

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR

*Gordon Lloyd*

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**“May the blessings of liberty be upon you.”**

Gordon Lloyd

**Response: And also with you.**

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SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY  
*Malibu, California*

# GORDON LLOYD

MARCH 28, 1942 – APRIL 30, 2023

**G**ordon Lloyd was born on March 28, 1942, in England and spent his childhood on the Caribbean island of Trinidad. He attended McGill University in Quebec and earned a bachelor of arts degree in economics and political science, gained his US citizenship during the completion of his PhD and a master of arts degree in government at Claremont Graduate School, and completed all the coursework toward a doctorate in economics at the University of Chicago.

The author and coauthor of 14 books on the American founding and sole author of a book on the political economy of the New Deal, Gordon has numerous articles, reviews, and opinion-editorials to his credit. His latest co-authored book with David Davenport, former president of Pepperdine University, is titled *Equality of Opportunity: A Century of Debate* and was released on June 15, 2023. He was the creator, with the help of the Ashbrook Center, of four highly regarded websites on the origin of the Constitution and the Constitutional Convention, served on the National Advisory Council for the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Presidential Learning Center through the Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation, was a Bill of Rights Institute network scholar, a senior fellow at the Ashbrook Center, and a frequent contributor to *Law & Liberty* and Liberty Fund.

The founding faculty member at Pepperdine School of Public Policy (SPP) and the inaugural Robert and Kathryn Dockson Professor of Public Policy, Gordon designed and taught the core course *Roots of American Order* and electives in political economy, statecraft, race and the Constitution, social regulation, and the New Deal. He led the annual Constitution Day lecture given at SPP and the Reagan Library, developed a short-course series on capitalism vs. socialism, and created one of the internet's most robust educational research websites on America's founding for students and teachers. During his 18 years at Pepperdine, he received teaching, scholarly, and leadership awards including the Howard A. White Award for Teaching Excellence.

Gordon and his wife Angela's love story is special. Born in Britain, they both grew up in Trinidad where their fathers worked for a British oil company. Gordon was several years ahead of Angela in school and they socialized as teenagers, but then Angela's family returned to Britain. Both emigrated to the US, Angela many years after Gordon.

Angela's mother, knowing they were both in Southern California, often tried to get the two together. "Such a nice boy, that Gordon Lloyd," she would say, "Why don't you look him up?" Well, they were both married to other people, involved in family life, and that never happened.

Forty years after leaving Trinidad, Angela was browsing through her old school's website and there was Gordon's name with a message to her. He had recently moved to Malibu and was teaching at Pepperdine. He knew Angela was living in Los Angeles and said it might be nice to meet up. Both had recently gone through a divorce. She messaged him back with her phone number. And the rest, as they say, is history.

That was 22 years ago, and they have shared a life together ever since. They had much in common: both born in Britain, their Caribbean experience, and then California. It felt like coming home. Regrettably, Angela's mother never did see them together but Gordon's mother did and they would visit her in Britain often.

It was a perfect union, says Angela. "Gordon was my loving husband, my best friend, and my loyal companion. I shall miss him more than words can say."

Gordon passed away on April 30, 2023, at his home in Malibu and is survived by his wife, Angela; son, Neil, and his significant other, Meggie, and children, Nicole and Jack; son, Derek and his wife, Jackie, and their children, Dillan and Jackson; stepdaughter, Stephanie, and her husband, Matt, and their children, Ella and Lily.

## WELCOME AND REMARKS

**David Davenport**

Hoover Institution

## REMEMBRANCES

**Pete Peterson**

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Ashbrook Center

**Steve Ealy**

Liberty Fund

**Jason Ross (MPP '01)**

Helms School of Government, Liberty University

## SCRIPTURE READING AND PRAYER

**The Reverend Max Smith**

Deacon, Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

## MUSICAL TRIBUTE

**Neil Lloyd**

*Lush Life*: Billy Strayhorn

## CLOSING THOUGHTS

**David Davenport**