



Gus Soffes

August 8, 1923 - January 29, 2015

Gus J. Soffes age 91 of Grant, died Thursday, January 29, 2015 at Shepherd's Cove. He joined his wife as a resident of Barfield Nursing Home just over a month ago. He was a Navy veteran of WWII.

Survivors include his wife of 68 years, Charlie Ruth Soffes; children, Mary Ann Setzer (Michael) of Saukville, WI, Patricia Balch (Joseph) of Grant, AL, John Soffes (Wilba) of Hazel Green, AL; five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Memorial Service will be February 3 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. prior to the service at Grant Memorial Chapel in Grant, AL

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations to Shepherd's Cove, Hospice of Marshall County.

Tribute Wall

HC

“ *In loving memory from the Castle family, Tuscaloosa, AL....*

Gus, you will always be remembered for your gentle smile, your easy-going nature, the helpfulness and the friendship you showed to each of the Castle family.

We'll remember your stories of being in the Navy, of living in Texas, and looking at photographs of some of those places and your memories. You'll be remembered for your skill of building things out of wood, and your green thumb in the garden.

But above all , we'll always remember the abundance of love and devotion and the respect you always demonstrated to your wife, Charlie Ruth. You were a good and decent man, Gus.

*We were honored to have known and loved you.
(Danny, Linda & Heather).*

Heather Castle - February 02, 2015 at 10:28 PM

HC

“ *Family does not always mean being a blood relative....*

As a child growing up in Tuscaloosa, Al, with Gus and Ruth as neighbors, I called them my "Adopted Grandparents". My actual grandparents lived an 8 hour car ride away and so Gus and Ruth became surrogate grandparents. They would ask me visit their house first on Halloween and would be the first to put a piece of candy in my bucket. Of course their candy was the BEST because they would buy me a full sized candy bar!! They also came to school on Grandparent's Day to have lunch with me. That was very special because I was afraid my friends would think I was weird if I didn't have anyone to show up. Of course, there was also the time I tried to climb onto the roof and they called my parents to tell them what I was up to.

All of this to say, I didn't know Gus as well as his family, but I did consider him and Ruth family. The kindness and love they showed me reflected the beautiful people they are and spirits they have. I appreciate the special role he played in my life and would like to thank his family for sharing him with "the rowdy kid across the street".

My prayers and thoughts are with you all during this difficult time. And, I pray that you remember the happy times shared until reunited in heaven.

Heather Castle

Heather Castle - February 02, 2015 at 10:03 PM

KS

“ Aunt Mary, Uncle Mike, John, Jeff and Tim -- sending special thoughts your way as you celebrate the life of your Dad/Grampa. Although I never met him, I remember all the trips you took to Alabama as we were growing up. I'm sure you have some great memories of those trips and visits. With sympathy -- Kelly and family

Kelly Scheder - February 02, 2015 at 12:19 PM

JS

“ Grandpa taught me a lot of things: the value of hard work, humility, and loyalty. Most of all he taught me that the most important thing a man can do is take care of his family. Thank you Grandpa, I love you always.

John Setzer - February 02, 2015 at 11:34 AM