



Augustine F. "Gus" D'Angelo

August 30, 1929 - July 11, 2018

Hampton Beach – Augustine F. “Gus” D’Angelo, 88, of Hampton Falls, died Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at his home with his loving wife and daughter by his side.

Gus was the longtime restaurateur along with his wife Linda of the former Mama Leone’s Restaurant that was a fixture of Italian cuisine at Hampton Beach until it closed last year after 42 years. “Cook good food, give plenty and charge a fair price. That was our legacy” said Gus before he retired. It had an ambiance of America from years gone by. It was one of a kind.

Some local restaurateurs got their start at Mama Leone’s as Gus was the mentor to many who worked for him. He gave many employees their first chance and then their children’s first chance.

Gus was born in Lawrence, MA August 30, 1929 a son of the late Frank and Rose (Lovecchio) D’Angelo. Raised in Lawrence his mother regularly cooked traditional Italian meals and her chicken and veal recipes were among the many dishes that became staples of Mama Lenoe’s. He opened the restaurant with his wife in 1975 and operated it until it closed in 2017. The recipes came straight from his mother, for whom he named the restaurant.

He was a veteran of the Korean War serving with the US Army and later became the businessman through and through. He worked hard and worried about his business constantly. He loved traveling with Linda to many destinations when they had their winters off.

He shared 42 years of marriage with his wife Linda M. (McCann) D’Angelo who came from an Irish family but fully embraced Italian culture.

In addition to his wife, he leaves three children, Tara Evans of Hampton Falls, Bonnie Rizzi of Toms River, NJ, Raymond “Rick” D’Angelo and his wife Betty of Ward, Ark., his

brother, John D'Angelo and his wife Christine of Methuen, MA, five grandchildren, Taylor, Teagan, Ty, Torin Evans, Adam Gugino, nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his sister Evelyn Angley.

Visiting hours will be from 4-6:30 PM Friday, July 20, 2018 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. A prayer service will immediately follow at 6:30 PM in the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Seabrook Community Table (Soup Kitchen) 103 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, NH 03874.

Comments



“ Chef Cher lit a candle in memory of Augustine F. "Gus" D'Angelo



Chef Cher - July 24, 2018 at 10:27 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Augustine F. "Gus" D'Angelo.



July 20, 2018 at 09:55 AM



“ 116 files added to the album LifeTributes



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - July 20, 2018 at 09:40 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Augustine F. "Gus" D'Angelo.



July 20, 2018 at 08:13 AM



“ Dear Linda, Tara and and family it was with sadness we first saw Gus' obituary then realized it was time to commend and celebrate Gus the legend and dear friend he was too so many of us. He was a kind, gentle soul who worked hard, was very generous and never looked for anything in return. He never stopped giving and sharing. He was smart and keen took care of of business and family and shared all the funny stories of his life spent countless hours reminiscing never forgetting his humble beginnings. With each new season was a new ailment to laugh with him about. Linda, you were a lady and quiet driving force who was willing to help him succeed an together you made it happen. We are all richer people for having been lucky to be part of his Legend, a legend that will continue to grow and never diminish. You are cooking with "Ritzy" now. Thank you for sharing your life and friendship with us. We will meet back up in the next life God Willing as you would say. Our love to you Linda & Tara I know your are both strong.
Charlie & Mary Machado



Charlie & Mary Machado - July 19, 2018 at 07:25 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Augustine F. "Gus" D'Angelo.



July 18, 2018 at 09:07 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Augustine F. "Gus" D'Angelo.



July 18, 2018 at 10:29 AM



“ I will miss him

PatriciaJanulewicz - July 17, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Augustine F. "Gus" D'Angelo.



July 15, 2018 at 08:56 PM



“ Tara E. purchased the Meadows of Memories for the family of Augustine F. "Gus" D'Angelo.



Tara E. - July 15, 2018 at 04:15 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Augustine F. "Gus" D'Angelo.



July 15, 2018 at 04:09 PM



“ Tara E. purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Augustine F. "Gus" D'Angelo.



Tara E. - July 15, 2018 at 04:05 PM



“ Tara E. purchased the Sacred Garden Spray for the family of Augustine F. "Gus" D'Angelo.



Tara E. - July 15, 2018 at 03:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Augustine F. "Gus" D'Angelo.



July 14, 2018 at 09:41 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Augustine F. "Gus" D'Angelo.



July 13, 2018 at 10:50 PM



“ Dear Gus,

It's hard for me to put into words the impact you had on my life. I started working for you and Linda at the ripe age of nineteen. I worked my way up your restaurant ladder; salad girl, bread girl, bus girl, breakfast waitress, dinner waitress and bartender. I was young, impressionable and naive. You showed me the way. You took the time, you cared. You gave so much of yourself. You were always kinder than necessary, to your staff and patrons. You had a loving way about how you approached, well, everything. I admired that about you. I admired so much about you, actually. I grew up with you. You were a surrogate father figure for me and many others. You were a true patriarch. I've forged some of the most wonderful, lifelong friendships because of you. Your wife, Linda, and your daughter, Tara, just to name a few. The picture below includes more of those friendships. Decades of good food, friends, love, laughter and tears. You have etched a permanent mark on my heart, and I'm forever grateful. You had a presence that was large and unapologetic. You silently and humbly knew how to garner command and then top it off with some crazy one-liner. You never really knew that you were funny, did you? You knew the weather, the stock market and the current state of the beach traffic. You knew when the garlic bread was burnt and when someone put too many meatballs in the soup. Let's not get started on the butter, ok?

It's not hard for me to say thank you, Gus! It was a privilege and an honor to call you boss and friend. Thank you for providing a loving and supportive workplace for me and many others. You helped shape me into the person I am today. Thank you for your love and kindness. I'm going to miss you. I'm forever grateful to have had you in my life. Love, Carol Magdalenski

And to close in prayer, "Eternal rest grant to him, O, Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest In Peace.

Carol Magdalenski - July 13, 2018 at 04:48 PM



“ So well written Carol. What a wonderful and fitting tribute. It is so funny because I was was thinking exactly how knowledgeable and well rounded Gus was. He could give you a (40) minute disertation on the history of the world using nothing more than four letter words, and amazingly it all made sense! And is sense of humor was so unique, because no, I dont think he realized how funny he was. Such a great man to be around!

Ronnie - July 13, 2018 at 05:18 PM



“ We were so lucky, Ronnie! Friendships for a lifetime. It doesn't get any better than that.

Carol Magdalenski - July 13, 2018 at 06:13 PM



“ Linda Ann and I are very sorry for your loss. Gus and you have been wonderful neighbors and friends for over 40 years. I will always remember the late nights at Mama's and the conversation with Gus at the bar, and his dedication to the restaurant and making everyone feel welcome when they came in the door or were leaving. Gus was liked by everyone on Hampton Beach and he will truly be missed. God Bless. Ann & John Kane

John M Kane - July 13, 2018 at 04:04 PM



“ My Dearest Linda, Tara and the entire D'angelo family,
It truly breaks my heart that “Our” Gus has passed on. It seems as there is not a single soul around that hasn't had the opportunity to know or have worked for Gus.. I wouldn't trade that opportunity for a million bucks! Gus was the most Beautiful, Gentle, Generous and Kindness souls I've ever met in my life and I'm thankful to have known him!
My Love and condolences to you all!
Heidi (and Sean Gannon & Family)

Heidi Gannon - July 13, 2018 at 11:35 AM



“ Have to add on that working for Gus & Linda at Mama's were some of my best years. I had 8 years to learn from him on what it takes to be a hard worker, take time to talk to customers and learn to anticipate their needs. To this day I use this learning in my professional career. It was the best place to earn money for college, meet awesome people and eat some yummy food. Gus, you will be missed. Cheryl Patterson-Fredericks

Cheryl Fredericks - July 13, 2018 at 10:25 AM



“ Working for you Gus, was the "time of my life". What a man! You embodied the true meaning of "self made". Hard worker, tough but fair, funny, decent and most of all sincere. You and Linda, provided thousands of college kids with good reliable jobs and lasting memories. As in Life, You'r business philosophy was focused on the "families" and You stuck to that. You had great conviction. May God bless you Gus, and Thankyou.
Ronnie

Ron Cipullo - July 13, 2018 at 08:44 AM



“ Gus was so admired, respected and loved by all that were lucky enough to know him. He will be missed by so many. Our prayers and thoughts go out to you Linda and the whole family. We lost a true gem.

Jill and Gary - July 13, 2018 at 04:54 PM



“ Almost half of Gus' life was Mama Leone's. I was fortunate to be a part of that first staff on opening day and I have so many great memories of that summer and the many that followed as the restaurant evolved and became a staple of Hampton Beach. To survive decades certainly took a special type of personality and commitment. Managing the staff of mostly 15 to 25 year olds and all their drama was not for the faint of heart. As noted,we all were exposed to hard work, customer service, respect and patience. I would also like to mention Gus' sense of adventure. He regaled to us many stories of the time he spent in Hawaii. So much so, that he had influence in Debbie H. and I heading off to our own adventure for a winter in the aloha state after college graduation and our subsequent summer at mama's. This was actually quite an undertaking before the internet and cell phones! In the late 70's we had to wait until after 9PM to make phone calls to get the best rates. The stories we have for our grandchildren (of which I currently have five). I don't know that that life experience would have happened if not for Gus.

Gus and Linda were our anchors. Summer after summer, we could stop in and catch up on life, children and grandchildren. I was able to stop in the restaurant on that last crazy night, there for the opening and sadly the closing, end of an era.

Deb Connors Parlee

Deb Parlee - July 20, 2018 at 10:35 AM