

**GERMAN UNION CEMETERY**  
**THREE-GENERATION GENEALOGY**

*Created By: Ronald R. Prinzing*

**UPDATED:** December 4, 2015

Surname: **PFAHNING**  
Given Name: **GORDON**  
Middle Name If Any: **LOWELL**  
Gender: **MALE**  
Date of Birth: **OCTOBER 7, 1930**  
Place of Birth: **FARIBAULT COUNTY – WELLS, MINNESOTA**  
Date of Death: **JULY 6, 1980**  
Place of Death: **DAKOTA COUNTY – FARMINGTON, MINNESOTA**  
Place of Burial: **GERMAN UNION CEMETERY – FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA** Plot Number: **14a**

Father: **ELDO AUGUST PFAHNING**  
Date of Birth: **SEPTEMBER 14, 1908**  
Place of Birth: **FREEBORN COUNTY – WALTERS, MINNESOTA**  
Date of Death: **JANUARY 7, 1972**  
Place of Death: **WELLS, MINNESOTA**  
Place of Burial: **ROSE HILL CEMETERY – WELLS, MINNESOTA**

Mother: **THELMA BEATRICE MITHUN**  
Date of Birth: **NOVEMBER 1, 1907**  
Place of Birth: **BRUSH CREEK TOWNSHIP – FARIBAULT COUNTY – MINNESOTA**  
Date of Death: **FEBRUARY 8, 1993**  
Place of Death: **CHESTERFIELD, MISSOURI**  
Place of Burial: **ROSE HILL CEMETERY – WELLS, MINNESOTA**

Marital Status: **MARRIED** Date: **DECEMBER 3, 1955 in ST. Johns CHURCH – RICE COUNTY – NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA**

1. **DARLENE IRENE CHRISTENSEN** born: **NOVEMBER 26, 1930 at ST. LUKES HOSPITAL – RICE COUNTY – FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA**

Children:

1. **BRAD GORDON PFAHNING** born: **NOVEMBER 30, 1957 at SANFORD HOSPITAL – DAKOTA COUNTY – FARMINGTON, MINNESOTA**  
2. **PATTI JEAN PFAHNING** born: **FEBRUARY 15, 1962 at SANFORD HOSPITAL – DAKOTA COUNTY – FARMINGTON, MINNESOTA**

**NOTE: Disinterment from CORINTHIAN CEMETERY – FARMINGTON, MINNESOTA. Re - interment at GERMAN UNION CEMETERY – FOREST TOWNSHIP – RICE COUNTY – MINNESOTA**

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**OBITUARY**

**Last Name: PFAHNING**

**First Name: GORDON**

**Middle Name or Initial: LOWELL**

**News Paper: DAKOTA COUNTY TRIBUNE – BURNSVILLE, MINNESOTA**

**Date: JULY, 1980**

FARMINGTON—Funeral services for Gordon Pfahning, 49, 708 7<sup>th</sup> St. were set for Wednesday, July 9, at 2 p.m. at Farmington Lutheran church, with Rev. Donald Sponheim and Rev. Gordon Trygstad officiating. Mr. Pfahning, who underwent open heart surgery in October 1979, died suddenly Sunday, July 6, 1980, while doing light yard work. Visitation was Tuesday afternoon and evening at White Funeral Home. Organist was Beverly Sponheim and soloist was Howard Kehlenbeck. Burial was in Corinthian Cemetery. Pallbearers were Melvin Malecha, William Martin, John Beckes, Howard Vickerman, James Deegan and Orville Castle. Gordon Lowell Pfahning was born Oct. 7, 1930, to Thelma and Eldo Pfahning, Wells, Minnesota. He attended Wells public schools. He spent 30 years with the Minnesota State Highway Department, excepting for one year of active service in the U.S. Navy. He married Darlene Christensen of Northfield, Minnesota, Dec. 3, 1955. They lived in Farmington, the past 24 years. He was a member of the Farmington Lutheran Church, the Scottish Rite of Minneapolis and Corinthian Masonic Lodge NO. 67 of Farmington and was treasurer for the Minnesota Project Highway Technician Society. Survivors are his wife, Darlene; son, Brad; daughter, Patti at home; mother Thelma Pfahning, Wells; sister, Mrs. Robert (Jean) Stenzel, Chesterfield, Missouri; and brother, Dale, New Hope, Minnesota. Desinterred 13/May/2003 and re-interred in German Union Cemetery 13/May/2003.

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Section of Vital Statistics				STATE FILE NUMBER	
CERTIFICATE OF DEATH					
LOCAL FILE NUMBER REVENUE 459		1. DECEDENT NAME FIRST MIDDLE LAST Gordon Lowell Pfahning		2. SEX Male	3. DATE OF DEATH Mo. Day Year July 6, 1980
4a. AGE in Years 48 2/9	4b. Under One Year Months Days	4c. Under One Day Hours Minutes	5. DATE OF BIRTH Mo. Day Year October 7, 1930	6. RACE (Specify) Caucasian	7a. COUNTY OF DEATH Dakota
7b. LOCATION OF DEATH (City, Village or Township) Farmington,			7c. Inside Corporate Limits Specify <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	7d. HOSPITAL OR OTHER INSTITUTION - Name (If not in either, Give Street and Number) At Home 708 7th St.	
8. BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) Minnesota		9. Citizen of What Country USA	10. Married, Never Married, Widowed, Divorced (Specify) Married	11. SPOUSE - NAME Darlene Pfahning	
12. Was Decedent ever in U.S. Armed Forces (Specify Yes or No) Yes		13. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 477-24-5773		14a. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work during most of working life, even if retired) Civil Engineer	
15a. RESIDENCE - STATE Minnesota		15b. COUNTY Dakota		15c. CITY, VILLAGE OR TOWNSHIP Farmington	
16a. FATHER - NAME Eldo Pfahning		16b. BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) Minnesota		17. ADDRESS OF DECEDENT Street and Number Post Office 708 7th St. Farmington, Mn. 55024	
18a. MOTHER - MAIDEN NAME Thelma Mithun		18b. BIRTHPLACE (State or Foreign Country) Minnesota		19. INFORMANT - NAME Darlene Pfahning Farmington, Mn. 55024	
20. PART I - DEATH WAS CAUSED BY (Enter only one cause per line (A), (B) and (C))				IF DIAGNOSIS DEFERRED Check Box	
A. IMMEDIATE CAUSE <i>Cordiac Arrest</i>					
B. DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF <i>Chronic Myocardial degeneration</i>					
C. DUE TO, OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF <i>Coronary Heart Disease - Interal Valve Replacement</i>					
PART II - OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS				21a. AUTOPSY Specify <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
22a. ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, HOMICIDE OR UNDETERMINED IF DEFERRED Check Box				22b. DATE OF INJURY Mo. Day Year Hour	
22d. PLACE OF INJURY (At Home, Farm, Street, Factory, Office Bldg. Etc.)				22c. INJURY AT WORK Specify Yes or No	
22e. LOCATION Street or RFD Number City, Village or Township County State					
22f. HOW INJURY OCCURRED (Enter Nature of Injury in Part I or Part II, Item 20)					
23a. CERTIFICATION - PHYSICIAN I attended the deceased from <u>11-22-78</u> to <u>8-6-80</u> and last saw him/her alive on <u>6-11-80</u> . I (did, did not) view the body after death. Death occurred at _____ M at the place and time and on the date stated above and to the best of my knowledge due to the causes stated.			23b. CERTIFICATION - MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER on the basis of the examination of the body and/or the investigation, in my opinion occurred at _____ M, on the date and due to the causes stated above. The decedent was pronounced dead on _____ at _____ M.		
23c. PHYSICIAN - SIGNATURE <i>Murray Frazzetta</i>			23d. MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER - SIGNATURE		
23e. PHYSICIAN - NAME (Type or Print) Murray Frazzetta			23f. MEDICAL EXAMINER OR CORONER - NAME (Type or Print)		
23g. MAILING ADDRESS Physician, Medical Examiner or Coroner				23h. DATE SIGNED Month Day Year	
24a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL Specify Burial		24b. CEMETERY OR CREMATORY - NAME Corinthian Cemetery		24c. LOCATION (City, Village or County) (State) Farmington, Minnesota	
24d. DATE OF BURIAL, CREMATION REMOVAL Mo. Day Year July 9, 1980		24e. FUNERAL HOME - Name White Funeral Home		24f. FUNERAL HOME - Address Farmington, Minnesota	
26a. DATE FILED BY LOCAL REGISTRAR Mo. Day Year July 11, 1980		26b. LOCAL REGISTRAR - Signature <i>Mary Jo Lester Deputy</i>		27. MORTICIAN OR FUNERAL DIRECTOR - Signature <i>Neil K. Kase</i>	

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**PFAHNING, DARLENE IRENE, NEE: CHRISTENSEN – HUSBAND and WIFE**