



## John Robert Gum

December 27, 1978 - June 6, 2026

John Robert Gum, 47, of North Judson passed away on June 6, 2026. He was born December 27, 1978.

John Robert Gum was a 1998 graduate of North Judson-San Pierre High school, graduating near the top of his class. He was a 200 graduate of Ancilla Domini College and received an A.S. in Science. He also was a 2002 graduate of Saint Joseph's College and received a B.S. in Biology. From 2003-2005 he pursued a graduate study at Purdue University, for M.S. in Botany.

He was a graduate teaching assistant at Purdue University from 2003-2005 for the Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, and biology for the Department of Biology. His research specialization was calcium oxalate crystallization in plants, under the direction of Dr. Mary Alice Webb. His research, which had applications in the field of medicine, was presented in 2004 at the Gordon Research Conference on Biomineralization. He was a botanist and maintained an active interest in Paphiopedilum orchids and Nepenthes pitcher plants of Mt. Kinabalu and Borneo Island.

He was a world traveler, and in 2005-2006 he visited Sweden, Japan, peninsular Malaysia, Borneo, Singapore, and islands of the South China Sea. He had close friends from Australia.

From 2010-2017, John was active at SS. Cyril and Methodius Roman Catholic Church in North Judson. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and was an adult alter server, choir

member, and minister of the Eucharist. He had desired to be a Roman Catholic priest for the Diocese of Gary or to join Benedictine monastic life at St. Meinrad Monastery and Archabbey.

He is survived by his father, Monty Gum, and mother, Nancy (Fechner) Gum, both of Winamac; and brother, Andrew Gum of Ohio.

A private memorial service will be held on Wednesday June, 10th with Fr. Terry Bennis officiating. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery. Arrangements were made through O'Donnell Funeral Home, North Judson, In.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Cemetery

SR 10  
North Judson, IN

# Tribute Wall



“ *My deepest condolences* 🙏

**Bobbie Salyer** - 2 hours ago

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*Condolences and prayers from Carl Troike Jr and Deborah Dolezal Troike*

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