



Charles Jay Gustafson, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.)

August 17, 1933 - November 13, 2022

Charles Jay "Gus" Gustafson of, Fort Worth, went to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus on November 13, 2022, in Dayton, Ohio, as the result of an accident while traveling.

Gus was born in Bartow, Florida, on August 17, 1933, to Seger and Eleanor Gustafson. He attended the University of Florida while a member of the United States Marine Corps Reserve. After some time, Gus's love of aviation led him to the US Air Force's Aviation Cadet program prior to graduating from Florida. Upon graduation, from Pilot Training, Gus served our country with a remarkable and distinguished Air Force career. He was a Command pilot, who flew the B-47, B-52 and the T-39. During that time, Gus flew numerous sorties of 24-hour airborne alert during the height of the Cold War and Cuban Missile Crisis, and also served in Thailand during the Vietnam War. Gus eventually graduated from the University of Nebraska, Omaha, prior to his retirement from the Air Force in 1976 as Lieutenant Colonel, and as a 100% VA Disabled Veteran.

Gus never met a stranger, was fiercely independent and lived life to the fullest despite his medical challenges. Gus especially enjoyed camping, glider flying, fishing and Tai Chi. Gus also possessed a very high intellect, and really enjoyed engaging people in conversations of various subjects. Gus and his wife, Kathy, were extremely active in their community and especially at

Meadowridge Church in Fort Worth.

The family would like to thank Dr. Robert Keller, Dr. Shah and all the medical staff for their care through the years, as well as "D" from Tai Chi.

Gus is survived by his wife of nearly 63 years, Kathy; two sons John (Anita) and Mark (Sherri), along with three grandsons (Sam, Grant & Kyle), and granddaughter, Arianna Tivis; his sister, Betty; and several nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Service

DEC 20. 10:30 AM (CT)

Meadowridge Church
3400 Charleston Avenue
Fort Worth, TX 76123
<http://www.meadowridgechurch.org/>

Committal Service

DEC 20. 1:00 PM (CT)

Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy
Dallas, TX 75211

Graveside Service

DEC 20. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

DFW National Cemetery
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway
Dallas, TX 75211

Tribute Wall

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“ Your smile, your laugh and your little wave "Hello" will be missed but the memories will live on.

I thank God for the gift of having you in my life, you are a treasure that will be missed.

God bless your family and all your friends.

Jessie Thames

Jessie Thames - December 21, 2022 at 03:34 PM

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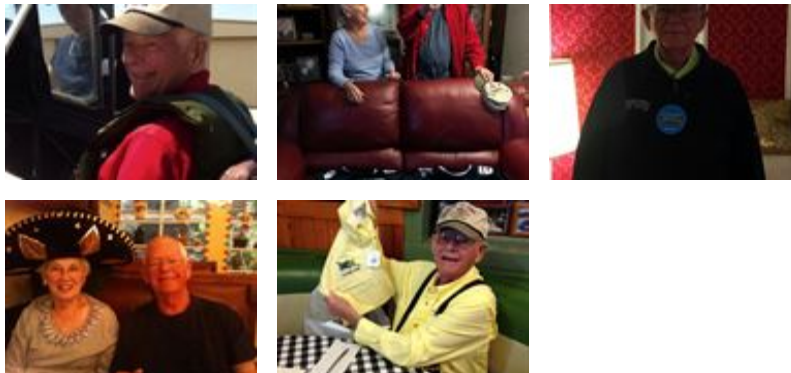
“ I can hear God saying come on in Gus, your all u can eat Blue Bell Buffet awaits you. Just one of the many sides of Gus, everyone will miss them all.

Thank you both ,Kathy, for being such a loving and caring neighbor for all these years. Sarah Bailey Russo

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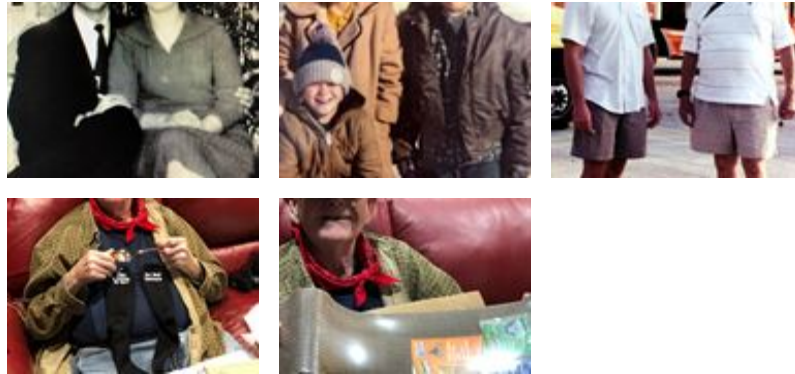
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“ *Kay was my first cousin, and my mother and his mother were sisters. I felt very close to his sister Betty because she was closer in age, but I remember my handsome cousin, Jay, who was so kind to everyone. I feel sad that he passed, but I will always remember him and his wonderful mother and father. I send my condolences to my sweet cousin, Betty.*

Carolyn Smalley Hughes - December 19, 2022 at 02:12 PM

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“ *Tim and Rhonda Bailey purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Charles Jay Gustafson, Lt. Col. USAF (Ret.).*



Tim and Rhonda Bailey - December 19, 2022 at 12:13 PM