



S. "Gus" Gutierrez

June 27, 1931 - July 17, 2013

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Age 82 passed away Wednesday July 17, 2013. Born on June 27, 1931 in Joliet and a lifelong resident.

Preceded in death by his parents Victor Gutierrez, Marie Marez, one daughter; Rose (Jaime) Arias, one sister; Sarah Palumbo and one nephew; John Victor Palumbo.

Survived by and loving father to; Daniel Smicker-Gutierrez, Natalie (Johnny) Herron, Marina Gutierrez, Laura (Ruben) Vallejo, Karen, Victor, Ann Marie Bretz, Mary, John and Anna Gutierrez.

Grandchildren; Michael & Jill Mejia, Anthony Gutierrez, David Velasquez, Nicole Winchell, Sonnie (Eric) Lamb, Gabrielle Vallejo, Michael & Danielle James, Helen Pena-Smicker, John Herron ,and 10 Great grandchildren, Sisters; Connie Hamilton, Angie (Robert) Earle, numerous nieces, nephews family members and friends.

United States Army Veteran (Private First Class-1954-1956).

Retired from General Refractories, Executive Director for S.E.R Jobs for Progress,

Accomplished Classical/Jazz Musician and Guitar teacher -Wurlitzer World of

Music, Brandolino's Music Center, House Band for The Butler Hotel in Oakbrook and Band-Leader of "The Continentals".

Gus also enjoyed outdoor activities like fishing, working on cars, going to flea-markets collecting tools and swimming.

Past Member of Lily Cache Rod & Gun Club-Plainfield, Elks Club Joliet, American Legion Joliet, Knights of Columbus Joliet Zoning-Board of Appeals Joliet, School Board District 204 Joliet; Musicians Union of Joliet and Parishioner-St. Joes Catholic Church-Joliet

In lieu of flowers memorials to the family would be appreciated.

VISITATION And DVD MEMORIAL: Wednesday July 24, 2013, 5:00–9:00 PM at Delgado Funeral Chapel, 400 Landau Ave. at Jackson St. (Rt.6), Live Webcasting of visitation also available on-line for details call (815) 774-9220.

Funeral services held from Delgado Funeral Chapel Thursday July 25, 2013 at 9:00 AM to

St. Joseph Catholic Church 416 North Chicago Street, Joliet for 10:00 AM Christian Mass.

Burial & Military Honors: Mount Olivet Cemetery, 1320 East Cass Street.

Online guest book & Floral Arrangements at: www.DelgadoFunerals.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Olivet Cemetery & Garden Mausoleum

1320 E. Cass St.
Joliet, IL 60432

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Delgado Funeral Chapel
400 Landau Ave.
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Visitation

JUL 25. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

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Service

JUL **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
416 N, Chicago St.
Joliet, IL 60432

Tribute Wall



“ S. "Gus" Gutierrez

January 28, 2023 at 11:56 AM



“ Gus was my guitar teacher for several years at Brandolino's Music in Joliet. At that time when I was in my early 20's, all I listened to was classic rock like Aerosmith and Van Halen. Gus told me to check all that at the door and enter only if I wanted to learn real music from the basics on up. I am thankful I did. I learned so much from Gus, especially the music theory. I remember him saying "Why listen to today's rock music when you could be listening to jazz. It would be like eating hamburger when you could have filet mignon!" :-) I also remember his stories of playing Chicago in bands with some of the jazz greats. Gus was a special person in my life. It is sad to see he left us but I know we'll meet again in heaven.

Dale A. Rupert, Jr. - January 25, 2016 at 07:42 PM



Thank you Dale. He loved teaching and loved all of his students!

Mary Gutierrez - July 18, 2025 at 02:46 PM



“ Truly a wonderful man who could always bring a smile to your face. He was a great guitar teacher and had tremendous talent. We only recently learned of his passing, and were saddened by the loss, but are glad to have known such a wonderful person!



The Murphy family - March 14, 2015 at 12:53 AM

MG

My dad loved to teach and share his talent with everyone. Thank you for your kind and thoughtful words.

Mary Gutierrez - July 18, 2025 at 02:49 PM

LG

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Laura Gutierrez - July 22, 2013 at 12:52 AM

LG

“ 7 files added to the album *Dad*



Laura Gutierrez - July 21, 2013 at 11:40 PM

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“ *I am so sorry to Gus' family on his passing. My dad Rudy Chorak and Gus were great friends for many years. I have many great memories of them playing the guitars and of all of us kids getting together when we were young. May he rest in peace.*

Chris Chorak Ragland

chris ragland - July 21, 2013 at 10:37 PM

MG

Thank you Chris. We remember Rudy and yes those times were amazing listening to all that talent and beautiful music. Blessings from the Gutierrez family.

Mary Gutierrez - July 18, 2025 at 02:51 PM

LG

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Laura Gutierrez - July 20, 2013 at 10:08 PM

LG

“ 2 files added to the album *Dad*



Laura Gutierrez - July 20, 2013 at 10:00 PM