



Brigadier General Phillips N. Gordon, U.S. Army (Ret.)

October 30, 1924 - January 14, 2016

Dr. Phillips Nason Gordon (Brig. Gen., U.S. Army, Ret.),

The best memorial service EVER will be held for Dr. Phillips Nason Gordon (Brig. Gen., U.S. Army, Retired), on July 8, 2016 at Church of the Nativity, 7300 Lantern Rd. Visitation is at 2:30 p.m., and Ceremonies begin at 3:00 p.m. The U.S. Army is sending-off this amazing man with Full Military Funeral Honors. You won't want to miss this. Horses, cannons, musicians, and well-dressed honor guards are sure to inspire.

Dr. Gordon (my dad), a former educator, soldier, and author, began his teaching career in 1950 as the youngest principal of a public school in the State of New Hampshire. He smartly added snow-skiing to the curriculum. He was called into active military service in 1951 and was a military psychologist before being sent to Korea. Following a number of top-secret military assignments, Dr. Gordon was stationed at Fort Benjamin Harrison. He began as an instructor and Chief of the Human Resources Division. Later, he became Director of the Recruiting and Retention School. He had a particular affinity for teaching officers how to motivate their troops. He drove a military vehicle that my friend, Christy, and I were embarrassed to ride in. We called it the "groovy green car," and scooped way down in the backseat to avoid detection.

The United States Army recognized Dr. Gordon's contributions by awarding him the Army's highest, and twice the Army's second highest, decoration for Exceptionally Meritorious Service.

Following his resignation from the regular Army, he joined the Indiana Army National Guard. His assignments included Commandment of the Indiana Military Academy (OCS), Assistant Division Commander – 38th Infantry Division, and Deputy Adjutant General. He was retired as a Brigadier General. He holds 16 military decorations for valor and meritorious service, including the Purple Heart, Legion of Merit, and the Combat Infantry Badge.

Phillips Gordon's primary interest and contribution was identifying those critical factors (by category) the objectives that leaders and managers must understand in order to effectively manage and lead the young soldier. His written works included: Old Theories vs. a Changing Environment, Are You Ready for Tomorrow?, and other military instructional television programs and case studies.

Dr. Gordon was a part-time instructor in the Industrial Relations and Decision Making for Executives at Indiana Central University (now University of Indianapolis). He was a frequent guest lecturer throughout the Active Army and the Reserve Components, and at public school training sessions.

He was a past President of the Association of the U.S. Army, Indiana Chapter, and Vice President of the Army War College Foundation. He served on the Board of Directors of the Uniformed Services Benefit Association, a national insurance association for military members and their families. He also served on a number of National Level Committees and study groups dealing with military subjects.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ann Delp Gordon; and his second wife, D. Octavia Gordon. Sadly, he was also preceded in death by both of his children, Diane Delp (Gordon) Fritz and Douglas Nason Gordon. Dr. Gordon and Mrs. Ann Gordon became the guardians and parents of their infant grandchild, Ann Gordon (Fritz) Shedd, and raised her as their own. Dr. Gordon is survived by daughter, Ann Shedd; and two awesome grandchildren, Andrew Gordon Barab-Shedd (13) and Sara Claire Shedd (9). He is also survived by one of his nine siblings, Joyce Emanuelson; and many wonderful nieces, nephews, and cousins.

When I was small, I called my dad, "Bampa," as did all of my friends. He was charming, gracious, and brilliant. He made me laugh every day of my life (except when I was temporarily disowned for making terrible choices). He enjoyed bridge, golf, cocktail hour, coupon-cutting, flirting, and the funny papers. He loved his family, his country, and his beautiful life, almost as much as he loved sugar, puppies, and saving money. He could predict the future, and the world would be a much better place if he had been King.

Arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Church of the Nativity. Dr. Gordon was a founding member and active parishioner.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 8. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Nativity
7300 Lantern Road
Indianapolis, IN 46256
(317) 849-3656
<http://www.nativity-indy.org>

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Tribute Wall

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“ My condolences to your family. Dr. Gordon sounds like one in a million and I am sorry for your loss. I was so interested to see his middle name of NASON. That is my maiden name and there are very few NASONs that I know of. My father is still living -- William Nason -- and he is 91. Was just curious if there could be any connection.

Again so sorry for your loss. Your love for him is so evident in your tribute to him.

*Julie Nason Vincent
317-797-7727*

Julie Nason Vincent - July 05, 2016 at 10:11 AM

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“ My condolences to the family for their loss. BG Gordon was my favorite instructor at the Adjutant Generals School at Fort Benjamin Harrison and always encouraged his students to strive for excellence in their studies. The following is a succinct description of Gen. Gordon from his article, "Are we ready for tomorrow" in the Soldier Support Center Professional Magazine. Phillip N. Gordon is the Director, Recruiting and Retention Department, U.S. Army Soldier Support Center, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. He has earned an AB, Ed.M. And Ph. D. Degrees and has completed numerous military courses to include the Command and General Staff College and the Army War College. The former regular Army Officer is now a member of the Reserve Component in grade of Brigadier General. Dr. Gordon holds fifteen decorations for valor and meritorious service. As a civilian he was awarded the Army's highest and twice the Army's highest decorations for Exceptionally Meritorious Service. Author, lecturer and administrator he is the Institute's Senior Instructor in Human Relations and Military Procurement. I noted that Brig. Gen. Gordon received Indiana's highest medal for meritorious service, the Indiana Distinguished Service Medal, for his service as Assistant Commander of the 38th Infantry Division. His final assignment before his retirement was Assistant Army Adjutant General for the Military Department of Indiana. He was a true professional and fabulous mentor for junior officers and soldiers. He will be missed but not forgotten.
Colonel James E. Crouch, USA-Ret.

james e crouch - June 23, 2016 at 09:56 AM

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Dear Colonel Crouch,
Thank you for your valiant efforts to reach out to my dad and his family. Please keep in touch! When life gets a bit more sorted out, I'd love to get to know you. All my best, Ann Gordon Shedd

Ann Shedd - July 05, 2016 at 11:24 PM