

A Touchstone Energy® Cooperative

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Saying Goodbye to a Friend and Former Director

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the death of former Director Gordon DeArmond, who served on Midstate Electric Cooperative's board for 38 years before resigning in 2022. Gordon lived and worked in Midstate's service area for more than 60 years.

Gordon was passionate about using his seat on the board year after year to ensure all members continued to have reliable power at the lowest cost. He stayed involved to make sure all members were treated equally and to maintain Midstate's reputation as one of the best co-ops in the region. Gordon's leadership left a mark



Former Midstate Electric Cooperative Director Gordon DeArmond was an active volunteer in the community with his wife, Norma.

at MEC and industrywide that will not be forgotten.

Gordon and his wife, Norma, lived in Crescent and owned and operated Crescent Lake Resort for 17 years. In Gordon's next chapter, he owned and was a broker at La Pine Realty for 13 years. He sold that business to become a full-time pastor at Ponderosa Christian Fellowship in Crescent. He was also known for sharing words of encouragement as a co-host of the "Then Sings My Soul" segment on the local Newberry Mix radio station.

Gordon was active in cooperative programs at the local, state and national levels. He held a Credentialed Cooperative Director designation, a National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Directors Certificate and a Board Leadership Certificate. He served as Midstate's board president, vice president and secretary/treasurer throughout the years.

One of the notable projects Gordon was involved in was bringing a transmission line to Christmas Valley in the 1990s to provide the area with more power stability.

In addition to serving on the Midstate board, he served on the Klamath County Planning Commission, the Klamath School District Board, and boards for Crescent Rural Fire District, Crescent Water District, and Klamath County Search and Rescue.

Gordon was known as kind, generous and one who others could call on for help. We have lost a great friend, leader and community servant. Services for Gordon were June 23 at La Pine Christian Center. Our hearts go out to his family during this difficult time.

CEO/General Manager Jim Anderson