

Gordon C. "Red" Brannon



Gordon C. "Red" Brannon was born on March 30, 1933 in San Francisco, CA. He was raised in Southern California until the age of 10, when his family moved to Alda, NE in 1943, and ultimately, settled in Wood River NE in 1947. He was an all-sports athlete for Wood River '48-'51 and graduated with the class of 1951.

He married Maxyne Steffen on February 21, 1954 in Grand Island NE. He worked for Hormel in Columbus, NE and Pocatello, ID, returning to Fremont in 1970. He retired in 1973 from Hormel to establish Brannon Enterprises and pursue private land and business development in Fremont until his death. Family was the center of Red's world--- coaching over the years and then moving to the sideline to watch the grandkids in any sport. He loved Husker Sports

and the 49'ers.

He was a 60 year member of the Episcopal Church-42 years at St. James in Fremont, NE. He was a 58 year member of the Masonic Lodge #318 in Grand Island, NE and a member of the Fremont Eagles FOE #200. Gordon was also an active member of several civic and community organizations.

Gordon "Red" passed away peacefully on September 12, 2012 at FAMC Merrick Hospice after a courage battle with brain cancer.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Maxyne Brannon of Fremont, NE; Son, Scott Brannon (Dawn) of Omaha NE; Son, Mike Brannon (Amy) of Williston, ND; Son, Curt Brannon (Pat) of Elkhorn NE; Daughter Steffenie Morine (Jack) of Blair, NE, Sister Lynne Manning (Gilbert) of Grand Island NE and family. Red was most proud of his grandchildren: Shae Brannon of Los Angeles, CA; Miranda Turnblacer (Ted) of Baltimore MD; Ian and Holle Brannon of Elkhorn, and Hannah & Abbey Morine of Blair. .

Although born in San Francisco Red always considered Wood River his "home base" – respect for town people and maintained many friends. He supported the Wood River High School Alumni and stayed in contact with all of his '51 classmates. He established the Lewetta Russell Scholarship with the support of his classmates.

The family has designated the Gordon "Red" Brannon named fund to be used for education at Wood River Rural High School.