

In Loving Memory



A Celebration of the Life of
Lawrence Irby Gorman

January 22, 1926 – September 24, 2016

Thursday, September 29, 2016 – 11:00 a.m.

NO ROOM FOR FORM

On the night when you cross the street
From your shop and your house
To the cemetery,

You'll hear me hailing you from inside
The open grave, and you'll realize
How we've always been together.

I am the clear consciousness-core
Of your being, the same in
Ecstasy as in suffering.

That night, when you escape your fear of snakebite
And all irritations with the ants, you'll hear
My familiar voice, see the candle being lit,
Smell the incense, the surprise meal fixed
By the lover inside all your other lovers.

This heart-tumult is my signal
to you igniting in the tomb.

So don't fuss with the shroud
And the graveyard road dust.

Those get ripped open and washed away
In the music of our finally meeting.

And don't look for me in human shape,
I am inside your looking. No room
For form with love this strong.

Beat the drum and let the poets speak.
This is the day of purification for those who
Are already mature and initiated into what love is.

- Sufi Mystic Rumi

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Prelude	Mrs. Susan Higdon
Processional	Mrs. Susan Higdon
Greeting & Scripture	Rev. John Pike
Prayer	Rev. John Pike
Hymn “All Things Bright and Beautiful”	#147 Congregation
Eulogy	Ms. Sharon McCall
Poem	Ms. Debbie Wells
Hymn “Eternal Father Strong to Save”	(Navy Hymn) Mr. Jeffery Wells accompanied by Mrs. JoEllen Wells
Prayer	Rev. John Pike
Benediction	Rev. John Pike



The family thanks the many friends and relatives who have offered their love and support.

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Lawrence Irby Gorman, age 90, of Greensboro, GA, passed away Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville, GA. Irby was born in Atlanta, GA on January 22, 1926 to the late Elizabeth King Gorman and Clifford Calhoun Gorman who were both from Atlanta. In 1944 he graduated from Chamblee High School and later attended DeKalb Community College. Irby married the former Elizabeth Gardner on August 20, 1946. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the United States Navy for twenty years and retired as Chief Petty Officer. After his military career Irby worked for Delta Air Lines as a mechanic and tool analyst for twenty-three years. In 1988, the year he retired, they moved to Lake Oconee in Greensboro, GA from Atlanta, GA. He was a member of Walker United Methodist Church of Greensboro. He was an avid outdoorsman who derived much pleasure in fishing and hunting.

In addition to his wife of seventy years, Elizabeth Gorman of Greensboro, GA, he is survived by three daughters, Sharon Gorman McCall and husband Hubert of Atlanta, GA, Debbie Wells and stepson Jason Wells of Ocracoke, NC and Peggy Gorman of Greensboro, GA; his wonderful caregiver and dear friend, Octavia Alexander; other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by four brothers Cliff, J. P., Melvin, and Charles Floyd, and three sisters, Bertha Peek, Faye Bryan, and Agnes Mosteller.

A Funeral Service will be held at Walker United Methodist Church, 2730 Walker Church Road, Greensboro, GA 30642 on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. John W. Pike officiating. Graveside services will be held at Arlington Memorial Park, 201 Mt. Vernon Parkway, Sandy Springs, GA 30328 on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Walker United Methodist Church, 2730 Walker Church Road, Greensboro, GA 30642. McCommons Funeral Home, 109 W. Broad St., Greensboro, GA, (706) 453-2626, is in charge of arrangements. Visit us at www.mccommonsfuneralhome.com to sign the online guest register.



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