



Gordon L. Cornell

May 27, 1932 - December 29, 2020

Gordon L. Cornell, 88, of Meadow Street, Broadalbin passed away on Tuesday December 29, 2020 at Ellis Hospital with family at his side. He was born in Broadalbin on May 27, 1932 a son of Lewis and Millicent Street Cornell and was a 1950 graduate of Broadalbin High School. Gordie lived in Broadalbin his entire life.

Mr. Cornell was employed as a lab technician at Mohasco Carpet Mills in Amsterdam until its relocation to Dublin, GA in the early 1980's. Later, he worked as a salesman at Jim Longwell Chevrolet until retiring in 1992. After retirement, Gordie worked as a caretaker at the Broadalbin-Mayfield rural Cemetery.

Mr. Cornell was a lifetime member of the Broadalbin United Methodist Church, served as a trustee, and was involved in several church committees.

Gordie was a member of the Broadalbin Kenneyto Fire Company for thirty five years and served as chief of fire police. He was a member of the Fulton County Civil Defense and the Air National Guard. Gordie was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America and was a cub master and pack leader for years. Mr. Cornell served as the Town and Village Historian for Broadalbin for many years.

He enjoyed summering at Hampton Beach, NH and camping with family. He also loved following the activities that his children and grandchildren participated in. In later years, he enjoyed traveling with his wife.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Elaine Perkins;

and a son, David Cornell.

Survivors include his wife, Sharon Dennis Cornell, whom he married on November 14, 1952; his children, Lawrence (Kathy) Cornell, James (Brenda) Cornell, Brian Cornell (Kim Smith), and Charlene (Brian) Westfall; eleven grandchildren; and seventeen great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held on Saturday from 11 am – 1pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street) Johnstown. A funeral service will follow at 1pm at the funeral home with Rev. David Deuel, officiating. In accordance with current health guidelines, facial coverings and social distancing are required. Burial will be in Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Broadalbin Kenneyto Fire Company or to the Broadalbin United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Broadalbin-Mayfield Rural Cemetary

Broadalbin, NY 12025

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home
111 County Highway 106
Johnstown, NY 12095
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Service

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Tribute Wall

SA

“ So sorry to hear of his passing and my condolences to his family. I remember the Cornells well, always genial and gracious. Gordie (Mr. Cornell) always outgoing and so much fun. My parents certainly enjoyed their company. A life very well lived.

Susan Alexander - January 04, 2021 at 06:21 PM

SM

“ So sorry Sharon and family. Gordy meant a lot to me. I will never forget when I was a teenager working at Mohasco and he tried to help me so much. Then when we moved to Broadalbin, I got to meet you. Enjoyed and treasured both of your friendships! May he RIP, he will definitely be missed. Love Sharon Menech

Sharon Menech - January 03, 2021 at 01:31 PM

DD

“ Brian, Charlene, and Family sending our condolences and prayers

Donna and John Decker - January 03, 2021 at 08:47 AM

KC

“ *Broadalbin lost a legend this week with the passing of Gordon Cornell. Gordon was my friend and a friend to many locally! He was always kind and gentle. He served as Broadalbin Historian for many years and loved to share local stories and I particularly enjoyed a walking tour of Broadalbin with him and some friends a few years ago. He will be missed but he is in a better place now with our Lord and Savior! To all the local Cornell family you are in my prayers! - Kevin Cope,*

Kevin Cope - January 01, 2021 at 09:31 PM

JW

I am truly sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Please accept our condolences and may memories of him help to comfort your grief.

*Sincerely,
Jerry Waltzer and family*

Jerry Waltzer - January 03, 2021 at 09:29 AM

SP

“ *I so enjoyed working with Gordon for the many, many years he was the Historian for the Town of Broadalbin. We called him the official Town Hall greeter, because he was always ready to step out of his office and share all his knowledge of Broadalbin with visitors, travelers, ancestry buffs and residents. He went to great lengths to research any question he was asked, and once the internet became widely used, communicated with people all over the world tracing their Broadalbin roots. His quick wit and wry sense of humor kept me on my toes. My family and I deeply regret his passing and send love to Sharon and all his family. Sheila Perry*

Sheila C Perry - January 01, 2021 at 05:49 PM

MC

“ My condolences to the Cornell family. It was always a pleasure seeing Mr. Cornell at all of his grandkids events at BPHS supporting them in all their endeavors. He was a kind and gentle man who will be missed.....Mike Calvello

Michael Calvello - January 01, 2021 at 04:53 PM

SO

“ You'll be hard pressed to find someone who cares more about the Broadalbin community. Rest in peace, Mr. Cornell... and thank you for making this a better place. ~Steve Oare, Broadalbin.

Steve Oare - January 01, 2021 at 08:52 AM

JF

“ Sorry to hear about Gordy passing. I worked with him at Mohasco for many years. He Always had a kind word for everyone.



JAMES FITZGERALD - December 31, 2020 at 08:36 PM

JS

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Cornell's passing. Always a joke or a smile to share with others. One of my very favorite BP parents who did a remarkable job of raising such a fine family. RIP
Jan DeLilli Swatling

Jan Swatling - December 31, 2020 at 04:00 PM

DD

“ To the Cornell Family, I am so sorry to read about Gordon's death. I remember the times that he helped and supported the band program at BHS and at BPCS. I also enjoyed seeing him at Johnstown Citizen's Band Concerts in the summer. He always had a good word for you every time you would see him. His historical knowledge of Broadalbin was something that will be missed very much. Once again my deepest sympathy.

Doug Dougherty, Cincinnati Ohio

Douglas Dougherty - December 31, 2020 at 03:49 PM

MJ

“ To the Cornell family: we were saddened to read that Gordie passed away. May your many happy memories give you strength and comfort during this time, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Bill, Marj and Abby Jones



Marj Jones - December 31, 2020 at 01:39 PM

TH

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. Sending the family healing prayers 💜



Tammy Holland - December 31, 2020 at 10:59 AM

RF

“ He was a great guy always greeting you with a handshake and smile. My father in-law worked with him at Mohasco, I knew him through emergency work and his father lived close to us. He cared about the Village and the people in it. Our condolences to the family and also they deserve our thanks for sharing him with the Village.
Pat & Rick Fallis



Richard Fallis - December 31, 2020 at 10:46 AM