



Ruth "Cindi" Gorka

December 10, 1946 - November 14, 2008

Ruth "Cindi" Gorka, 61, died Friday, November 14, 2008. A native of Alice, Texas, she was born December 10, 1946 to Harvey and Judy Dunn. Cindi was a member of Calvary Episcopal Church. She was a member of Daughters of the King and Chi Omega. Cindi worked as a High School Counselor until her retirement. Survivors include her husband of over 40 years, Dennis Gorka, son, Bryan Gorka and wife Tanya, son-in-law, Dan Hammerschmidt, 3 grandchildren, Nixon Gorka, Holly and Michael Hammerschmidt. She was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter, Karen Hammerschmidt and her sister Dinah Lake Costley.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. at Calvary Episcopal Church in Richmond with Father Frankie Rodriguez officiating. Visitation will be from 6-8:00 P.M. Monday, November 17, 2008 in the Chapel at Davis Greenlawn Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to M.D. Anderson Breast Cancer Research, P.O. Box 4486, Houston, Texas 77210.

Tribute Wall

WM

“ *Coach Gorka,*

It has been many years, but I only now learned about Cindi's passing. I was talking to friends about the best teachers we ever had, and I recalled classes with Mrs. Gorka at BHS.

Certainly, she left her mark on the world, and had a positive influence on so many lives... at least I know she was an inspiration to me.

May God bless you and your family.

*Whit (Whitney) Madere
BHS class of '81*

Whit Madere - January 02, 2021 at 09:25 AM

TE

“ *Dear Mr. Gorka and Bryan,*

I just learned today of Mrs. Gorka and Karen. I was truly touched to find out that they had both passed away. Your family was always been an inspiration to me and everyone that attended SHS. God Bless you and your family now and always.

*Much Love,
Tammy Failla Edwardson*

Tammy Failla Edwardson - February 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Dennis,
We are so sorry for your loss, Cindi was a wonderful woman. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love,
Ricky and Kem Crawford

Kemberly Crawford - November 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ To the Garka Family,
My condolences to all with the passing of your loved one. Cindi and I grew up together in Alice and were great friends throughout our school days. We all went our seperate ways after High school but I will always remember the laughter and fun we had together growing up in a small town. My memories of Cindi will bring me comfort and know that there will be laughter when we meet again.
With Heartfelt Sympathy
Phyllis kaye Drake Giblin
William Adams High School
Alice, Texas Class of 1965

Phyllis Kaye Drake Giblin - November 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dear Dennis and Family,
We share in your loss of a tremendously lovely lady. We will miss her presence but are blessed with wonderful memories.

Mark and Dianne Duncan - November 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Dennis and family,
We were very sorry to hear about Cindi. I know she is finally at peace and not hurting any longer, she is the lucky one to be with God and Karen now while her family deals with the pain of losing such a wonderful person. We will be praying for you and your family.*

*Love,
Mary and Billy*

Billy and Mary Greenwald - November 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PK

“ *Dear Dennis, Bryan and family,
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time. Cindi meant more to me than you will ever know. She was such a blessing and help when we all started together at SHS! She's finally free of pain and can now giggle her famous "Cindi" giggle constantly with Karen. We will miss her dearly, but know that peace has finally found her. Hugs to you all now and forever.*

Pauletta Klemstein - November 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Dennis,
We are very sorry to hear of Cindi's passing. We have been and will continue to pray for her peace. We are here if there's anything you need.*

Jeff, Darlene Lutz & boys - November 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Dear Coach Gorka, Bryan & Family
We were so sadden to hear about Cindi's passing, but we know she is in a better place so happy with Karen and God our Father. She was a very special and sweet lady to many of the Spartans and we will never forget her. Our love and prayers are with you and your family.
Pete & Mary R. Guajardo

Mary R. Guajardo - November 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Dennis: Cindy was always a great inspiration to me when I was working at Stafford. She fought a great battle with her illness, but always, as far as I can remember, had time for a good laugh and of course a great smile. Seemed that nothing was going to get her down. And eventhough after we all left the school district, I thought about her and even saw both of you a few times at various events. We will always have the good memories we shared with both of you. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Always,

Ruth Lopez - November 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Dennis,
My thought and prayers are with you and your family at this time of tremendous loss.

Toni Rohan

Toni Rohan - November 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM