



## Augustine Cruz

August 12, 1948 - April 19, 2020

Augustine “Gus” Cruz passed away peacefully on April 19, 2020 in Phoenix, AZ. Gus was born on August 12, 1948 to Augustine G. Cruz and Rita B Cruz in Tempe, AZ and lived in the greater Phoenix area for his entire life. In 1966 he joined the United States Military and enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. Gus completed 2 tours in the Vietnam with the USMC 3rd Division. Gus was honorably discharged in 1969 and returned home to Arizona. During his time in the service he met the love of his life Janet G (Moss) Lurette.

For most of his adult life he worked as a baker, throughout Phoenix metro area. While working at Holsum Bakery Gus joined the local 232 BC&T. During this time, he became President of the local 232 and held this position for many years.

Gus was known and loved by many people and he reciprocated that love for others, as he was always there to lend a helping hand. Once Gus considered you a friend, you were a friend for life.

Gus was a Christian man. He believed in God and he would let everyone know his walk with God, and all the miracles God has done for him and his family. He was waiting for the day he could meet Jesus face to face.

Gus is preceded in death by both of his parents Augustine and Rita, and his grandson Calvin Cruz. He was survived by former spouse Janet Lurette, two daughters Tina Marie and Renee (Mario), grandchildren Daniel, Sara, Angelica and 1 great grandchild Makayla.

Gus will receive Military honors ceremony and then laid to rest at the National Memorial Cemetery. His family will host a celebration of life in his honor. Details announced at later date.

YOU WILL BE FOREVER MISSED DADDY!

# Comments

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“ My dad was the kind of man who took care of his family. He may have been strict at times but it was because he was trying to protect us from the bad things in this world. He taught me how to survive. The fact that I can't pick up the phone and call him makes me feel very sad. I miss him. I hope he's with Calvin and Calvin is showing him the ropes up there. I love you dad.

**Tina Cruz** - May 18 at 04:20 PM

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“ We love you and will forever miss u



**Renee Celaya** - May 18 at 12:38 AM

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**Renee Celaya** - May 18 at 12:33 AM



“ Dad in Vietnam

**Renee** - May 18 at 12:38 AM

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“ You will never be forgotten. As a teenager you taught me a lot. You showed me kindness and love! You were a grandpa to me and I will forever be grateful!

**kelsey barr** - May 17 at 09:23 PM

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“ I will forever miss u daddy. It's has been one of the hardest times so far that you have been gone. I'm glad I got to spend my life with you and god gave you to me as a dad. You helped me with everything in life and taught me everything I know. I have to now move on without u and it truly sucks. But daddy I will make u proud. I love you and will miss you forever!



**Renee Celaya** - May 17 at 08:35 PM

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“ Renee Celaya sent a virtual gift in memory of Augustine Cruz



**Renee Celaya** - May 17 at 08:27 PM



“ Really gonna miss you papá Gus

**Mia** - May 18 at 04:38 AM



“ Me too.

**Renee Celaya** - May 24 at 07:34 AM