



Raymond Nicholas Gossen

June 6, 2016

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Mowata, LA -A Mass of Christian Burial for Raymond Nicholas Gossen, 89, of Roberts Cove will be celebrated on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at 11:00 AM in St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Mowata. Father Austin Leger will serve as celebrant. Interment with military honors will follow in St. Lawrence Catholic Cemetery, Mowata.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016 from 11:00 AM until 9:00 PM in Gossen Funeral Home, Rayne, with a rosary being recited at 7:00 PM. Visitation will continue on Thursday from 8:00 AM until 10:20 AM in the funeral home.

Mr. Gossen passed away on Monday, June 6, 2016 at 8:56 AM in his Roberts Cove residence.

A lifelong devoted Catholic, Mr. Gossen was a member of St. Leo IV Catholic Church, where he was a member of the Holy Name Society. As a member of The Greatest Generation, he served in the U.S. Navy in the closing days of World War II, attaining the rank of Seaman First Class. He was a member of American Legion Post 77 for over 60 years.

A farmer by trade, Mr. Gossen was a member of the Cattleman's Association, The Rayne Riders Club, and was a founding member of Notre Dame High School Board of Athletics. He was well-known and well-loved throughout the region.

Survivors include his daughters, Sister Theresa Gossen, CDP of San Antonio, TX, Beverly Gossen Heikamp and husband, Frank, Sr. of Roberts Cove, Yvonne Gossen Guidry of Rayne, Dianne Gossen Istre and husband, Winfred of Rayne, and Donna Gossen Hoffpauir and husband, Greg of Basille; sons, Nicholas A. Gossen and wife, Ann of Ebenezer, Gregory C. Gossen and wife, Lisa of Rayne, and Byron J. Gossen of Roberts Cove; sisters, Lucille Gossen Reiners of Opelousas, Helen Gossen Arsement and husband, Clarence of Rayne, and Catherine Gossen Cramer of Lawtell; brothers-in-law, William C. Puissegeur of Crowley, and Henry J. "Butch" Bollich, Jr. and wife, Cathy of Ragley; sister-in-law, Jeanne P. Gossen of Rayne; 30 grandchildren; and 38 great-grandchildren.

Preceding Mr. Gossen in death were his wife of 66 years, Henrietta Theresa Victoria Habetz Gossen; parents, Nicholas Joseph "N.J." Gossen and Marie Magdaline Bollich Gossen; granddaughter, Kate Louise Gossen; brother, Robert A. Gossen; sisters, Antoinette Puissegeur and Edna Plattsmier; and son-in-law, Michael John Guidry.

Serving as pallbearers are Byron J. Gossen, Gregory C. Gossen, Frank R. Heikamp, Sr., Winfred J. Istre, Matthew J. Guidry, Greg Hoffpauir, Steve Didier, Tim Gossen, and Henry "Butch" Bollich, Jr. Named as honorary pallbearers are all of Mr. Gossen's grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the CNA's who care for Mr. Gossen, including Felicia Price, Melissa Nixon, Kaiasha Boudreaux, Dorian Stevenson, Jessica Boudreaux, and Chessoneka Carter.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to Rayne Catholic Elementary, or to Notre Dame High School in Crowley.

Condolences may be expressed online at www.gossenfuneralhome.net

Arrangements have been entrusted to Gossen Funeral Home, Inc. of Rayne, LA, (337) 334-3141.

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Cemetery Details

St. Lawrence Cemetery

29031 Crowley-Eunice Highway
Eunice (Mowata), LA

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 11:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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Rosary

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ Please accept my condolences for the passing of your dear loved one. When someone we love dies, the heartache and grief can be great. I hope that you can be comforted knowing that God cares for you and sees your pain. (1 Peter 5:7) "He is close to the brokenhearted and He saves those who are crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:18) May you find comfort and relief during this grievous time, as you cherish the precious memories of Raymond.

J. Miles - June 12, 2016 at 06:11 AM

JP

“ On June 6th, the world lost a brave, honest, hardworking, kind hearted man who loved his land and country. His family meant so much to him and was always willing to help us out anytime we needed it. He was a proud U.S. Navy Veteran and farmer. Many of my fondest childhood memories were because of him. I loved crawfishing and playing in the rice truck when it was time to cut rice. In fact, that's what made this city girl become a true country girl! I was always jealous that the boys got to help PawPaw more in the fields than I ever could. I was so proud of his profession. Anytime the topic of farming came up, I made sure to announce proudly that my grandpa was a farmer. He was the perfect example of a hard worker. He worked from sun up to sun down! He worked his tail off to make sure he provided everything possible for his family. And when I say family, I mean the WHOLE family. Every Sunday, on his day of rest, he worked in the kitchen making delicious feasts so we could all enjoy. It was our Sunday family tradition. It was always filled with great food, great laughs, and great stories (and boy did Paw have some). On the Sunday before his passing, we were all able to have one of those Sundays like we used to have. His house was filled with little ones running down the hall, grown ups cackling, and great stories being told. It was a good day and one that I'm certain made him feel quite comfortable. It was just like old times except that we were missing Paw's love of his life and our very special lady, MawMaw. His love for her was quite incredible. These 8 months without her was very difficult for him. He wept often in coping with her loss, but also spoke openly about what it might be like the day he would get to see her again on the little white cloud. As hard as it is to see such a great man leave us, we all know he is reunited with MawMaw. He is no longer suffering and together he and MawMaw get to keep a watchful eye on all of us. Until we meet again, Paw! May you rest in peace with MawMaw, my daddy, and all of your loved ones. See you later, alligator! 🤔



Jill Pellissier - June 08, 2016 at 10:32 PM

BF

“ *Brenda Boudreaux Francis*



Brenda Boudreaux Francis - June 08, 2016 at 01:20 PM

AM

I don't know you.. a friend I have not met...but I want you to know your tribute is absolutely beautiful. I come from the same kind of family so I know your pain. But keep the memories close as they are priceless and increase in value everyday. God's blessings to you and your family.

Audrey Moore - June 10, 2016 at 10:17 AM

AM

I'm sorry I posted on wrong page. Meant for Jill.

Audrey Moore - June 10, 2016 at 10:20 AM

CB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Gossen family. We did not know him but if he had anything to do with raising his wonderful granddaughter Emily Marcotte then he must have been a special man.*



Claire and Brett Bourque - June 08, 2016 at 09:32 AM

BS

“ Nick, I'm sending sympathy and prayers to you and all the family in the passing of your father, Raymond. Renee Swain called me yesterday to let me know. I will not be able to come to Rayne to the funeral home as I am having work done on my home and cannot leave. But I wanted you to know that I care. God bless you and keep you.

Bettie Sonnier - June 08, 2016 at 07:47 AM

MA

“ While I did not know Mr. Gossen very well, I know of him and his lovely wife through their daughter Bevely and her beautiful and loving spirit, who was and is always faithful to care for and love her family. Parents give us a foundation to build upon, and so I am thankful for the foundation that is and has been there for Bevely and her family. I pray for all of the family as you attend to the events of his passing. May you feel the presence, comfort, and peace of the Lord, Jesus Christ. With much love, Maria Avant

Maria Avant - June 08, 2016 at 06:00 AM

RC

“ I will always remember Sundays at Paw Paw Gossens and the family atmosphere, watching Saints football and his delicious and always plentiful food, he was one of the hardest working men I had the pleasure of knowing and always so caring and kind to everyone, I wasn't his blood but he treated me like one of his own. I will never ever forget the way you put on that garter and sat there while I slowly removed it from your leg (haha) the day I had the pleasure of marrying your beautiful granddaughter. I will also never forget our many conversations about how work was going for me and the many questions you had about drilling wells, you always made me feel important. You will truly be missed by so many who looked at you as a true hero and you will never ever be forgotten. Until we see you again...Rest in peace and as you would say "Play me that song Jolie Blonde" well you have your Jolie Blonde again (Maw Maw) and may you both love each other in paradise even more than you showed your love for each other here on Earth. Love you Paw Paw.
Richard

Richard Cormier - June 06, 2016 at 09:18 PM

YG

“ This morning only eight months after God called my beautiful momma home to heaven' He called my loving, gentle, daddy home to heaven as well! As hard as it is to lose daddy I know he is no longer in pain and suffering. I can only imagine the loving reunion he and momma had as he entered heaven and they were reunited again, pure happiness! I know that Michael was there at heaven's gates along with momma welcoming daddy home. The Good Lord truly blessed us all with two awesome, loving, and caring parents, grandparents, and great grandparents! They will be greatly missed, but never, ever forgotten!! We will be reunited one day again! So momma and daddy go rest on that little white cloud and wait for the rest of us!! Tonight after I say my nightly prayers, I will say as I always say goodnight Michael, I will love you forever, goodnight momma I will love you forever, now I can add goodnight daddy I will love you forever!!

Yvonne Guidry - June 06, 2016 at 07:54 PM

TG

Raymond was my first cousin even though he had children older than me. Whenever I think of Raymond, the first thought that comes to mind is how easily he would "roll with the punches" that life can dish out. I never knew anyone who could accept adversity better than Raymond. No matter what it was, he would accept it with his faith and just keep on going usually without missing a beat and with a smile.

His family was everything to him. I was always amused to see him interact with his wife, Henrietta. He would somehow manage to get in some kind of a little colorful utterance or joke or a little flirty comment to her almost every time he spoke to her. It was just as humorous to see her reactions to his comments. To me, it seemed like the honeymoon never ended for them.

His family was everything to him. Every Sunday he would cook a large meal for all the kids, grand kids and great grand kids. And everyone looked forward to his delicious food. . Then during football season with everyone watching the Sunday game, one would think they were in the stadium with all the enthusiasm and sounds that came from his living room.

Raymond was a very hardworking farmer who continued to farm until he was in his early 80s driving his tractor and working on his farm equipment. He was truly a good honest God loving and God fearing man.

Raymond may you rest God's eternal peace that you have so honestly earned for yourself.

*With love and respect,
Tim Gossen*

Tim Gossen - June 07, 2016 at 06:46 PM

MH

Dear Gossen Family, Bill & I are sorry to hear of Mr. Gossen's passing. God bless all of you at this difficult time.

Yvonne your tribute touched my heart, I also believe they are waiting for us one day!

Maxine de la Houssaye - June 08, 2016 at 11:48 AM