



Gus Constantine Kamenko

May 20, 1922 - April 21, 2024

Kamenko, Gus Constantine, 101, of Ballwin, MO passed away on Sunday April 21, 2024, at St. Luke's Hospital.

He was born May 20, 1922, in Maywood, IL, a suburb of Chicago, the son of Valerian and Jadwiga Eydoke (Spakowska) Kamenko. He married Geraldine Sebastian of Flat River, MO on August 7, 1952. She preceded him in death April 16, 2016.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, his brother, John Kamenko, and sister, Olga Laatz, his daughter Jane Kamenko, his stepson Willard Guyton and his son-in-law, Steve Travis. Gus is survived by his two daughters, Mary Hall (Bill) and Rebecca Travis (Mike Williams) 8 grandchildren, 25 great grandchildren, and 4 great, great grandchildren.

Gus was a WWII veteran of the US Navy at the rank of RD3. He served on the light cruiser, USS Detroit from Dec. 1944 until Dec 1945 in the Pacific Arena, where he witnessed the official Japanese surrender. After the service he attended and graduated from University of Illinois with a degree in Chemical Engineering and then received his MBA from St. Louis University. He began his career at Monsanto as a chemical engineer in 1951. He retired at 60 after 30+ years and built his own company, Kamenko LTD, where he bought and sold raw chemicals, finally retiring at the age of 98. He was a member of the

ADACIOM and held the position of president in 1972. He also volunteered at SCORE for twenty years.

Services: Memorial visitation at the SCHRADER Funeral Home and Crematory, 14960 Manchester Road at Holloway, Ballwin, Thursday, May 30, from 12:00 p.m. until time of service at 1:00 p.m. Friends and Family are invited to pay their respects and share fond memories of Gus. Graveside service immediately following at Bellerive Gardens, Creve Coeur with full Navy honors. A Celebration of Life party will follow the graveside service. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Wildwood Christian Church Missions. Friends may sign the family's on-line guestbook at Schrader.com.

Cemetery Details

Bellerive Gardens Cemetery

740 North Mason Road
St. Louis, MO 63141
(314) 434-3933
info@bellerivegardens.com
<https://bellerivegardens.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Schrader Funeral Home
14960 Manchester Road
Ballwin, MO 63011

Memorial Service

MAY 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Very sorry for your lost. I'm Kamenko from Croatia and I'm interestied was Kamenko his last name and was he maybe from former Yugoslavia. My mail is kristinagatic@gmail.com*



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