



## James F. Gorka

July 26, 1935 - February 23, 2011

Funeral services for James F. "Butch" Gorka, 75, of Richmond, Texas will be 2 p.m., Saturday, February 26, 2011 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg. Rev. Charles Teykl will officiate the services.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., Friday, February 25, 2011 in the State Room of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Butch was born July 26, 1935 in Richmond to Felix J. and Erna Nichter Gorka. He retired from HL & P after 38 years as a manager of several service centers. Butch enjoyed fishing at Sandy's Pond, dove hunting and was an all around outdoorsman. He was an avid collector of baseball and football cards and loved to watch and coach sports. Butch passed away February 23, 2011 at his residence with his family by his side.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Felix and Erna Gorka; brother, Joe Gorka and sister, Dolores Gorka Vokes.

Butch is survived by his wife of 55 years, Betty Ann Goates Gorka; son, David Gorka; daughter, Diana Gorka Hall; grandson, Jason Michael Hall; and other relatives and many friends. Butch is also survived by his faithful, four-legged companion, Abby.

Pallbearers will include Jason Hall, Mark Urbanski, Lee Brown, Troy Fogle, Ryan Henke and Bradley Holik.

Honorary Pallbearers will include Melvin Mikeska, B.C. Cunda, Doug Holmes, Sam Hopkins, James Fojtik and Larry Ognoski.

For those wishing, memorials may be made in Butch's name to the Texas A & M Foundation, 401 George Bush Dr., College Station, TX 77840.

Words of condolence may left for the Gorka family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com).

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, Texas 77474. 281-341-8800.

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ Aunt Betty, Diana, David:

*Our prayers are with you as we have just learned of Uncle Butch's passing. Please know we loved him very much and perhaps one day our paths will cross again.*

*Love,  
Mark, Mike, and Marie*

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**Marie Vokes Dierke Gum** - September 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

WB

“ Betty Ann, Just got an email about Butch. So sorry for your loss. I know what you are going through since I lost my husband unexpectedly on January 7th. You are in my thoughts and prayers and if there is anything I can do please let me know. Winona

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**Winona White Baker** - February 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ I am so sorry to read about Mr. Gorka. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Peggy Cochran Ragsdale** - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ To Betty, David, Diana and family,  
On behalf of Hazel, myself and Bill, my sincere prayers and condolences go with you and your family at this time especially. May thoughts and prayers and the wonderful memories of your husband, dad and grandfather give you comfort and peace at this time.  
KelleyVirginia

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**Kelley LloydStarbuck** - February 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Betty Ann, Your loss is Heavens gain. Rejoice that you had Butch with you as long as you did. And know that you and your family are in our prayers. Jo Ann&Eddie Farmer*

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**Jo Ann Farmer** - February 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Dear Betty,*

*I was sorry to learn of your loss of Butch. My prayers will be with you and your family.*

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**Shirley Hicks** - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *Dear Betty Ann,  
We just now learned about Butch and want to send you our love.  
Sorry we cannot attend the funeral. Keep in touch.*

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**Mary and Wheeler Wilson** - February 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ *Dear Diana  
My heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of your Dad. I will keep you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Shelby Laurents*

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**Shelby Laurents** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VB

“ Dear Betty and Family,  
Please accept our deepest condolences. It seems like just yesterday you were telling us in the front office at Terry HS about your walking along side of your Butch right after you retired from Terry HS. You both seemed so strong and well. Much love to you. You are in my prayers. Vickie Bedo

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**Vickie and Drew Bedo** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Betty, David, Diana & Jason, I'm so sorry to know that you are all feeling such great pain & sorrow. I hope all the great memories will help lessen your pain. God bless Butch. I'll keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Becky Gomez** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

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**Barbi Gorka** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Diana and family,  
Please accept our heartfelt condolences in the loss of your Father. May the peace of God give you comfort and strength to help you at this sad time. Our prayers are with you all.  
David and Jennifer & Stephen Nowak

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**David and Jennifer Nowak** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ *This was a tremendous shock to me. He was as good an all-around athlete as Needville High School produced. We had many great times together and he will be missed. My deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Betty Ann and his children. Although we went our separate ways after high school, I had often thought of him and considerate myself fortunate to have been able to visit with him at several of our past high school reunions. May God bless him.*

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**Lee Wenzel** - February 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM