



Gregory W. "Big G" Gorgen

June 7, 1939 - September 1, 2018

Mineral Point - Gregory W. "Big G" Gorgen, age 79, of Mineral Point, died on Saturday, September 1, 2018 at Upland Hills Health in Dodgeville.

He was born on June 7, 1939 in Dodgeville, a son of the late William P. and Gladys (Lavery) Gorgen. He graduated from Mineral Point High School in 1957 and attended the University of Notre Dame for 2 years. He then enlisted in the US Army and served in the Reserves at the 44th General Hospital Unit for 7 years. He graduated from Wisconsin Institute of Mortuary Science in Milwaukee in 1962. On May 5, 1962, he married Joan L. Thiede at St. John's Cathedral in Milwaukee. In 1963, Greg joined his father at Gorgen Funeral Home in Mineral Point to become a third generation funeral director in the family business.

Greg was a member of Ss. Mary & Paul Catholic Church, the Mineral Point Lion's Club where he was charter President in 1982, a 50 year member of the Knights of Columbus and served as past Grand Knight, a 30 year member and Honorary Member of the Mineral Point Fire Department.

"Big G", as he was affectionately known, was an avid supporter of Mineral Point athletics and loved watching his grandchildren's activities. Big G also enjoyed bowling, playing softball, playing cards, golfing and looked forward to the annual Jack Invitational golf outing at Devil's Head with his sons. He loved watching sporting events, especially Notre Dame, Wisconsin Badgers, the Chicago Bears, the Chicago Cubs and their World Series Title run in 2016.

Greg is survived by his wife, Joan; his children, Grant (Ann), Mike (Jenny), Steve (Denise), Beth Larsen; his grandchildren, Lexie, Tyra, Grady, Gunnar, Matthew, Joshua, Ryan, Joey, Jake, Jaynie, Kiagh, Kendall; his brother-in-law, Richard (Diane) Thiede; his step sister, Dolores Gronewald; other relatives and many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws, Reuben and Dora Thiede, his step

mother, Lucille Gorgen, his step brother, Don Gronewald.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 7, 2018 at Ss. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH in Mineral Point. Father Rev. Joseph Michael Tarigopula and Father David Flanagan will concelebrate. Burial will be held in St. Paul's Cemetery. Friends may call from 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Thursday and from 10:00 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. on Friday at Ss. MARY & PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH in Mineral Point.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be made to the Mineral Point Fire Dept., the Mineral Point Rescue Squad, the Mineral Point Lion's Club or to the family of Gregory Gorgen for donations to be made to other local charities.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ss. Mary & Paul Catholic Church
224 Davis Street
Mineral Point, WI 53565

Visitation

SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Gregory W. "Big G" Gorgen

November 15, 2022 at 06:49 AM

CP

“ Greg represented much of what I loved about living in Point. Our 15 years there were made much easier with Greg and Joni living next door. Greg was always so helpful in the community. He even delivered Meals on Wheels lunches to my dad, Victor, when I was at work in Madison.
Rest in Peace Greg.

Curtis Pulford, Sue, Alisa, and Olga

Curtis Victor Pulford - October 24, 2018 at 05:23 PM

AD

“ So sorry for your loss. Sending thoughts, love, and prayers to the whole Gorgen family. Love from a distant Collins cousin

Ashley Collins Dyer - September 11, 2018 at 03:43 PM

AH

“ We are so sorry to here of Greg's passing, he will be missed very much by the whole community, he was very active in and a great guy. Our condolences to the family.

Anna Marie Hallada & Roger Mueller

Anna Marie Hallada - September 10, 2018 at 04:20 PM

DG

“ Sorry to hear of the passing of Greg, Our thoughts and prayers to the entire Gorgen family .

Dan & Susan Gentz

Dan Gentz - September 08, 2018 at 05:18 PM

JL

“ Dear Joni,
My husband and I are so sorry to hear of Greg's passing. He was a wonderful cousin
and I admired him so much when we were growing up, as did many others! I pray that
loving memories are a comfort to you and your family.
In Sympathy,
Howard and Judith "Jae" Levy, Mandeville, Louisiana

Jae Levy - September 07, 2018 at 04:35 PM

KH

“ Jim & I want to express our deepest sympathies to the Gorgen family. Our kids
and grandkids have grown up together and it was always a fun time! It is always
hard to loss a familt member but now he can watch all the games - prayers are
with you & yours.

Kim & Jane Heisner - September 07, 2018 at 01:46 PM

PM

“ Mike and Grant, my sympathies. Greg and I shared a lot of time in the "car" going
back and forth to the cemetery. He did good work and taught you guys well. He
leaves a great Legacy for you all and his communities. Greetings & sympathies to
Joni too. Golfing at DPCC won't be the same. Peace. PrC Miller (now in
Rochester, MN)

Pr Christopher Miller - September 06, 2018 at 07:15 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers to Greg's family! Such a great man and will be missed
by so many!!! Rest in peace Greg!

Sherry Byous - September 06, 2018 at 12:16 PM

MB

“ Dear Gorgen Family,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my deepest sympathy in the loss of an outstanding husband, father, grandfather and friend to so many of us. My name is Mick Baxter and I live in Benton, Wi. I officiated high school basketball and football for over 40 years and it was always a pleasure to work Mineral Point games because of this wonderful man. I am sure there was more than one time he would of liked to have stormed the court or field because of one of my calls, but the truth of he matter is he always treated me with nothing but the highest respect. I often tell people that the number of bad people I met officiating I could count on one hand, but the number of good people I met would take me forever to mention. Greg Gorgen was one of my all time favorites. My memories of him and Coach Murphy of some of my fondest. I am sorry I cannot attend the wake service or the funeral but my prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this time. Go Pointers!!!!

Mick Baxter - September 05, 2018 at 07:22 PM

JB

“ So very sorry to hear about Big G he truly was such a great guy with an awesome family who he loved so much. He loved MP and was so proud to tell anyone that. He may have left in body but his spirit will always be with you. Truly was a friendly guy who always had a smile and reminds us of his son's who will carry on the Gorgen name for him. Our deepest sympathy and prayers to all of you. Mineral Point has lost a great guy and Heaven has become brighter. God Bless

Jeff Borne - September 05, 2018 at 03:48 PM

J1

“ Mike and family. Very sorry for your loss.

Jeff Werth M.A.T.C. class of 1991 - September 04, 2018 at 12:05 PM

EG

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Greg's family. May your memories help you through your time of sorrow.

Emerson & Trudy Gard

Emerson & Trudy Gard - September 07, 2018 at 01:07 PM

AW

“ sorry for your loss, Big G was an awesome guy, will miss seeing him watching the baseball games form the outfield. Hugs, thoughts and prayers to his family

Allison Woodward - September 04, 2018 at 09:31 AM

TS

“ *Your family is in our thoughts & prayers.....God Bless*

Tina Schaaf & Family

Tina Schaaf - September 04, 2018 at 08:17 AM

GE

“ *I haven't seen Greg for many years, but we had some memorable battles on the football field when MP played Mt. Horeb. We both played the same position so played across from each other. My sympathy to the family.*

*Gary Einerson
Sun Prairie*

gary einerson - September 04, 2018 at 06:21 AM

RV

“ *Sorry to hear of the passing of big G ,Our prayers to the entire Gorgen family .*

Ron & Kim VanDeRostyne

Ron VanDeRostyne - September 03, 2018 at 08:59 PM

KS

“ *I'm very sadden to learn of the passing of Greg. My condolences go out to Grant and the entire Gorgen family. Most of memories of Greg are from many years ago when I was little more closely tied to Mineral Point.But after reading some of the other wonderful post it appears Greg lived life to the fullest and touched many in a very positive way in his journey. He will always be alive in yours hearts as long as you live. RIP Greg!*

Kim Salmon - September 03, 2018 at 08:27 PM



“ *So very sorry to hear of Greg's passing. He was a fixture in MP and a good man I shall remember always. Hugs, thoughts & prayers for all of the Gorgen family.*

Janet (Nardi) Spielvogel

Jan Spielvogel - September 03, 2018 at 07:58 PM

VJ

“Wow, my heart hurts for the loss of Greg. He was ALWAYS so kind and friendly when I returned to Point. He is a part of the wonderful upbringing I had in Mineral Point and the town has some big shoes to fill with the loss of two amazing men this week. Hugs to the Gorgen family. Vicky (Terrill) Jaeger

Vicky (Terrill) Jaeger - September 03, 2018 at 11:02 AM

MG

“So sorry for you loss Joni, Grant, Mike, Steve, and Beth! Grant Is My classmate and one of My Best friends as a boy. and Big G, Was like Family. I remember He would take us to the fair in the Firetruck, Softball Coach, To many things to list. Looked up to him like a second Dad. He put his arm around Me said I was a good young man. Then later in life, he told me I was a good man. That meant a lot to me. He and Jr. Sporley Both told me that the same night. I drove them both home later that night. But I loved those 2 Guys and they both were a big impact on My life. Big G.I hope we meet again. You are a good Husband, Father, Grandfather, Mentor, and Friend. Never Be another like you R.I.P.

Mark J Groom - September 02, 2018 at 07:44 PM

PM

“This makes my heart so sad! Joni, Grant, Mike, Steve, and Beth! So many good memories of my days babysitting or just answering phones with Grandma Bessie. (I was her ears in the early years!) Between the insurance, fire, ambulance and funeral calls, someone had to be there all the time! I learned how to spell Albuquerque at a young age from this! Lol! I loved ever minute of it and love all of you! RIP Big G!

Pat (Patti Grange) Mester - September 02, 2018 at 01:36 PM

DC

So sorry to hear of the passing of Big G,
He Not only was a great guy he was one hell of a man
RIP. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Gorgen family.
Dean Chamberlain

Dean Chamberlain - September 07, 2018 at 11:08 PM



“Greg was always "Greg" even as a youngster riding his bus. He was ALWAYS smiling. What an incredible man. Heaven has a new angel. I know the family hurts. I remember the pain of losing my dad. The great news is the memories live forever. God bless all of you. Rob Finley

Rob Finley - September 02, 2018 at 01:21 PM