



Henry Gorka

November 15, 1924 - July 24, 2017

Henry Gorka was born on November 15, 1924, to Vincent and Elizabeth Kaminski Gorka in Booth, Texas, the 11th of 13 children. He passed away on July 24, 2017, due to declining health issues. He was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth Mahiczek Gorka in 2002.

Henry attended school in the one room schoolhouse on the A.P. George Ranch in Crabb, Texas. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II in the Pacific Front. He was a rice farmer and later a heavy equipment operator for Fort Bend County Precinct One. In 1967, Henry fulfilled his dream of starting his own business. He operated the well-respected, successful Gorka Maintainer Service for 50 years with his son, Pete. Henry was an avid vegetable gardener, and every year had abundant produce to share, especially at the June Gorka family reunion. Henry loved to be outside, and even with his ailing health he could be seen riding his lawn tractor around his yard.

One of Henry's greatest joys was spending time with his family. He is survived by five children: Teena Elizabeth Kellam, Michael Henry Gorka, Clarissa Annette (Bruce) Kelly, Lea Marie (Mike) Cassidy, and Peter Dwain (Terri) Gorka. Henry is survived by nine grandchildren: Todd (Melanie) Kellam, Erin Kellam (Alex) Cestero, Tiffany Kelly (Pierre) Archambault, Christopher Kelly, Jill Cassidy, Ali Cassidy, Kristen Gorka (Ryan) Baudoin, Eric (Jayme) Gorka, and Samantha Gorka. Henry is survived by seven great-grandchildren: Christopher Kellam, Dominic Cestero, Joshua Cestero, Robert Cestero, Krista

Kelly, Kyndall Gorka, and Dylan Gorka. Henry is also survived by his sister Hattie Lamza and his three sisters-in-law Evelyn Gorka, Frances Gorka, and Mabel Macik and many nieces and nephews.

Henry was a life-long member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Richmond, Texas.

Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 2:00 P.M. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Richmond with burial to follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be Wednesday evening, July 26, 2017 from 5-8 P.M. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with a Rosary at 7 P.M.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Previous Events

Service

JUL 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
507 S. Fourth Street Richmond, TX US 77469
Richmond, TX 77469

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Henry Gorka*



Davis Greenlawn Funeral Chapel and Cemeteries - July 26, 2017 at 07:42 AM

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“ *Sorry for your loss! Deepest sympathy to the Gorka family, you're in my thoughts and prayers!*

Linda Kunz - July 25, 2017 at 05:53 PM