



Richard Ronald Gowens

February 10, 1924 - April 18, 2021

Richard R. Gowens, son of James and Ada Gowens, passed away on April 18, 2021 at the age of 97, surrounded by loved ones who will continue to honor his legacy by living their lives to the fullest. Richard is survived by his wife of 50 years, Catalina; daughters Angela, Sandra, Paloma, and their respective spouses Randy, Jason, and Victor; and 10 grandchildren Espen, Isaac, Kaleb, Josiah, Xavier, Olivia, Elijah, Lucas, Sofia, and Alina. After 30 years, Richard is peacefully joining his daughter, Carla, in heaven.

Richard completed his Bachelor's and Master's degree at Western Michigan University and ultimately completed his educational journey with his Doctoral degree at the Interamericana Universidad de Saltillo.

Richard was a man of many trades. Richard is a veteran of WWII, where he served in the Navy. Richard also served as a firefighter in Michigan. In his younger years, Richard began his entrepreneurial journey with a taxi/gas station business, which he ran while he studied. With his early degrees, Richard taught at Covert High School and was an assistant at Western Michigan University. While studying for his PhD in Mexico, Richard met the love of his life, married, and moved to Tulsa, OK where he raised his family and began his journey as a restaurateur.

Richard was a kind, humble, and patient man. He enjoyed reading, gardening, and traveling. He had an uncanny ability to find happiness in his daily activities. Richard's favorite word was "Integrity" and he lived by the phrase, "May I be treated tomorrow as I have treated others today".

Viewing will be on Wednesday, April 21st, 2021 from 5pm-7pm, at the 91st and Harvard Fitzgerald Funeral Home, with rosary following after. Mass service will be held at 11am on Thursday, April 22nd, 2021, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church with interment directly following at Calvary Cemetery.

Events

APR **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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Fitzgerald Southwood Colonial Chapel
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APR **Rosary** 07:00PM

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APR **Funeral Mass** 11:00AM

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St. Thomas Moore Catholic Church
2720 S. 129th E. Ave, Tulsa, OK, US, 74134

Comments



“ Jerry and I first met Richard and Catalina at the small restaurant they first had, We became friends even though at the time she did not speak English and I did not speak Spanish. We just enjoyed the time together and found a way to share our time.

Aylsa Duff - April 22 at 08:50 PM



“ Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bid'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
O hear us when we cry to thee,
for those in peril on the sea.

O Christ! Whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walked'st on the foaming deep,
and calm amidst its rage didst sleep;
Oh hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea!

Most Holy Spirit! Who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea!

O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee,
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

Thank you for your service in the United States Navy in WWII, Mr. Gowens. You lived an honorable life. Our hearts go out to your family.
Rest in peace,
Julie



Julie - April 21 at 04:09 PM



“ Thank you so much for your condolences and beautiful poem. We appreciate the kind words .

Angela - April 22 at 04:50 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Richard Ronald Gowens.



April 21 at 11:08 AM