



## John Paul Gorys

June 26, 1925 - October 15, 2022

Gorys, John Paul, October 15, 2022 age 97 of Westland. Beloved husband of the late Lois. Loving father of John (Nanette) Gorys, Jr., Dan Gorys and Stella (Chris) Thrushman. Proud grandfather of Elizabeth (Jeff) Felos, Natalie Thrushman, John Gorys III, Carl (Kathryn) Thrushman and Lenny Gorys. Great grandfather of Max, Madison and Nora. John proudly served his country while in the U.S. Army during World War II. Gathering with family and friends on Saturday, October 22nd from 12 PM until the 3 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road and Cherry Hill) Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council, PO Box 52, Irons, MI 49644. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

OCT **22**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland  
980 North Newburgh Road  
Westland, MI 48185  
(734) 326-1300  
westland@vermeulenfh.com

## Memorial Service

OCT **22**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *John Paul Gorys*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Uncle Johnny. You were my favorite uncle when I was growing up. You were so thoughtful and kind and generous. After all these years I still have my Alice In Wonderland doll and I think of you. I'm so glad I wrote you a letter to tell you how I felt about you. Love you.*

**Diane Rickey** - October 25, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ *We will always remember John and Lois as lovers of the Little Manistee River, each other, their children and grandchildren. Neighbors and friends were invited in for visits around their dinner table.*

*John's dedication to the Little Manistee River lives on in the many pages of useful data collected as part of water quality monitoring, as well as interesting writings relevant to the river's history. He was one of the original board members of the Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council when it was founded in 1996 after Luther Dam failed twice causing heavy erosion and damage to river properties downstream. He continued as a river volunteer well into his 80s. He stayed abreast of the organization's activities until his last days.*

*We will miss John and Lois as upstanding members and friends of the Elk Township community and stewards of the river. Our deepest sympathies go out to your family.*

*Lou Fitz, Elk Twp. Supervisor, Lake Co., MI  
Joyce Durdel, LMWCC Trustee, Irons, MI*

**Joyce Durdel** - October 23, 2022 at 09:38 AM

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“ I have so many things to thank you for and find it hard to cover them all from decades of knowing you. Mainly, for your son John. I thank you for lunches before or after appointments, dinners out, dinners in, family gatherings, phone calls to talk about everything or nothing, trips down memory lane and your respect for my opinions. These last few months were difficult for you but you managed them with struggle and determination. Bravo! Well done!!!

You were important to me and I miss you. Love you and am proud to say, you knew.

Nan

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Nan - October 22, 2022 at 06:16 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Paul Gorys.



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October 21, 2022 at 08:26 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Paul Gorys.



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October 20, 2022 at 09:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Paul Gorys.*



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October 19, 2022 at 02:51 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Paul Gorys.*



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October 18, 2022 at 09:06 PM



“ *My name is Amanda and I was Johns homecare nurse. I had the pleasure of visiting John 3x per week. He was one of my most favorite patients. He was kind and always smiling no matter what he was going through. I really looked forward to seeing him. I was able to see him the day before he passed and he was in great spirits. He said he had gotten the best nights rest that he had in a long time and was suffering from no pain. I will miss our visits immensely. My sincerest condolences to his family for your loss. He really was such a treasure.*

*John, I will think of you every time I kayak down the Little Manistee river that you worked so hard to keep clean!*

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**Amanda Ball** - October 18, 2022 at 02:49 PM