



Richard G. Gorney

October 20, 1938 - December 11, 2023

Richard G. Gorney, age 85 of Harbor Beach, passed away Monday, December 11, 2023 at Lakeview Extended Care and Rehab Center of the Harbor Beach Community Hospital.

He was born on October 20, 1938 in Harbor Beach to the late Joseph and Josephine (Kranz) Gorney. He and Barbra Miller were united in marriage on June 10, 1961 in Parisville. Dick graduated from Our Lady of Lake Huron School in 1956. He was a retired employee of the Harbor Beach Post Office, retiring in 1995. Dick was an avid sports fan, and religiously followed the Notre Dame Fighting Irish and the Boston Red Sox. Dick played in a semi-pro baseball league in Canada for the Listowel Legionares and Hensell, Ontario. Later, he played in the Huron County Baseball League for Harbor Beach, Ubly and Port Austin. In 1957, he had the opportunity to play with the Port Huron All Stars in a game at Briggs Stadium (Later Tiger Stadium).

He began a coaching career in the fall of 1957 as a Junior High Basketball Coach at OLLH Catholic School in Harbor Beach. Then he became involved with student sports in baseball, softball basketball, and Football (OLLH Only) in Port Hope and Harbor Beach plus he was a referee and umpire for 25 years. Some highlights of his coaching career include: 5 Championship Lions Little League teams, OLLH Baseball team tied for high school championship in 1963, the Port Hope Girls won the District Basketball championship in 1994, and in 2008 the Harbor Beach High School Softball team won the Districts, for the first time in the school's softball history by defeating Ubly 8-0. Dick also

coached Country Schools Basetball, and summer softball, before retiring from coaching in 2015, making it 57 years devoted to student sports. Dick was presented with a Coaching Award during the last home league basketball game for the OLLH Trojans, on February 21, 1970. In 2010, Dick was presented with the Paul Harris Award from the Rotary Club of Harbor Beach, for his years of devotion to student sports.

Dick was a collector of stamps. In the spring of 1965, he expanded that hobby into a business venture with his wife, Barbra, titled B & R Stamps. The first show attended was in Saginaw, but expanded into many other shows in the Detroit, Cleveland, Toledo, and Minneapolis areas, attending about 20 shows per year. The inventory included stamps from around the world plus new issues and topical stamps like marine life, sports, art, notable people honored on stamps, lunar new year among others. He was also a dealer in stamp supplies including lindner albums. He sold the business in 2004.

Dick is survived by his wife Barbra, children: Michael (Annette) Gorney of St. Charles, IL, Lucinda Brown of Toledo, OH, Gary Gorney of Aurora, IL., 8 grandchildren, Jessica (Robert) Rivera of St. Charles, IL, Mark (Lisa) Gorney of Elburn, IL, Amanda Rapponotti of Killeen, TX, Crystal Tetik of Colorado Springs, CO, Matthew Tetik of Boise, ID, Olivia, Cecilia and Joseph Brown of Toledo, OH, 7 great grandchildren: Jacob and Evan Rivera, Kaitlyn and Azreal Rapponotti, and Gavin, Layla and Lucy Gorney.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Cheryl Gorney, and sister Linda Gorney, and his parents Joe and Josephine Gorney.

Funeral Mass for Dick will be Monday, December 18, 2023 at 11:30 am, at Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church, of the Holy Name of Mary Parish, with Fr. Kevin Wojciechowski officiating. Burial will follow in the OLLH Church Cemetery. Visitation for Dick will be on Sunday, from 2-8pm at the Ramsey Funeral Home of Harbor Beach. Visitation on Monday will be at the church beginning at 10 am until time of services at 11:30 am.

Memorials may be given to the Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic School.

Memories can be shared at www.RamseyFH.com

Cemetery Details

OLLH Church Cemetery

Harbor Beach, MI 48441

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 2:00 PM (ET)

Ramsey Funeral Home, Inc
425 State St
Harbor Beach, MI 48441
(989) 479-3407
<https://www.ramseyfh.com>

Visitation

DEC 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Lake Huron Catholic Church
413 S 1st St
Harbor Beach, MI 48441
(989) 479-3393

Funeral Mass

DEC 18. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Ramsey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard G. Gorney



Ramsey Funeral Home - August 12, 2024 at 08:37 PM



“ 32 files added to the album Life Tributes



Ramsey Funeral Home - August 12, 2024 at 04:34 PM



“ To the Richard Gorney Family. A distant cousin that enjoyed reading about all his unselfish endeavors to make the community a better place. Am glad to have had the acquaintance and family ties. You will be missed by many. My Condolences,, Ken Gorney

,Ken Gorney - December 17, 2023 at 08:31 AM

HB

“ Dick was my very devoted coach in Basketball and baseball. In 1963 we were the League Champions. He was a very talented athlete and coach. God bless you Dick, we will miss you.

Harry Booms - December 16, 2023 at 10:23 AM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Richard G. Gorney.



December 14, 2023 at 04:40 PM

KK

“ Barb and family I am so sorry to hear about Dick passing. I remember making to Harbor Beach a few times, the last time was for Uncle Dennis Kranz birthday party and stayed with you guys. I loved to hear his stories about all the sports he loved so much. I really enjoyed the times when you guys made it to Montana to visit. He will be missed dearly. My heart goes out to all of you 💔 my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kenneth Kranz - December 14, 2023 at 04:05 PM

PH

“ Priscilla Schott Hudson lit a candle in memory of Richard G. Gorney



Priscilla Schott Hudson - December 13, 2023 at 10:22 PM

LM

“ *Lori And Rick Murawske lit a candle in memory of Richard G. Gorney*



Lori and Rick Murawske - December 13, 2023 at 07:45 PM

WB

“ *Dick & I played basketball & baseball together in high school at OLLH. We were a good team together.. We also were g*

ood friends. I got to visit with him several times over the years. He is with Jesus now and we will meet again in a few years in our heavenly home...

Wayne Banker

Wayne Banker - December 13, 2023 at 03:47 PM

MH

“ *Mary H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard G. Gorney.*

Mary H. - December 13, 2023 at 03:26 PM

CH

“ *On my family's vacations to Harbor Beach we would stay with Aunt Josephine and Uncle Joe, Dick's parents. Although Dick was older he always made time for his younger cousins. Somewhere out there is a picture of me sitting on Dick lap enjoying a bowl of Michigan cherries. Memories of him will always be with me. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Cole and Mary (Kranz) Hartl - December 13, 2023 at 02:27 PM

DO

“ Duke & Stella Osentoski lit a candle in memory of Richard G. Gorney



Duke & Stella Osentoski - December 13, 2023 at 02:11 PM

HW

“ Dick and Barb hosted us many times when visiting. Always enjoyed our time, going to antique shopping and talking sports. He will be missed. Live and prayers.

Herb and Pat (Kranz) Wyatt - December 13, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Richard G. Gorney.



December 13, 2023 at 10:42 AM

TF

“ The Incredible Builders family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard G. Gorney.

The Incredible Builders family - December 13, 2023 at 10:42 AM

BB

“ TCBA (Twentieth Century Baseball Association) has lost a Charter Member, a tough competitor, a gentleman and a good friend to the league.

1434 Wins 1103 Losses .5652 winning percentage
2537games

Bob Wood & Bob Braun - December 13, 2023 at 10:21 AM

RL

“ Robert L. purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Richard G. Gorney.



Robert L. - December 13, 2023 at 09:51 AM

GS

“ Treasure the time you spent with Brett and Justin. Will always be in our hearts. Take care and God Bless!

GERRY SMITH - December 12, 2023 at 02:13 PM

MS

“ Mick And Marge Schott lit a candle in memory of Richard G. Gorney



Mick and Marge Schott - December 12, 2023 at 01:30 PM

LM

“ *Cindy, Olivia, Cece, and Joey, Zach and I extend our sympathy at the loss of your father and grandfather. He was a remarkable man and I enjoyed the many stories about him that Cindy shared over the years. Peace, Lynn McClain*

Lynnette McClain - December 12, 2023 at 12:46 PM

KJ

“ *My sympathies to the family! I have known Dick for many years as both a basketball & softball official and coach myself. Dick has always been a top-notch advocate for good sportsmanship and teaching the athletes the game, and how to win and lose gracefully. Kathi Jahn*

kathi jahn - December 12, 2023 at 12:06 PM