



# Mr. Bernard Gary Genco

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**B**ernard Gary Genco, age 70 passed away on Sunday, April 16, 2023. He was born on October 19, 1952, in Bogalusa to the late Charles Sam Genco and Lena Mae Saltaformaggio Genco. Gary is survived by his brothers Stephen Genco and Bryan Genco of Bogalusa, LA, Sister-in-law, Cherie Genco of Bogalusa, LA, Ken Jenkins, a longtime friend of Metairie, LA, many cousins, and other family members.

Gary graduated from Bogalusa High School and Southeastern Louisiana University, earning both a Bachelor's and Master's plus thirty Degree in Education. He was a lifelong educator serving as a teacher and principal in the Bogalusa School District, and later a teacher and administrator in the New Orleans Public Schools System. Gary was an outstanding educator whose enthusiasm for teaching and dedication to his students was exemplary. He was selected by the Louisiana Department of Education to represent Washington Parish in the National/State Leadership Training Institute, a three-year program to develop programs for gifted and talented students in Louisiana. Gary's cheerful, gregarious personality and deep devotion to his students made him not only an outstanding educator, but a beloved teacher to his students. Gary strove to provide experiences for his classes that went beyond the classroom, taking them to many cultural events as well as out of town field trips within the state -often after school hours. Gary felt enriching children's lives was a key component of education.

Gary's joie de vivre was especially evident during Mardi Gras. He was a member of several Carnival Krewe's including Krewe of Thoth, Phunny Phorty Phellows, Knights of Sparta, and Endymion. The pinnacle of his Carnival celebrations, however, was chosen to reign as King Thoth LI in 1998. It was an extraordinary year filled with cherished memories.

Throughout his life, Gary was a devout Roman Catholic and longtime member of Annunciation Catholic Church. He received the Archdiocese of New Orleans St. Louis Award for his service with the churches CYO ministry. He made several pilgrimages to Rome and had a private audience with Pope John Paul II. He lived his religion daily by caring for others, helping those in need, and engaging in prayerful reflection. Gary received many awards and recognitions. A few of them



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include: '77 Bogalusa Young Man of the Year, KC Outstanding Knight of the Year for 1977, Outstanding CYO Director for 1977, Outstanding 4-H in the City of Bogalusa. He was also a member of numerous church, civic, and educational organizations: Past President of the Association of Classroom Teachers, Past Publicity Director for the Louisiana Teachers Association, Past President of Kappa Delta Pi, national honor society, Past CYO Director, Member and Part Officer of the Knights of Columbus, Past Board Member and Officer of Mill Town Players, Past Director for Pleasant Hill Elementary Schools 4-H Program, Past- Chairman of the Mini-Town Meeting, and member of many other organizations. He touched so many people's lives in such positive ways. When he entered a room, he made people smile with his cheerful disposition and kind deeds. Gary will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral Mass at Annunciation Catholic Church, 517 Avenue B, Bogalusa, LA on Saturday, April 22, 2023, with Rosary beginning at 9:30A.M. visitation 10 A.M.-Noon, Funeral Service Mass at 12 Noon with Rev. Father Pat Collum officiating. Interment will follow the services at Ponemah Cemetery.

Brown-McGehee Funeral Home oversees arrangements. To view and sign online, [www.brownmcgehee.com](http://www.brownmcgehee.com)



# Events

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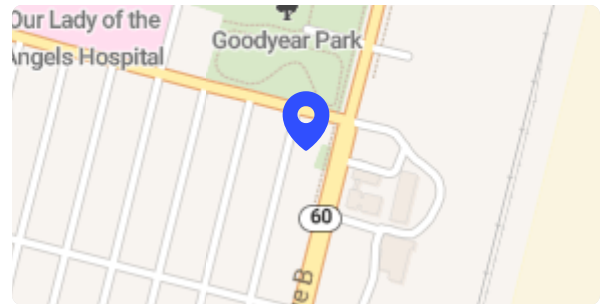
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## Rosary

**Saturday**, April 22, 2023

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM CT

**Annunciation Catholic Church**  
517 Avenue B, Bogalusa LA 70427

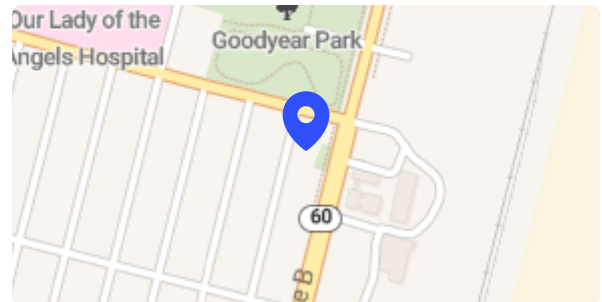


## Visitation

**Saturday**, April 22, 2023

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

**Annunciation Catholic Church**  
517 Avenue B, Bogalusa LA 70427

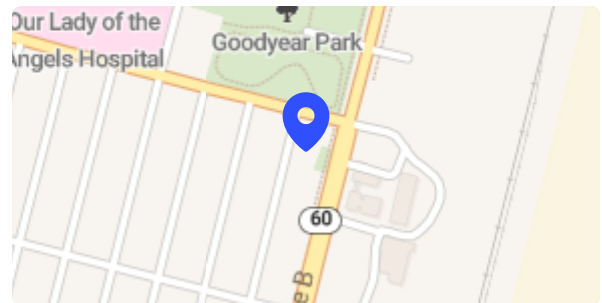


## Catholic Mass

**Saturday**, April 22, 2023

12:00 PM CT

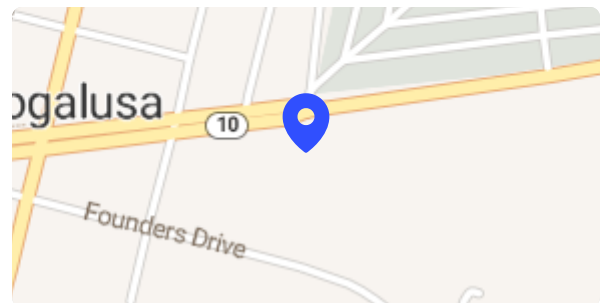
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## Cemetery Details

**Ponemah Cemetery**  
1136 Louisiana Ave, Bogalusa LA 70427

**(985) 732-6213**





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**Thoth Pharaohs Club** sent a Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray to the Genco family.

April 20 at 6:49 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Genco family.

April 20 at 5:02 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Genco family.

April 20 at 6:59 AM



**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Genco family.

April 19 at 12:14 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Light to the Genco family.

April 19 at 11:52 AM



**Suzanne Omes** posted:

So sorry Ken. You and Gary were always so nice and pleasant. Sending prayers from Daytona Beach. Sue Omes

April 19 at 10:26 AM



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**Ginger Delvisco** posted:

Gary thank you for the wonderful memory of being a maid during your year as King Thoth. The world is dimmer but heaven is brighter now. Ken I'm so sorry for your loss.

April 19 at 9:41 AM



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DA

**Darlene Adams** posted:

My heart breaks as I think of Gary Genco, a true Gentleman that enjoyed life with his best Friend, Ken Jenkins. Gary loved to share fine dining with his group of family and friends which he was always surrounded by. Gary never met a stranger. He would talk to everyone. I will miss him so much! All of our conversations at least once a week if not more, filled with memories and laughter. He loved to joke around! I will love and miss him. Gary was a true friend.

April 18 at 6:21 PM

RB

**Robert Breland** September 22 at 8:58 AM

Gary you were my favorite teacher. very kind, Cary to students. but firm when he had to be.

PG

**Paulette Gale** April 22 at 6:30 AM

Our time with Gary was made so special by Gary's charm, knowledge, and planning skills. We miss those good times and offer prayers that he may rest in peace and we offer prayers for Ken and his family that they may be consoled knowing that he rests in Jesus' arms.

DJ

**Darlene Jenkins** April 21 at 11:47 AM

Gary will be missed by many people. He was always happy to see his friends and family And never met a stranger praying for comfort for family and friends

AP

**Ann Prince** April 19 at 6:13 PM

Thinking of the Genco family and Ken at this sad time. Gary was a wonderful person. Ann Kain Prince and Kain Family

TR

**Tonya Riley** April 19 at 4:09 PM

I'm so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. He was a wonderful teacher & friend. I was in the first class that he and Greg took to Washington, DC in the mid '70's. We had a blast. I carry those memories with me to this day. I was also the "Stage Manager, lights & sound" person when they did "A Christmas Carol" with a 2 troupes of 7th & 8th graders. We laughed and giggled so much. Stephen & Bryan, know that he was much loved and will be sorely missed by many. You are all in our thoughts & prayers. Love you all.

MS

**Melb Scoggin** April 19 at 6:50 AM

Thinking of your Family with prayers and much love. May God be with you during this difficult time.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Bernard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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