



# Mr. Gordon Joseph Akinsoji Akinpelu

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**G**ordon traveled all over the world. Wherever he lived he always donated to a local food bank each month. If you prefer - In his honor you may donate to a local food bank in lieu flowers. Either action is greatly appreciated by the family.

Gordon Joseph Akinsoji Akinpelu was born in Lubbock, Texas on November 6, 1977 and died in Mexico City, Mexico on November 16, 2025.

He is preceded in death by his Grandfather Joseph Goodson, Grandmothers-Priscilla Goodson and Maria Akinpelu, Aunt-Mercy Ishola, Uncle-Haward Massingill, and Cousin-Taiye Ishola

He leaves behind his Father-Enoch Akinpelu of Euless, Texas, Mother- Denise Akinpelu of Mansfield Texas, Sisters- Olivia Akinpelu of Dallas, Texas and Victoria Akinpelu of Aubrey, Texas, Aunt -Patrinella Bourdeaux of Cedar Hill, Texas.

Cousins-Tokunbo Ishola of London, England, Adrienne Donahue of Kalispell, Montana, Cacedra Jordon of Del Rio, Texas, Amanda Haney of Chinook, Montana, Ronnie Strunk of Boston, Massachusetts, Madison Katka of Great Falls, Montana, and Brande Keith of Dallas, Texas.

He also leaves behind a host of special aunts, uncles, family and friends.

Gordon graduated from Martin High School in Arlington, Texas. He attended the University of Texas at Arlington and received a Bachelor of Business Administration with Marketing Concentration.

Gordon was very creative. He wrote and published several books. He enjoyed drawing, painting, and videography. His sense of humor and perspective on life was a catalyst for his work.

He loved travel and visited up to 21 countries, covering North America, South America, Europe, Africa, and Asia. It could have been more, but some countries and cities he could not help



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returning to over and over again...for example, he visited Paris, France NINE TIMES!

He fulfilled a lifetime desire to live in another country when he moved to Mexico City , Mexico in December 2024.

He lived his life to the fullest!!



# Events

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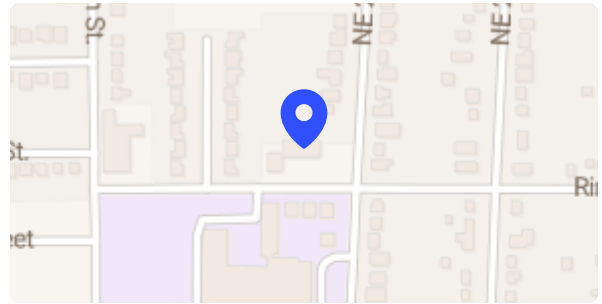
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## Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, December 20, 2025

 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM CT

 **Faith and Life Family Church**  
401 NE 28th Street, Grand Prairie TX 76040





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**Rodolfo Marroquin** lit a candle in honor of Gordon.



December 30 at 12:05 PM



**Rodolfo Marroquin** posted:

I was determined to teach Gordon the art of brewing good coffee and introduce him to the essentials of this craft; he was willing and a good student. He listened and nodded whenever I told him about different coffee beans and roasting levels, the times we shared coffee, or when I showed him how to use the French press. Needless to say, all this was just an excuse to get together, talk about life, and the crazy weather that stormed Mexico City by surprise this year. I will miss you, Gordon. Gracias por las charlas, consejos y buenos momentos.

December 30 at 12:04 PM



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**Choyce Hamilton** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My Dear cousin Gordon, our childhood memories are endless, and the love is pure. May you rest with our Lord and ancestors gone before you. Love you

December 20 at 1:42 PM



**Amanda Haney** lit a candle in honor of Gordon.

Tho I don't have many memories with Gordon, the ones I do have are lasting. I will always remember when my dad brought you to visit. I remember thinking that you were the coolest person I had ever met❤️ you played Barbie's with me and you were so kind and your joy was infectious. As adults spending time together when you came to Montana and to Massachusetts for Ronnie's wedding. I always enjoyed chatting with you online about your travels, sweet Bruno, my kiddos and my husband. I thank you for speaking with Zayah about his career path and giving him advice❤️ . I will watch your skits with Bruno with a heavy heart as well as gratitude that I had the pleasure of knowing you❤️ You are missed immensely Gordon  
□□

December 20 at 12:35 PM



**Shanisa B.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gordon.

December 19 at 8:46 PM



**Shanisa Bergeron** December 19 at 8:51 PM

That's GORDY'S BIRF-DAY TREE! 🙏



**Shanisa Bergeron** December 19 at 8:50 PM

I am also going to donate to a Food Bank on his behalf! I want to name it, Gordy's Birthday Tree! Next round's on me Gordy! Cheers, my friend and keep the seeds of love going! 🌱 RIP 🙏🍷❤



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Akinpelu family.

December 19 at 4:17 PM





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**Olivia Akinpelu** lit a candle in honor of Gordon.  
Words cannot quantify losing you. I am honored to be your sister.

December 19 at 2:26 PM



JC

**Jennifer C.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gordon.

December 19 at 12:35 PM



MH

**Michael Harmon** posted:

Gordon was clearly very loved, and he meant so much to so many. In his memory our family donated to Friendship House Food Center. Our local food bank.

December 19 at 11:01 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Akinpelu family.

December 19 at 8:44 AM



MF

**Michael Harmon & Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gordon.

December 19 at 8:44 AM





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PS

**Preetal Shah** posted:

I first met Gordon in middle school, we sat next to each other in homeroom. Through the years, we both moved around, and found new places to call home, but stayed in touch. We always made it a point to hang out, regardless of where either of us lived. I recently visited Gordon in Mexico City earlier this year. He was as happy as ever, excited to start another chapter in his adventurous life. Gordon was joyful, kind, funny, optimistic, and always curious to learn new things. His zest for life was truly inspiring. He had a beaming smile, and an infectious laugh that could brighten up any room. He will be missed.

December 18 at 4:42 PM

PS

**Preetal S.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gordon.



December 18 at 3:52 PM

JB

**Jessica B.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gordon.



December 18 at 12:22 AM

SB

**Shanisa Bergeron** lit a candle in honor of Gordon.

I met Gordon (Gordy) in 2011 when my husband, Kevin, and I, moved to Austin, Texas. I met Gordon at work and we worked together a lot. We eventually became great friends and partied together quite a bit, at our place, his, or at our local watering holes. Kevin worked with him on his book cover designs and we spent many late nights photographing and editing type and design. I love how much he loved life, how kind and selfless he was, how much he loved my food, and how easy-going and enlightened he was spiritually and practically. He was a great man. I especially loved his wanderlust and sense of adventure. I will miss him terribly, but I know his energy will continue to soar. Love you, Gordon! 🙏



December 17 at 11:50 AM



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**Joy G.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gordon.

December 17 at 10:20 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Akinpelu family.

December 15 at 6:49 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Akinpelu family.

December 15 at 6:41 PM



**Your Newrez Dtc Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Gordon.

December 15 at 6:41 PM





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**Tokunbo Ishola** shared 4 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

"My name is Gordon Joseph Akinsoji Akinpelu." That was his introduction on that warm afternoon of December 1982, after the bear hugs. This stuck with me. Gordon was a loving & jovial cousin (though we related like brothers). He visited Ibadan, Nigeria in 1982 & 1990, and we both had fun in the neighbourhood as young boys - street football, hide & seek, and turns on his Nintendo - Super Mario. I showed him off to everyone in the neighbourhood. Decades later, I hosted him on his visits to London, England, and my late mom was so happy to see him again during one of his visits, 20yrs since his last visit to Nigeria. He was my little brother, and he was the realest & coolest, anyone could ever ask for. His life was a message - be real to yourself! 🙌 Gordon wanted fun out of life. That meant having control on how lived life, what he did with life, without burdening his family & friends. His travels & adventures gave him that, and I believe he ticked most things on his bucket list. He shared his concerns with me about life, and I gave my thoughts on some of his concerns. He promised his commitment to follow his dreams. He was passionate and optimistic about the future. His words are valuable. I remember telling him my mom would fly in to London from Nigeria on a particular date, and Gordon said "let me see if I can find a flight down there to see y'all". He called back few days later that I should pick him up at Heathrow. He had a list of places he wants to visit in London. His deep knowledge on historical sites is amazing. Thank you for the Thanksgiving experience and hospitality. Gordon, your young nieces will miss their favourite Uncle. Tosin will forever miss her gentleman brother-in-law. Me? I now believe I should've called instead of texting on 8th November. Maybe today would've been different. Nevertheless, I'm sure you're now in a much more better realm. I cherish your sweet memories and the positive impact. Sleep well, my brother, till we meet again on resurrection morning. 🙏🙏 Tokunbo Ishola.



December 6 at 10:08 PM

MA

**Michael Arce** posted:

Gordon, you will be truly missed my friend. I'm inspired by your limitless positivity and zeal for adventure. You never had a cross word to say about another human and you never failed to light up a room with your infectious smile. You're an inspiration and we should all endeavor to be more like you. Rest in peace.

December 14 at 1:55 PM



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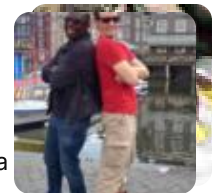


December 14 at 12:00 PM

AM

**Andrew Mcgee** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Sharing a single memory of Gordon is impossible. His laughter and smile made everyone feel welcome and a bit happier. I got to share a raft with him in the whitewaters of Colorado for my 30th, a road trip to and a hike in Palo Duro Canyon, a funny moment being interviewed at Cadillac Ranch, a beer in Denver, pancakes in Amsterdam, and so many fun chats and discussions in Austin. I introduced him to a girl who he dated for about a week! Gordon also let me write an entry for his children's book series ("Monty the Mole Down Unda"). He has inspired me in times when I don't know what I'm doing in life. I will certainly miss his videos of positivity and exploration in everyday life. He'd always "get a wild hair" to take a trip somewhere (which is why I saw him in Amsterdam)... I'm going to miss you being around for that, amigo! Thanks for being a friend.



December 6 at 10:08 PM

AK

**Andie K** posted:

Gordon, thank you for being such a valued friend to my sister when she was still on earth with us. I will miss your quick wit, your fun videos with your dog, and seeing you enjoying your life with adventure and laughter.

December 14 at 12:29 AM

PN

**Peter Nguyen** posted:

Gordon was always larger than life. He was always so kind and positive. I was lucky enough to have some travel adventures with him and will forever cherish those experiences. You will be missed friend.

December 13 at 11:48 PM



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**Cat Coleman** posted:

In Gordon's honor, the Coleman's have donated to our local food pantry, Heart of The City, here in Lewisville. May Gordon rest in peace. Although we've never met, if your sister serves as any indication of your character, we'd be in great company. ☐

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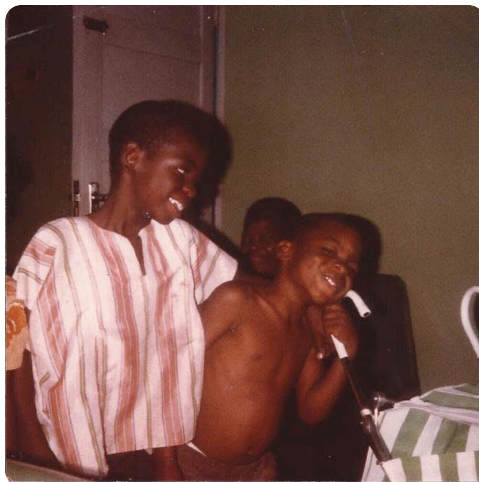
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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gordon by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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