



Ordell "Gus" Gustafson

December 19, 1945 - May 3, 2025

Ordell "Gus" Gustafson, age 79, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, in his home, surrounded by his wife & girls. He was a loving husband, father and papa. Gus was born on December 19, 1945, to Raymond & Helen Gustafson, in Hudson, South Dakota.

He joined the Navy in 1962, which took him to Costa Mesa, California, where he met the love of his life, Norma-Ann "Sue" Murch. Gus & Sue were married on June 22, 1968, and later relocated to the beautiful Wenatchee Valley, where they made this their home and began their family. Gus spent many mornings fishing on the Columbia River and hunting in the hills of the Entiat Valley, where he created many wonderful memories with some of his best friends. As a family, they spent many summers on Whidby Island fishing, crabbing and enjoying the Puget Sound.

Gus worked for Tree Top for most of his career and retired in the fall of 2005. Gus & Sue began their retirement by traveling south to play ball and enjoy the sunshine in sunny California. They made this their "home away from home". Gus loved playing softball and created many friendships over the years. He played in The Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, Utah as well as many other tournaments in and out of town. On and off the field, Gus was known for his kind spirit and for being a friend to everyone. He always put his family first and would help anyone who needed a hand.

Gus is survived by his wife of 56 years, Norma-Ann "Sue", daughters Andrea Roberts (Jon), Alicia Smith (Troy), grandchildren Alexis (Grant), Zach, Elsie, Cloe, Ava, and Keaton, and great-grandchildren Rhett & Rhory. He is also survived by his sister, Ruby Sorensen of Sioux Falls, SD, and numerous nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Raymond & Helen, brother Charles, sisters-in-law Sandy & Karen and brothers-in-law Tom & Lloyd.

Gus's Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, May 30th, 2025, at Eastmont Baptist Church, 400 South Kentucky Ave, East Wenatchee. Arrangements in the care of Chapel of the Valley, East Wenatchee.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Gus's honor to The American Cancer Society for MDS or donate blood at your local Red Cross.

We want to thank the staff at Confluence Health Medical/Oncology Unit and the Hospice Team for providing such amazing care for our beloved Husband, Father, and Papa.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Eastmont Baptist Church
400 S Kentucky Ave
East Wenatchee, WA 98802

Tribute Wall

KL

“ I've known Gus and Sue for about 55 years. I met them when I was about 13 yrs old. They were my older sister and brother that really weren't. I went to Entiat in 1970 and in all my years of sports at Entiat I never had an actual family member ever watch me play a game, but Gus and Sue hardly ever missed one. That's love. Gus helped me become and know what a man was supposed to be. How love, trust and integrity means everything. One of my favorite things to do when I would visit Gus and Sue, which wasn't near enough, was listening to Gus tell stories of his life. He was and will always be the best story teller I have ever known. I will never know a better man in my life. Gus was also such a great husband and father to aspire to. Losing Gus is a lose to humanity. He will be forever missed by me. I love you big sister Sue and the whole family. My thoughts prayers and love go out to you all.

Ken Lowder - May 29, 2025 at 02:00 AM

TM

“ I have known Gus for more than 30 years. I remember all our deer hunting trips together in the Entiat valley and methow valley and our trips to Idaho whitetail hunting. we also spent time fishing on Banks lake and lake Rosevelt. we never had a bad trip together. Gus was a good friend and will be remembered by me.R.I.P.
Tom Manson

Tom Manson - May 18, 2025 at 02:19 PM

WP

“ His was a wonderful co-worker at Tree. But was also a good friend and was always helpful when I needed some of his wisdom. My prayers for Sue and the family.

Wanda Pearson



Wanda Pearson - May 14, 2025 at 09:24 PM

TC

“ A great friend and man.prayers To the family. Rip gus

Tim cathcart - May 12, 2025 at 10:04 AM

TB

“ We met Gus and Sue at Desert View RV park in the fall of 2019. He was just up the street from our place. Every morning on his walk he would stop in for a chat. What a great man of knowledge. We spent time at bingo and going out for lunch with and other friends often. When I needed help or tools Gus was always there. Sure going to miss him. RIP GUS

thomas bechard - May 09, 2025 at 05:47 AM

SL

“ I worked with Gus for several years at Tree Tops Wenatchee plant. A lot of fond memories. Last time I saw him was at Fred Meyers last summer. Gus and his wife use to join us for our retirement lunches. So sad to hear of his passing. My condolences his family. Rest easy Gus. Shelly

shelly r laurie - May 08, 2025 at 12:58 AM

BF

“ I met Gus in 1999 at the Tree Top Wenatchee plant. I was visiting the Facility with others from the newly purchased Tree Top processing plant in Milton Freewater Oregon. Gus took the group I was with out to lunch at Visconit's in Wenatchee, where his stories and energy left an impression on me. I remember going home after the trip and telling my wife about the Wenatchee trip and how I liked the Production Manager Gus. Little did I know that within less than a year of meeting Gus he would become the Plant Manager and my boss at the Tree Top facility in Milton Freewater. During his time there he taught me a lot about operations, business, etc. I also remember the Volkswagon bug he regularly drove to work.

Brett Feigner

Brett Feigner - May 06, 2025 at 04:20 PM