



## Theodore (Ted) "Goose" Gonsior Jr.

March 25, 1931 - November 13, 2024

Theodore (Ted) "Goose" Gonsior, Jr., aged 93, of Minneapolis, MN passed away on November 13, 2024. Born on March 25, 1931, Ted was known for his vibrant, fun-loving spirit and generosity. He was always the life of the party, often hosting gatherings that were the highlight of many occasions. After graduation from Edison High School, Ted worked with his father in the family store as a butcher, like his dad. A proud veteran, Ted served in the Air Force from 1951-1955. During this time he married Janice Wenell, his high school sweetheart.

After his military service, Ted returned to work with his father, and then joined the Minneapolis Fire Department shortly thereafter, where he served as a firefighter and EMT for over 35 years. Ted also operated a successful house window management business, demonstrating his entrepreneurial spirit and work ethic. He was always intent on being a good provider for his family.

Ted was a lifelong Catholic, actively participating in his faith communities at St. Hedwig, St. Bridget and St. John the Baptist churches. His hobbies included fishing, golf, poker, and taking care of his family lake house at Long Lake, of which he was very proud. In retirement, Ted enjoyed winters in Florida and later in Rancho Mirage, CA, always making the most of the sunny climates.

During his illness, to which he eventually succumbed, Ted received excellent care from the staff at Minneapolis VA Medical Center, including the hospice wing. His family will always be grateful.

Ted is lovingly remembered by his daughters, Terri Pearson (Randy), of Loveland, CO, Patty Fredberg (Tim), of New Brighton, MN, Gayle Gonsior (Larry Fickbohm), of Port Wing, WI, and son, Gregg Gonsior (Linda) of Blaine, MN. He is also survived by a daughter-in-law, Deb Gonsior (Ted J. Gonsior, deceased), Maple Grove, MN. His legacy continues through his 17 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. Ted was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Janice Gonsior (Wenell), his parents, Theodore K. Gonsior and Adeline Sarna, his son Theodore J. Gonsior, stepfather Joseph Sarna, and stepmother Willa (Toots) Gonsior.

Funeral to be held Friday, November 22nd, 2024, with visitation starting at 9:30 AM and Mass at 11 AM, at St. John the Baptist Church, 825 2nd Ave. NW, New Brighton, MN. Interment following at St. John the Baptist Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, if desired, contributions can be made to the Disabled American Veterans, honoring Ted's service and dedication to fellow veterans. Ted's remarkable life and enduring spirit will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Arrangements through Washburn-McReavy Hillside Chapel  
612-781-1999

# Cemetery Details

## St. John the Baptist Cemetery (New Brighton)

1150 7th ST NW  
New Brighton, MN 55112

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **22**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
835 2nd Avenue NW  
New Brighton, MN 55112

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
835 2nd Avenue NW  
New Brighton, MN 55112

# Tribute Wall

LS

“ *To the Gonsior Family,  
We are sorry to hear of Ted's passing. We pray the grief and loss you are feeling at this time will be softened by knowing he is in a much better place, a place where he will be meeting up with all his loved ones again. He also has a lot of good buddies up there just waiting to get that poker game going.*

*With Sympathy,  
Bob and Laurie (Haik) Schmidt*

*We sent a memorial to Disabled American Veterans in Ted's name.*

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**Laurie Schmidt** - November 21, 2024 at 10:11 PM

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*Thank you Laurie. We appreciate your kind words and memorial to DAV.*

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**Patty Fredberg** - November 30, 2024 at 05:40 PM

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**Emily Pearson** - November 21, 2024 at 12:54 PM

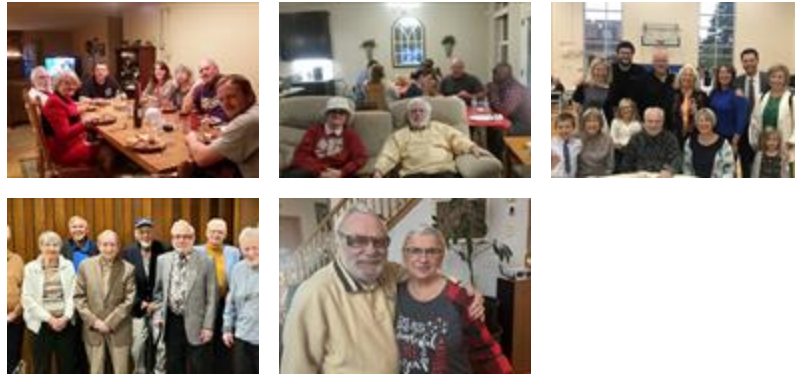
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“ The funeral service will be live streamed and recorded. There is a link to Facebook on the church website.  
<https://stjohnnb.com>

Patty Fredberg - November 21, 2024 at 08:32 AM

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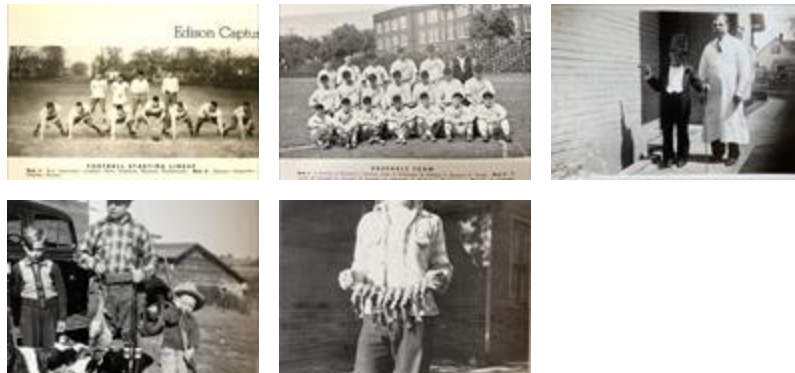
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Gayle Gonsior - November 20, 2024 at 01:37 PM

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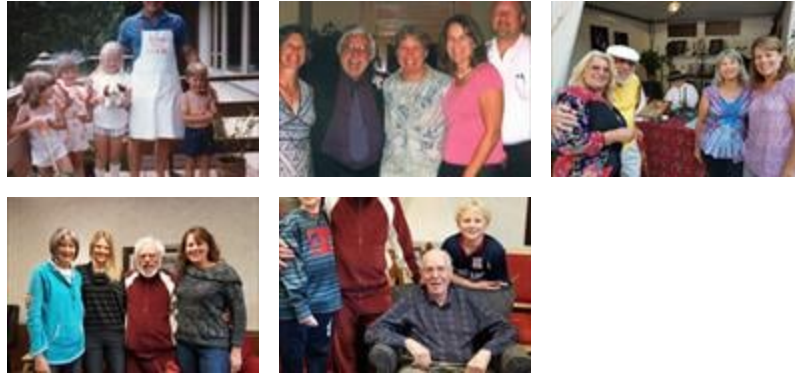
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Gayle Gonsior - November 20, 2024 at 01:32 PM

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Patty Fredberg - November 20, 2024 at 12:00 PM

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“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Patty Fredberg - November 20, 2024 at 11:50 AM

DB

“ So sorry to hear of Ted's passing. I am hoping he didn't have to suffer. Blessings to his family. Ted was so good to my Mom (Carmen Haug) for several years, and I appreciated that. It was always a pleasure to be around Ted. Such a lovely personality, always happy, and always kind. Bless you Ted, Debbie Benson.

Deborah Benson - November 20, 2024 at 11:31 AM

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*Thank you Debbie. We appreciated all the time Dad had with Carmen. She was a blessing to him and our family. Patty and Tim Fredberg*

**Patty Fredberg** - November 21, 2024 at 10:44 AM

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“ *NorthLakes Nurse Triage Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Theodore (Ted) "Goose" Gonsior Jr..*

**NorthLakes Nurse Triage Team** - November 20, 2024 at 09:59 AM

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“ *NorthLakes Nurse Triage Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Theodore (Ted) "Goose" Gonsior Jr..*



**NorthLakes Nurse Triage Team** - November 20, 2024 at 09:59 AM

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**Patty Fredberg** - November 17, 2024 at 10:25 AM