



## Conrad John Gunther Sr.

October 3, 1935 - July 30, 2020

On July 30, 2020 Conrad John Gunther Sr., 84, of Houston, Arkansas, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family after a long battle with Alzeheimers. He was born October 3, 1935 in Bigelow, Arkansas. He is the oldest son of ten children born to the late Marie Grabher Gunther and the late John A. Gunther of Bigelow, Arkansas.

Conrad was a lifelong member of St. Boniface Catholic Church, New Dixie. He served his church, community and fellow farmers and ranchers in many ways, including being a charter member of Knights of Columbus Council 6680, Grand Knight, Arkansas State Knight of the Year 1991, and Knight of 4th degree. He served 18 years on the school board for East End School District in Bigelow, served on the Arkansas Farm Bureau Board, Farmers Co-Op Board, Soil Conservation Committee, and was a member of the Arkansas Cattlemen's Association. He served his country for eleven years in the Army National Guard. He was a dedicated son, husband, father, brother, Papa and Great Papa. His greatest love, other than family, was farming, ranching, driving tractors, and caring for the animals. He led by example in his faith, the importance of family, and the rewards of a diligent work ethic, all with a twinkle in his eye and a little humor. He was often lovingly nicknamed "Doc" because it was known by all that he could "fix anything" with duct tape or baling wire. A special thank you to the nurses and staff at Kindred Hospice, especially Holly Gregg, Caradee Trejo, and Payton Parks, as well as all of our helpers for the loving care they provided. A huge debt of gratitude also goes out to our very special CNA and friend, Rebecca Martin, who has loved and cared for Daddy just like family.

He is survived by his beautiful wife of 59 years, Agnes T. (Sissy) Olles Gunther., six children: Theresa Gunther Hartman (Mark), Susie Gunther Freyaldenhoven (Todd), Conrad J. Gunther Jr. (Betty), Tommy A. Gunther (Michelle), Don L. Gunther, Nancy Gunther Nosari (Robert); fourteen grandchildren: Lance Hartman (Payton), Matt Freyaldenhoven (Gretchen), Brandon Freyaldenhoven (Katie), Spencer Freyaldenhoven, Rose Gunther, Grace Gunther, John Gunther, Clara Gunther, Christopher Gunther (Erica), Cody Gunther (Catherine), Kirt Gunther, Eden Gunther, Lyndon Carden (Natalie), Ren Nosari; twelve great grandchildren, and a host of relatives, friends, nieces, and nephews who all loved him dearly. He is also survived by six brothers, John Gunther (Joan), Ed Gunther, Joe Gunther (Marilyn), Paul Gunther (Cindy), Raymond Gunther (MaryBeth),

Bobby Gunther (Ilene) and three sisters Anna Marie Gangluff (Ed), Regina Gangluff (Jodie) and Margaret Bruton. Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by one great grandchild, Julia Faith Freyaldenhoven, and one brother-in-law Kenneth Bruton. Public Graveside service will be held at St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery, New Dixie, Monday, August 3rd at 11:15am. Public Visitation will be held at Harris Funeral Home, Morrilton, on Sunday, August 2nd 1:30pm to 2:30pm. Social distancing and mask required for all services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: St. Boniface Catholic Church, 20 St. Boniface Drive, Bigelow, AR 72016 OR Alzheimer's Arkansas, 201 Markham Center Drive, Little Rock, AR 72205 [www.alzark.org](http://www.alzark.org).

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 01:30PM - 02:30PM

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Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton

1325 Oak St, Morrilton, AR, US, 72110

**AUG** **Graveside Service** 11:15AM

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St. Boniface Catholic Cemetery

20 St. Boniface Dr., Bigelow, AR, US, 72016

# Comments

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“ Linda Riley lit a candle in memory of Conrad John Gunther Sr.



Linda Riley - August 03, 2020 at 09:53 PM

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“ I am not good at this and sometimes my words do not seem to come out right. I am truly sorry that Conrad is no longer with us. I know he is without pain and in the arms of Jesus but I also know how much all of you loved him. People always spoke lovingly about him and his brothers and sisters were proud of the type of man he was. He was a strong man with a strong faith and strong bond with family. He was also very special to me. Spending time with him over the summers was so much fun. Feeding the cows bread, riding on the back of the truck and “standing up” in the bed of the truck was so much fun because we knew dad would never let us do that. He would also dance with me at wedding receptions, something I will not forget.

Riding horses at his house was an adventure. The horse was so smart. The horse did not like riders. Tried to brush the rider off by going too close to a tree. If that didn't work a trip IN the pond worked.

He was one of a kind and he leaves behind a family that is blessed by his presence.

Love you all.

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Linda Riley - August 03, 2020 at 08:14 PM

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“ So sorry for the families loss all of you are in our prayers the Tommy Johnson family.

Tommy Johnson - August 02, 2020 at 06:17 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss praying for the family... John will be miss by so many in our community and church.....

**Jeffrey Dixon** - August 02, 2020 at 06:13 PM

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“ Jeffrey Dixon lit a candle in memory of Conrad John Gunther Sr.



**Jeffrey Dixon** - August 02, 2020 at 06:10 PM

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“ So very sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers for you all..

Norma Vanderford Harding

**Susan Kinney** - August 02, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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“ Paul, Raymond, Conrad Jr. and Family so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers for all.

Retired Asst. Fire Chief Don Kinney LRFD and Susan

**Susan Kinney** - August 02, 2020 at 11:39 AM

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“ My prayers are with you and your family during this time. We are so sorry to hear of your loss.

Ronald and Johnnie Black and Family

**Christy Stepp** - July 31, 2020 at 05:14 PM



“ One good hard working man that was proud to help his neighbors and friends I am proud to have known him! My he Rest In Peace!

**kenneth lee** - August 02, 2020 at 11:18 AM