



## Diano "Gus" Joseph Giustozzi

August 29, 1931 - February 16, 2013

Diano (Gus) J. Giustozzi passed away peacefully after a brief illness on February 16, 2013 at his home in Alexandria, VA with his wife by his side. Gus is survived by his loving wife Jewel, whom he was married to for 59 years; sons David and wife Diane of Tulsa, OK, Paul and wife Lisa of Stafford, VA., daughter Gina Rhodes and husband Adam of Indian Trail, NC; 6 grandchildren.

Gus was born on August 29, 1931 in Old Forge Pa., son of Primo and Ottavia Giustozzi. Preceded in death by his parents, brother August who died in service with the US Army in Europe in 1944, and sister Aleria Sylvani of Old Forge, Pa. Gus's love of airplanes led him to attend the Academy of Aeronautics in Flushing, New York. After graduation in 1951, he secured a position as an aircraft mechanic for Capital Airlines, and because of a merger with United Airlines, he continued his work in aircraft maintenance for 42 dedicated years, retiring as an Aircraft Maintenance Foreman in 1993. Gus enjoyed gardening, woodworking, fishing and hunting, but most of all, spending time with his family.

Family and friends may be received at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA 22315 on Wednesday, February 20, 2013 from 2-4 & 6-8PM. Mass of the Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 10:30AM, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mt. Vernon Highway Alexandria, VA 22309; Interment to follow at Mount Comfort Cemetery.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Diano "Gus" Joseph Giustozzi*

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October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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**Jefferson Funeral Chapel** - January 28, 2019 at 09:25 AM



“ To Jewel, Gina, Paul and David - We express our deepest sympathy and extend our family prayers to help you through this most difficult time. I love you guys! Our families share a special bond that was forged through a lifelong friendship which started in the early 50's in Washington DC with my parents and Gus and Jewel. Through the years, our family's connection through shared holidays, family outings, and the trials and tribulations of our lives, became some of the fondest memories that I keep from my childhood. Mr. Giustozzi was always interested in what my brother, Patrick, and I were doing. From the earliest time that I can recall, probably at age 4 or 5, he would ask me about what was going on in my life - "20 questions" - and always being interested in what was happening with me. Few adults make that connection in a genuine way with children. This continued into my adult life, and I always enjoyed his company and laughter. He is the ONLY person that I have ever met that I regard in the same place as my father in character, integrity and trust. God please prepare the Giustozzi family to once again smile, because Gus Giustozzi provided you with life's only real treasures - love, family and laughter! We are all better off for having had him in our lives, but you guys are truly the luckiest!

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February 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We express our deepest condolences to Jewel, David, Paul and Gina and are so deeply sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Gus was a wonderful, kind hearted man whose joyful, warm, calm demeanor and humility made him a pleasure to be around. Having lived next to Gus and his family for over 20 years, we shared many, many happy times together. Gus (Mr. Giustozzi), beloved friend, it is with sad and heavy hearts that we say, you will be greatly missed.

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February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We pray that God will give you His special comfort at this sad time. Our family has been blessed to live next door to Gus and Jewel for 50 years. Can&#226;€TMt believe it&#226;€TMs been that long! We will miss Gus so much. He was a man of integrity, kindness, joy and strength. We always enjoyed our chats &#226;€œover the fence.&#226;€&#157; Gus was such a talented whistler. We spent many an afternoon listening to him whistle great Italian operas while he worked in the yard or tended his garden. Free concerts - and wonderful tomatoes as well! We always felt that Gus was looking out for us and that gave us a sense of security. His fatherly advice was always welcome. Like our Dad, Gus could diagnose a car problem by the sound it made. That&#226;€TMs a rare talent these days.

As much as we will all miss Gus, we know he&#226;€TMs with God and we&#226;€TMll see him again someday. He&#226;€TMs whistling with the Angels now, maybe even singing along with Verdi and Puccini!

Jewel, if there is anything we can do or anything you need, just let us

know. We&#226;€TMre available anytime if you just want to talk. Let us help you get through this time of adjustment. It will not always hurt so much.

*Diane and Elaine Dodge*

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February 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Aunt Jewel, I am so sorry for your loss.

*Debra Hallmark*

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February 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ We have lived down the street from Gus and Jewel for forty five years. We have seen one anothers' children grow up and move on. They are like family to us. Gus was the "best." His kindness and humility and love of God, family, and friends knew no limits. He will be sorely missed in this neighborhood -- especially by these neighbors and friends! Our sincerest condolences to Jewel and family! John "Jack" and Diane McDonough

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February 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Our hearts go out to Jewel and the rest of the family. Gus was one of the sweetest guys we knew and we enjoyed our many visits with him. He was a sincere man with integrity and he will be missed. Love to you, Jewel, and if you need anything at, just let us know. Sincerely, Lynn and Mary Tjeerdsma

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February 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM