



Jack L. Gorham

September 24, 1940 - August 17, 2021

Jack L. Gorham, age 80, of Bourbonnais, passed away Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

He was born September 24, 1940 in Kewanee, the son of Charles & Betty Thurman Gorham.

He married Renee Sartwell on June 5, 1964 in Savanna.

He was a teacher and a coach at Savanna High School, Bradley-Bourbonnais High School, and Dwight D. Eisenhower in Blue Island. He was also the IT Coordinator at Dwight D. Eisenhower in Blue Island. He was an avid golfer since the age of 12. Jack enjoyed gardening, and he loved spending time with his family, especially his children and grandchildren. He was of the Christian faith. He graduated from Western Illinois University.

Surviving are his wife, Renee Gorham of Bourbonnais; one son, John Gorham of Loves Park; two daughters, Kristin Gorham of Manteno and Kelly (Sean) McCloy of Appleton, WI; two grandchildren, Kate McCloy and Eryn McCloy; one sister, Patricia Gorham of Chicago; two sisters-in-law, Joyce (Joe) Garcia and Rebecca Hall.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents; and one sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Jim Smith.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until the 1:00 p.m. memorial service on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home, Bourbonnais. Rev. Scott Henley will officiate.

Private family inurnment will follow at All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais.
In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Manteno Golf Course or the
Manteno Library.

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

1839 W. Route 102
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-2342

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 24. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Memorial Service

AUG 24. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KB

“ Jack was an excellent teacher, a valued colleague and a dear friend to many. Very, very sorry to hear of his passing. My sincere condolences to his family.
Dr. Kevin Burns-- former DDE principal & CHSD 218 supt.

Kevin Burns - September 16, 2022 at 11:19 AM

DL

“ I'm his cousin, Donna Ford Lloyd. I'm so sad we haven't kept in touch. We very very close as kids. My husband died in January. Also a heart attack.

Donna Ford Lloyd - September 13, 2021 at 06:51 PM

AH

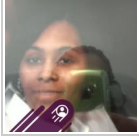
“ We loved Uncle Jack. Always appreciated his dry wit and the smirk we would get when on the verge of trouble. We will miss you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Renee, Chris, Kelly and John. In time hope you find peace. We love you. Arron, Lisa, Ryan and Jodi

Arron Hall - August 24, 2021 at 02:45 PM

RH

“ Renee Kris John Kelly Sean Kate Eryn...Even though I am not there physically for Jack's Memorial service, I want you to know I am sending loving and caring thoughts to each of you.

rebecca hall - August 24, 2021 at 01:39 PM



“ Alicia Jones lit a candle in memory of Jack L. Gorham



Alicia Jones - August 24, 2021 at 01:24 PM



“ I will always remember Jack, as a Dunkin Donuts manager I am grateful to have been able to come in close contact with Jack. He has also been a blessed spirit to my children who have all met him personally. Jack was known as Dunkin Donut employees "Grandpa" . We love and miss you. You will FOREVER BE IN OUR HEARTS.

Alicia Jones - August 24, 2021 at 01:24 PM



“ For High School football Players we couldn't have had a better No Nonsense Role Model than Coach Gorham - who knew how to get the most out of his Players - but was an even better Guy than Coach. RIP - Gary Kuzel DDE Cardinals 1979

Gary Kuzel - August 24, 2021 at 01:16 PM



“ I worked with Jack at Eisenhower High School, and will never forget how he patiently helped me with the transition to using computers in instruction during the early 1990's. At the time, I feared that I would never adjust, but his good-natured and often very funny guidance helped me and other immensely.

I'm so sorry to hear of his passing, and I offer my sincere condolences to Jack's family.

Anne Coffman - August 24, 2021 at 10:35 AM

LC

“ Lillian Carrol purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Our Family Chain Is Broken" for the family of Jack L. Gorham.



Lillian Carrol - August 24, 2021 at 10:18 AM

KB

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and family. I golfed with Jack for years and enjoyed his friendship. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kirk and Jane Brais

Kirk Brais - August 24, 2021 at 09:47 AM

DF

“ Debra Seeley and Family purchased the Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." for the family of Jack L. Gorham.



Debra Seeley and Family - August 23, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ *My memories of Grandpa Jack will always be full of warm hugs, secret trips to Dunkin Donuts, and being teased for being a cheesehead. I remember walking into Dunkin Donuts and feeling like a celebrity. He had spent so much time talking to the employees there about Eryn and I that they knew all about us! He was so incredibly loving and proud of us. I knew that no matter what I did he would be proud of me. The summer weeks I spent at Grandma and Grandpa's are some of my favorite memories. I'll always be thankful I had the world's most wonderful Grandpa. I love you, Grandpa, and I'll miss you always.*



Kate McCloy - August 23, 2021 at 04:47 PM

RH

“ *My teacher...My Brother In Law...My Friend. Jack was my teacher in Savanna. He was a great amazing teacher. He helped so many students because he cared. He was my friend and I have so many wonderful stories that still bring me smiles. I will always be grateful and thankful for all the love and care he gave my mom. A wonderful husband, a wonderful dad, a wonderful granddad, a wonderful Brother In Law, a wonderful person in so many ways. I was so blessed to have him in my life. Love Becky*

rebecca hall - August 23, 2021 at 01:15 PM

DW

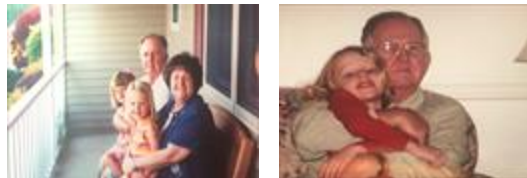
“ Attending Wethersfield grade school and jr. high, my heroes were always the guys that played on the high school sports teams. Jack was one of those guys. May he rest in peace.

Doug Whisker

Doug Whisker - August 22, 2021 at 02:53 PM



“ One time while I was visiting, Grandpa Jack asked Kate and I if we wanted to run an errand with him. He told us and all the other adults that we were going to Ace Hardware to pick up a few things. Once we got in the car however, he told us we were actually going out to get donuts! We even swung by Ace on our way back to buy something so that nobody would be suspicious. Ever since then it was our inside joke that going to Ace Hardware was code for getting donuts. I'll miss you grandpa <3



Eryn McCloy - August 21, 2021 at 03:46 PM

TA

“ Mr. Gorham was my typing teacher back in 1983. He had a dry sense of humor and a quick wit. He was sweet, fair and a consummate gentleman. A lot of great memories in that class.
May perpetual light shine upon him.



Tammy A - August 21, 2021 at 03:40 PM

DP

“ *Mr Gorham was my health education teacher at DDE in 1980. Great guy. I had seen him many years later at Manteno Golf Club and I immediately recognized him. What was even better is he remembered me. I’m sure it wasn’t due to my standout learning ability in school... guessing my clowning around in school!! Mr. Gorham was always a gentleman, my thoughts and prayers are with his family. Rest in peace Mr. Gorham*

dave prince - August 21, 2021 at 09:05 AM

 Tony Chic

“ *Jack was outstandingly kind to me when I student taught at Eisenhower in the spring of 1991. He took me out to a greasy spoon restaurant, talked track and football with me. He was a kind mind with a great sense of humor and a good listener! He will be missed!*

Sincerely,

Tony Chiuccariello

Tony Chic - August 20, 2021 at 02:01 PM

GS

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Gary Kolbe Sr - August 20, 2021 at 11:35 AM

BR

Jack will be missed! Clarence and I always looked forward to seeing him at Manteno golf club

Barb Riesebeck - August 22, 2021 at 07:32 PM

CS

“ Jack has always been special to me. We've kept in touch for decades. His sense of humor and pranks were well known. Of course, we had computers in common & spent a lot of time figuring things out. I will miss him greatly! God bless you, Jack!



Carolynn Schwarz - August 19, 2021 at 01:39 PM



“ In 1977 we built and moved into a house next to Jack and Rene. It was one of the best things to ever happen to us. Jack's warm and friendly personality made having him close a joy! He shared his life and laughter with us daily and his passing is a true tragedy. We love you Jack and will miss you always! RIP in God's love.

Frank Curl - August 19, 2021 at 10:44 AM

TE

“ Tim And Connie Eaker lit a candle in memory of Jack L. Gorham



Tim and Connie Eaker - August 18, 2021 at 06:04 PM