

Johnny was born on October 1, 1927, in Worcester, Massachusetts to John and Elsie Gorman. A veteran of the U. S. Navy, he spent many years of his life living and working in the Indianapolis metroplex before retiring and moving to Lake Fork in the early 1980s. Johnny was a loving husband, father, uncle, grandfather, great grandfather, friend, and neighbor. A sports enthusiast his entire life, Johnny played basketball, baseball, and football as a child, in high school and in college. He was a regular competitor in the U.S. Senior Olympics, winning numerous individual medals in the free throw and three-point shootout competitions, along with winning bronze medals in 1999 and in 2001 for 3-on-3 basketball. Johnny took up golf later in life and quickly excelled, getting a remarkable 5 hole-in-ones, along with winning the Masters Championship in 2003 and the Super Senior Club Championship in 2006, both at The Links at Land's End.

Johnny's love of the game went beyond just playing, he was a successful coach and manager throughout his life. He had the unique opportunity to manage the fast pitch softball team his late wife, Katie, played on, and even led the team to the Softball World Series on two separate occasions (in California and in Connecticut). In 1997, Johnny was inducted into the ASA Hall of Fame in Indianapolis. Additionally, Johnny spent 35 years serving as an umpire and referee for high school and collegiate basketball, football, and baseball in Indiana.

As great as his love for sports and competition was, it paled in comparison to his love for his family and friends. Johnny cherished spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. His house was the epicenter for family gatherings and was always filled with warmth and laughter. Johnny was an avid storyteller, as anyone who spent time with him would attest to. He never met a stranger and was always willing to help someone in need. Funny, caring, and strong; he impacted every person he came in contact with.

He was preceded in death by his soulmate and wife of 62 years, Katie Gorman.

Johnny is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Jay and Jan Gorman of Quitman, TX; his daughter, Karen Rutherford of Rockwall, TX; four grandchildren, April (45), Dana (43), Brittany (34), and Jake (27); and four great grandchildren, Elizabeth (16), Emma (14), Ewen (11), and Kynleigh (7).

In Loving Memory of... John "Johnny" Gorman

FUNERAL SERVICE

11:00 AM Monday, October 11, 2021

Lowe-Gardner Funeral Chapel

Quitman, Texas

OFFICIATING

Lt Cdr. Tim Nall

MUSIC

"Somewhere Over The Rainbow"

"River"

PALLBEARERS

Jay Gorman

Jake Gorman

Greg Willers

Jason Villareal

Brittany Villareal

Dana J. Stewart

If Desired...

donations may be made to:

Patriots Sporting Challenge

c/o Folds of Honor

PO Box 205, Yantis, Texas 75497

or the Wounded Warrior Project

www.support.WoundedWarriorProject.org

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John Joseph Gorman

The Twenty-Third Psalm

*The Lord is my Shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul
He leadeth me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of
the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For thou art with me; Thy rod and
thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the
presence of mine enemies: thou anointest
my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life: and I will
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*



October 1, 1927 - September 30, 2021