

## John William Gosen

September 10, 1924 - September 11, 2017

John “Jack” William Gosen, devoted husband and father of nine, passed away peacefully in the comfort of his Fremont, California home of six decades, surrounded by family on September 11, 2017. He was 93.

Jack is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Adaline, as well as their children, Anne Nakai (Kazuo) of Newark, Calif., John Gosen Jr. and Frank Gosen of Union City, Calif., Ted Gosen (Terri) of Poway, Calif., James Gosen (Diana) and Mary Martin (Jim) of Fremont, Cathy Gambee (Mike) of Hillsboro, Ore., and Joe Gosen (Nicky) of Bellingham, Wash. Sixteen grandchildren and two great grandchildren also survive him. His son, Paul Gosen, preceded him in death in 1994. Jack’s parents and his siblings, Mary Jane Sutton, Theodore Gosen Jr. and Julianne Tucker, preceded him in death, as well.

Jack was born on September 10, 1924 to Theodore and Genevieve Gosen of Webster Groves, Missouri. As the youngest of four, he grew up with a love of the outdoors and sports, especially golfing and bowling, all of which he melded into his work life and family life right up to the end. He was not one to boast about his accomplishments or draw attention to himself. Instead, he dedicated his life, with a quiet pride, in service to his family, his church, his collection of plants and flowers, and to birds that arrived for daily feeding in his backyard.

Jack served with the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946 aboard the USS Tuscaloosa. After being honorably discharged as a Seaman 1st Class, he studied at University of Texas at Austin for a year before returning to the University of Missouri-Rolla School of Mines and Metallurgy to finish his bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering. In 1949 he began his 32-year career as a cartographer with the U.S. Geological Survey, trekking throughout the U.S. and collecting data for topographic maps, many of which he referenced during annual family camping trips and countless Boy Scout outings. During the '60s he played an instrumental role in overseeing the construction of Dawn School, an educational and training facility for special needs children and adults in Fremont, and would eventually hold the position of president of the school's board. Throughout the '70s and '80s he was the proud personal coach of his son Paul, a Special Olympics athlete.

A parishioner of Holy Spirit Church since 1960, Jack was unwavering about celebrating Sunday Mass. Whether he was cramming his family of 11 into the station wagon in the '60s and '70s or driving himself until the age of 92, he rarely missed a service. All will miss his warm and welcoming presence.

A visitation and vigil service will take place at Fremont Chapel of the Roses in Fremont on Monday, Sept. 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at Holy Spirit Church on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 10:30 a.m. A private burial will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to Special Olympics of Northern California in honor of Jack Gosen (<https://www.sonc.org/>).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25.** 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Fremont Chapel of the Roses  
1940 Peralta Boulevard  
Fremont, CA 94536  
(510) 797-1900  
fremontchapeloftheroses@yahoo.com  
<https://www.fremontchapeloftheroses.com>

## Vigil Service

SEP **25.** 6:30 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Jenny Otrosina and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of John William Gosen.*



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**Jenny Otrosina and Family** - September 25, 2017 at 01:35 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John William Gosen.*



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September 24, 2017 at 07:18 PM

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“ *Fabri-Tech Componets Inc. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of John William Gosen.*



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**Fabri-Tech Componets Inc.** - September 22, 2017 at 05:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John William Gosen.*



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September 16, 2017 at 06:08 PM

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“ Jack Gosen is one of the most dedicated and loving fathers we ever met. He and his wife, Adaline, not only raised nine children and are grandparents many times over, but also have given their love and support to their extended family and friends. We remember Jack as an extremely kind and humble man, one who always was interested in learning about other people and their lives. A golfer and bowler into his later years, he impressed us with his love of sports, especially if it meant he could spend more time with his children.

*Jack's legacy will live forever through the people whose lives he has touched, especially his children and their children.*

*God Bless the Gosen family.*

*Bruce and Ann Barnett  
San Antonio, Texas*

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**Bruce Barnett** - September 15, 2017 at 06:39 PM

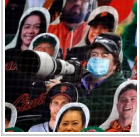
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“ Mr. Gosen was such a wonderful man. Always enjoyed having a neighborly conversation with him and the family. Always interesting and upbeat. On his walks around the neighborhood he would stop by for a chat while I was outside doing yard work. Our dog Jake, loved to greet him and stood by him while we talked. Our thoughts a prayers are with the family at this difficult moment. He will always be remembered with great fondness.

*Greg, Sarah & Mike Armes*

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**Greg Armes** - September 15, 2017 at 05:12 PM



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**Brad Mangin** - September 15, 2017 at 04:40 PM



“ Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of John William Gosen.



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September 15, 2017 at 04:38 PM