



## Mr. Gordon S. Becker

April 22, 1932 - February 18, 2015

Gordon Steinert Becker, age 82, of Asheville, N.C., passed away on February 18, 2015. Gordon was born April 22, 1932, in Brooklyn, New York, to Herman F. and Ruth S. Becker. He was a resident of Asheville for the past 26 years.

Gordon enrolled in Brooklyn College (College of the City of New York) following high school. He entered the service of his country during the Korean War and served with the U. S. Army, Ordinance Corp. Following military service, he returned to Brooklyn College, earning a bachelors degree in geology in 1956 with financial help from the G. I. bill. It was in college that he met the love of his life, Louise Giovane. They married in June 1957 and together they moved to the Washington D. C. area so Gordon could start his career as a civilian employee with the federal government at the U. S. Army Map Service. At Army Map he became a software development expert and computer program designer in machine language programming. In 1967 Gordon moved to the Defense Intelligence Agency to continue his career in intelligence information systems design. He retired in 1987 as Chief of the Resources and Systems Division with the DIA.

Upon his retirement from government service, Gordon took a position with Elgin Group Ltd. (specialists in computer and information systems security studies) as Executive Vice President. He retired from Elgin in 1989 and he and Louise moved to Asheville. His love for animals prompted him to become

an active volunteer with the Buncombe County Friends for Animals (now the Asheville Humane Society). Several years were spent walking dogs, cleaning cages and performing other shelter activities, earning him the “Volunteer of The Year Award” in 1995. He served six years on the BCFFA Board of Directors where he served as chairman of several committees and a member on several others. Following this association with BCFFA he was offered the presidency of Animal Haven of Asheville, a position he held for four years.

Gordon is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Asheville Civitan Club, a member of the Asheville Preservation Society, Symphony Guild, Asheville Rifle and Pistol Club, French Broad Rifles muzzle-loading club, American Civil Liberties Union. (A.C.L.U.), life member of the National Rifle Association, and a proud member and supporter of the Democratic Party.

Gordon passed away at home with his wife at his side following a courageous battle with cancer. Surviving are his loving wife of nearly 58 years, Louise; son Anthony Becker and his wife Rebecca Judge of Northfield, Minnesota, grandchildren Emily (Minneapolis) and Cameron (Northfield) Judge-Becker; and daughter Elvira Wolk, her husband Jonathan, and grandson Logan of Ashburn, Virginia. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, and his brothers, Kenneth Becker and Eugene Becker.

He and his family are most thankful for the multitude of close friends accumulated over the years in one of the friendliest of cities in the nation: Asheville, North Carolina.

A Celebration of Life and internment will be held beginning at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6, 2015, at the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, 962 Old US 70 Highway, Black Mountain, N.C. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Gordon’s memory to the Animal Haven of Asheville or an animal welfare organization of your choice.



# Cemetery Details

## Western Carolina State Veteran's Cemetery

Old US Hwy. 70  
Black Mountain, NC 28711

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

MAR 6. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gordon S. Becker*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Gordon S. Becker translated the beloved children's book, Der Wurzelmann (The Root Man), written by his grandfather and my great grandfather, August Becker, and Gordon sent me a surviving copy and I am excited to share it with my grandkids and other relatives! It meant a lot to me that he sent this beautiful book by our shared relative!*

*Blessings to your wonderful family - we are family!! Danke, Cornelia Becker Seigneur*

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**Cornelia Becker Seigneur** - August 06, 2021 at 10:03 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of spending just a few family visits with Gordon Becker, who was the uncle of my cousin, John, and brother-in-law of my Aunt Millie. I remember his wry smile, quiet demeanor, and his comportment, which just gave you confidence that he was doing something important for our country. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, ebullient Louise Gordon, and his beautiful family, and hope that fond memories will comfort you. Carole Brown*

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**Carole Brown** - March 24, 2015 at 01:25 PM



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



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March 05, 2015 at 09:44 AM



“ *My condolences to the family for your loss. May "the God of all comfort" provide you each with the strength needed now and in the days ahead. (2 Cor. 1:3,4)*

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**Cheryl D.** - February 27, 2015 at 11:03 PM



“ *Edmund C. purchased the Love's Tapestry for the family of Mr. Gordon S. Becker.*



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**Edmund C.** - February 22, 2015 at 10:39 AM

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“ Gordon Becker was my trusted friend for the past thirty years. I had the pleasure of working for Gordon when I was stationed with the US military in Washington D.C. in 1985 and Gordon was my supervisor. We shared many great hobbies and interests and I also had the opportunity to meet and know his lovely wife Louise- a great lady and fantastic cook! Over the years, we remained in correspondance and on a few occasions I had the opportunity to visit Gordon and Louise in Ashville, N.C., which became their home in retirement. Gordon was the most honest and sincerest person that I have known and his sense of humor was remarkable, Gordon could always be counted on to bring laughter into a sullen conversation. I will miss Gordon's remarkable logical insights into various problems and topics, his thought processes and solutions were always correct , efficient and sound. I will always miss Gordon's presence and personality; my thoughts and prayers are with him, Louise and his children. Rest in peace my friend and when we meet again, I know that we are both in a very good and peaceful place. You have enriched my life and those whom entered your life. Your impact in this life has been both positive and memorable. Sleep well my friend. Your friend Ed.

*Edmund Charles Blash*

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**Edmund Charles Blash** - February 19, 2015 at 09:53 PM