 years in Bangor. Throughout the years he was very active in the community with the Bangor Lions, 12 years on the Bangor school board, Bangor Jaycees and as a 33rd degree Mason and Order of the Eastern Star member. "Doc" enjoyed vacationing at his summer home in the U.P., hunting, fishing, recalling family history, enjoying K Wings hockey as a season ticket holder for many years, visiting the Bays Mills Casino and visiting with his family. He will be dearly missed by all. A memorial

service in celebration of his life is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 18 at the Simpson United Methodist Church in Bangor with a luncheon following the service. The family requests that in lieu of flowers donations be made in the name of the family to the Simpson United Methodist Church. Arrangements handled by the Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home. www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Cremation

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

Simpson United Methodist Church
507 Joy Street
Bangor, MI

Tribute Wall

TT

“ *To Beverly, my life long friend and classmate,
Our sincere condolences to you and your family with the passing of
Gordon. Years back we enjoyed hunting together and swapping lies
about our adventures. He was a good man. R.I.P. Gordon.*
Tom & Julie Taylor
Venice, FL

Tom Taylor - March 13, 2016 at 07:15 AM

TS

“ *Dear Bev and Family,*
We were so sorry to hear of Dr. Lavanway's passing. I do believe he
is in a better place unencumbered and enjoying. We will remember
his stories, encouragement and kindness. Our thoughts are with you
at this difficult time.
Ferris and Teri Standiford

Teri Standiford - March 11, 2016 at 08:32 AM

BS

“ *Rest in peace, Cousin. You will be missed.*

Barbara Scherer - March 09, 2016 at 04:19 PM



“ 36 files added to the album Life Tributes



D.L. Miller Funeral Home - March 09, 2016 at 09:39 AM

CR

“ *Dear Bev and Family,
So sorry to hear that Dr. LaVanway passed. He was the dentist to my family (The Rigozzi's) for years, and he was missed greatly when he retired. Wishing you many happy memories of his life and legacy. God Bless!*

Hugs and prayers!

Chris Rigozzi-Solano - March 07, 2016 at 10:52 AM

PH

“ *Dear Bev and family, We were so sorry to hear of the loss of Dr. Lavanway. May God bless you all and fill you with His strength and peace during this difficult time.*

With deepest sympathy, Patti and Ron Henry

Pat Henry - March 07, 2016 at 07:36 AM

KG

“ Dear Bev, Sheri, Saidal and family, we are deeply saddened by your loss. Gordon was a fine gentleman, we feel lucky we had the pleasure of knowing him. You are in our thoughts during this difficult time. May the memories give you peace and comfort.



Katya Gallegos and family.

Katya Gallegos - March 06, 2016 at 10:39 PM

CF

“ Dear Bev and Family, so very sorry to hear of Dr. LaVanway's passing. He took great care of me and my family's teeth for year's and year's. Have missed him since he retired and was always good to see you and him at different functions. You and the family are in our thoughts and prayers. Hugzzzzzzzzzzzz to you Bev.

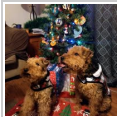
Carma Miller and Shinault family - March 06, 2016 at 06:23 PM

DR

“ So sorry to hear that Dr. Lavanway has passed. Our condolences to the family.

Leonard and Donna Romanak.

Donna Romanak - March 06, 2016 at 01:31 PM



Beverly I am so sorry for your loss.I know Gordon was the love of your life.I am down with pneumonia right now & would not have even known without Facebook.Blessings to you & yours Always Catherine LaVanway Lewis 1st cousin

Catherine Lewis - March 09, 2016 at 10:14 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gordon S. LaVanway.*



March 06, 2016 at 12:49 PM



“ *Our condolences to the LaVanway family. We will miss having him in the neighborhood.
Praying for comfort and peace for Beverly and loved ones.*

Ron & Pam Burchfield

Ron & Pam Burchfield - March 05, 2016 at 08:19 AM



“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the LaVanways, Dr. was a good dentist and helped me with an abscess tooth when I was young. The first time I'd had an infected tooth pulled. He was very gentle and put me in a room to rest, treated me so kindly. Our community was blessed to have had his presence and our lives were enriched by him. -
Melanie Thompson Zeiger*

Melanie Thompson Zeiger - March 05, 2016 at 05:36 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Gordon's passing, he was a great dentist and all around guy. Condolences to the family. God Speed.*

Rick Dillman - March 05, 2016 at 03:17 AM