



## James Edward Gorton Jr.

February 19, 1953 - May 8, 2017

James E. Gorton Jr. 64, of Bonita Springs, FL and Silver Lake, NY died most unexpectedly on May 8, 2017. Jim was born February 19, 1953 to the late James Sr. and Doris Davis Gorton.

Jim is survived by his loving wife, Judith Martin Gorton. He also leaves behind his beloved children, Christopher (John) and Jeffrey. He is also survived by his bereaved sisters, Lynn Gorton, Ann Schneider, Kathryn (Buddy) Houseknecht and Martha (Grant) Newton; his adored grandsons, Satcher, Trice and Mason; nephew, Matt Schneider; nieces, Megan and Ella Houseknecht, Sadie Newton and Sierra Rocili; sisters-in-law, Jane Rhode and Janet (Scott) Voss; 1st wife, Janet Gorton; and of course, his treasured Bassett Hound, Billy.

Jim was a 1971 graduate of Batavia High School. He earned a baccalaureate degree from Bowling Green State University and a law degree from the University of San Diego. Jim practiced law for 40 years primarily in Anchorage, Alaska. He was well respected for his grasp of the law and compassion for his clients.

In addition to his accomplishments in the legal profession, Jim loved to play golf, boat and work in his yard.

Jim will live in the hearts of everyone who knew him. His devotion to his family

will be truly missed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, May 12, 2017 at 4:00 pm at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, Bonita Springs, Florida.

As an expression of sympathy, in lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions made in Jim's memory to: Alaska Chapter of the Innocence Project, Box 201656, Anchorage, Alaska 99520 or Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Venice in Florida in support to the St. Leo's after school and Summer Positive Youth Development programs, 1000 Pinebrook Rd., Venice, Florida 34285.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 12. 4:00 PM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
28290 Beaumont Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Edward Gorton Jr.*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *To all the Gorton family - I am so very sorry for your loss. Jim was such a very special, sweet, gentle man. The world lost a great one with his passing, as you, more than anyone, well know. My heart is with you. And special hugs to you, Annie! I know how much you and all your sisters loved that brother of yours - and for good reason. I'm thinking of you all and sending love and warm wishes your way. Lisa Fitzpatrick*

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**Lisa Fitzpatrick** - May 14, 2017 at 09:41 PM



“ *Dear Judy: Our deepest sympathy to you. James sounds like a great guy!*  
*Nancy and David Spera at Glen Manor*

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**David Spera** - May 12, 2017 at 12:44 PM

TT

“ *The Turnbull family was saddened and shocked to hear of Jim's passing. Jim and I have been friends since high school and many of those fond high school memories that still put a smile on my face involved Jimmy. We reconnected when he bought the cottage on Silver Lake and it was like our friendship never skipped a beat. That's the way Jim made you feel because that's the kind of guy he was. My life has been much richer from knowing Jim Gorton. Our condolences go out to Judy, Kate, Ann and the entire Gorton family.*  
*Tom, Michelle and JT Turnbull*



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**Tom Turnbull** - May 12, 2017 at 08:58 AM

JG

*So saddened to hear of Jim's passing. He was always a favorite of mine. RIP Jim. You were a treasure.*

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**Judy Guminski** - May 16, 2017 at 10:48 PM

KH

“ *I will always have such fond memories of vacations with the Gortons at Loon Lake and many summers spent at Godfrey's Pond. Jimmy will be remembered for his wonderful sense of humor and his positive spirit. My prayers and love go out to all of his family. There are no words.*  
*Kris Brown Hermance*

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**Kris Hermance** - May 11, 2017 at 07:51 PM

JT

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends. RIP Jim, you will be missed. Felix and JoAnn Tatonetti

JoAnn Tatonetti - May 11, 2017 at 06:06 PM

DM

“ Our deepest sympathies to all of you. We are so saddened by this terrible news of our friend Jim. Nick and I will forever treasure all the wonderful times that the 4 of us shared. They will always be remembered. Our love and prayers to all Jim's family and friends.

Denise an Nick Macaluso - May 11, 2017 at 06:05 PM

CM

“ To the grieving family, you are in my prayers. Jim was a gentle & kind man. His effect in Alaska was laudable. My heart aches for you. I extend my most heartfelt sympathy. Colleen Murphy



Colleen Murphy - May 11, 2017 at 03:53 PM

SJ

“ There are no answers to comfort your grief, only lasting love and precious memories. Cherish each one. Stay strong in this difficult time. Our prayers are with you.... Gary and Sandy Johnson

Sandra Johnson - May 11, 2017 at 03:31 PM

RO

“ All of you,  
We were so saddened to here about Jim. He was just a super,  
terrific, nice guy. We had so much fun with him (and Judy) over the  
years at Silver Lake. He will be greatly missed by us and everyone  
he touched. God Bless all of you. Our Sincere Condolences, Mickey  
& Roxie

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**Roxie** - May 11, 2017 at 10:55 AM

NS

“ I am so sorry for Jim's family's lost. I met Jim many years ago  
playing on the Gordon & Oberly softball team. We all played  
together for almost 20 years. Jim was always a happy and good  
man. How could he not be happy with 4 loving sisters! Jim also  
introduced me to bocce ball! I even bought a set to play with friends.  
Even though I haven't seen you Jim since you left Alaska you will  
always be in my heart! You will be missed! Rest In Peace my friend.

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**Nancy Sander** - May 11, 2017 at 10:53 AM

TR

“ I'm very sad to hear the news about "Jimmy." I have many  
memories as neighbors on North Spruce St in Batavia and playing  
together in our early youth, to summers swimming at Godfreys  
Pond, to frequent rounds of golf at Stafford CC in our teens. Too  
many great memories to list.

*My condolences to the family.*

*Tim Raines  
Atlanta GA*

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**Tim Raines** - May 11, 2017 at 10:31 AM

SS

“ Jim and I were best friends growing up in Batavia. On the golf course or at the Golden Poppy playing Cardinal Puff, the memories are too many to list. Had the chance to reconnect with Jim just this winter. Judy, my heart goes out to you and Jim's family.

*Stunned beyond words in Connecticut  
Warm Regards,  
Steve Shepard*

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**Steven G Shepard** - May 11, 2017 at 07:51 AM

PS

“ With you in spirit, prayer, and hope, as life-long friends share your grief along with wonderful memories and gratitude for Jim in our lives.

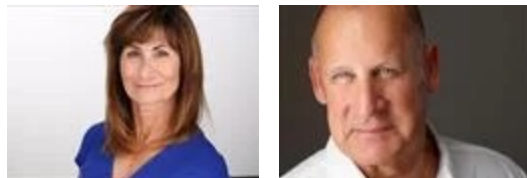
*Paul Stomper*

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**Paul Stomper** - May 11, 2017 at 07:42 AM

DB

“ Dave & Marianne (Scappa) Barton graduated with Jim from Batavia High School in 1971. We honor our classmate and wish the entire family the best.



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**Dave & Marianne (Scappa) Barton** - May 11, 2017 at 05:59 AM