



## Gordon Robert Bazsali Sr.

October 30, 1941 - August 21, 2023

Gordon Robert Bazsali Sr., 81, of Black Earth, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully in the presence of his loved ones on August 21, 2023, at University Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, following a stroke.

Gordon was born on October 30, 1941, to George A. and Janette Widmayer Bazsali in Elgin, Illinois. After attending Elgin High School, where he played varsity basketball, he went on to study at Iowa State University where he was a member of Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. After graduating with a degree in electrical engineering, he began working for Illinois Bell - Ameritech where he stayed for 25 years. In 1966, he married Priscilla "Gidget" Willey and remained happily married to her for the rest of his life. After serving in the Illinois National Guard, Gordon moved with Gidget to his mother's hometown of Hampshire, Illinois, to raise their two sons. In Hampshire, Gordon became deeply involved in community life. He was a decorated volunteer firefighter from 1977 to 2007 and thereafter an Honorary Member of the Hampshire Fire Department. He was an active member of Zion United Methodist Church, singing tenor in the church choir; a Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 22 in Two Rivers Council; and a beloved substitute teacher and career counselor in District 300 Public Schools for many years. After his time as a firefighter, he continued to serve his community as a licensed EMT. Among his many hobbies were playing guitar and singing folk songs, fishing, astronomy, and repairing shortwave radios. His most beloved hobby was ham radio. Gordon was an award-winning Amateur Radio Operator his entire adult life under the callsign WB9EEE.

He is survived by his wife, Priscilla "Gidget" Willey Bazsali of Black Earth; two sons, Gordon R. (Misun) Bazsali Jr. of Busan, South Korea, and Colin A. (Alissa) Bazsali of Madison, Wisconsin; a granddaughter, Sylvia Bazsali of Madison; his brother Bruce G. Bazsali of Casa Grande, Arizona; nieces, Jennifer (Robert) Bazsali Atkinson of Crystal Lake, Illinois, and Amanda (Andy) Willey Lucaszczyk of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and great-nephews, Jake, Ryan, and Corey Atkinson.

He is preceded in death by his mother in 2009; his brother, Douglas in 2000; and his

father in 1967.

Memorial Services will be held on Friday, September 15th at 1:30 PM at Fredrick Funeral Home, 284 Park St. in Hampshire, IL or at <https://evt.live/gordon-robert-bazsali-sr>. Inurnment will follow in the Hampshire Center Cemetery.

Visitation will be prior to services from 12 noon to 1:30.

# Cemetery Details

## Hampshire Center Cemetery

17N002 Harmony Rd  
Hampshire, IL 60140

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

SEP 15. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Fredrick Funeral Home  
284 Park St.  
Hampshire, IL 60140  
(847) 683-2711  
<https://www.fredrickfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

SEP 15. 1:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fredrick Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Gordon Robert Bazsali Sr.*



**Fredrick Funeral Home** - September 14, 2023 at 06:07 PM

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“ *Nancy J. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gordon Robert Bazsali Sr..*



**Nancy J.** - September 14, 2023 at 05:58 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gordon Robert Bazsali Sr..*



September 14, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gordon Robert Bazsali Sr..*



September 11, 2023 at 09:53 PM

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“ I met Gordie when I was dating their cute next door neighbor Debbie Stojan. He and I got to talking and he found out that when I was in the Air Force, I was involved in radio communications. He invited me to his radio shack and we spent an hour or so just checking out his equipment. We became friendly acquaintances as was Debbie. Debbie knew of his excellent singing voice and asked him to sing at our wedding, which he happily did. He performed The Lord's Prayer during the service. It was so very memorable. We kind of lost touch over the years, but Debbie and I never forgot. We moved to Arizona and several years ago, Debbie lost her life to cancer. I wish I could have had Gordie sing "The Lord's Prayer" at her funeral. May God rest Gordie in a special place made for him. -Vincent Dorr.

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Vincent Dorr - September 04, 2023 at 10:59 PM