



Agostinho "Gus" Ribeiro

October 9, 1936 - September 29, 2023

Albany - It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Agostinho S. "Gus" Ribeiro on September 29, 2023, at age 86, a cherished son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend. Gus' departure from this world leaves a void that will be felt deeply by all who knew him.

Agostinho was born October 9, 1936, the son of Manuel da Silva Ribeiro and Ana de Jesus, in the Village of Ponta do Sol on the picturesque, yet impoverished, Island of Madeira, Portugal. At age 19, he left his homeland to work in South America and seek a better life for himself. He earned enough to return to Madeira four years later, get married, buy a house, and start a family. His desire for a better life for his family propelled him through a remarkable 6,500 mile journey, that included surviving a 1967 earthquake in Venezuela and traveling through the Blizzard of 1969 in New York.

He established residences in Madeira and Venezuela, as well as Newburgh, New Windsor, and Albany, NY. His journey culminated in a 30-year career in construction and paving. His strong work ethic enabled him to become foreman on numerous infrastructure projects in the Hudson Valley of New York.

Gus will also be remembered for his dedication to family, and to making their lives better than his own life. He was a devoted husband of 63 years to Matilde, and together they created loving homes on three different continents. As a father, Gus' guidance knew no bounds. He took pride in nurturing his children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews, instilling in them the values of hard work and perseverance. He also sponsored two nieces to emigrate to the U.S., where they raised their beautiful families. After he retired, he delighted in picking up his grandchildren from school, and caring for them in the afternoon.

He had an infectious smile, and friendly manner, along with an unfettered passion for gardening and winemaking. He was an itinerant gardener with garden plots at his home, both children's homes, and in a community garden. Everyone marveled at his bountiful harvests of zucchini, tomatoes, peppers, grapes, and much more.

Agostinho "Gus" Ribeiro leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion, and hard work. He will be deeply missed by his beloved wife Matilde Lobo Ribeiro, his children, Agostinho J. Ribeiro (Lisa) and Margarita Ribeiro Farley (Dan), his grandchildren, Joseph, Nicholas, Mia, and Lucia, and a wide circle of nieces, nephews, and friends, all of whom have been profoundly touched by his presence in their lives. He is predeceased by two brothers (Manuel, Vicente) and one sister (Isabel).

Family and friends are invited to join in celebrating the remarkable life of Agostinho S. "Gus" Ribeiro at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206 on October 8, 2023, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance.

All are welcome to attend Agostinho's Funeral Mass on October 9, 2023, at 9:00 am in Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Avenue, (Father John Bradley Way) Albany, NY, with the Rite of Committal to immediately follow at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Blessed Sacrament Church in Albany, NY.

The family thanks the doctors, nurses, and staff at Albany Medical Center who provided care during Gus' final days.

To honor his memory, let us cherish our loved ones, embrace new journeys, and live our lives with the same passion and persistence that defined Gus' time with us. Descanse em paz, Agostinho. Your work on Earth is done. May your spirit guide and inspire us.

To leave the Ribeiro family a message on their guestbook, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit www.mcveighfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Albany, NY 12206
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Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Agostinho "Gus" Ribeiro*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 05, 2023 at 04:22 PM



“ *Agostinho "Gus" Ribeiro*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Margie, Dan, and the entire Ribeiro Family, I am so sorry for your deepest loss. Please accept my condolences. May Gus Rest In Peace. tom ozimek*

Tom Ozimek - October 08, 2023 at 09:08 AM



Thank you so much, Tom xo

Margarita Farley - October 08, 2023 at 07:03 PM

EL

“ Margie and Dan. Tiffany and I are thinking of you and your family. Gus's tribute and pictures were touching. I only got to meet him briefly way back in the NY good old days. I remember the strong family bond and hope you're able to cherish endearing memories. Peace, Health, & Progress. Eric Lane.

Eric Lane - October 06, 2023 at 04:33 PM

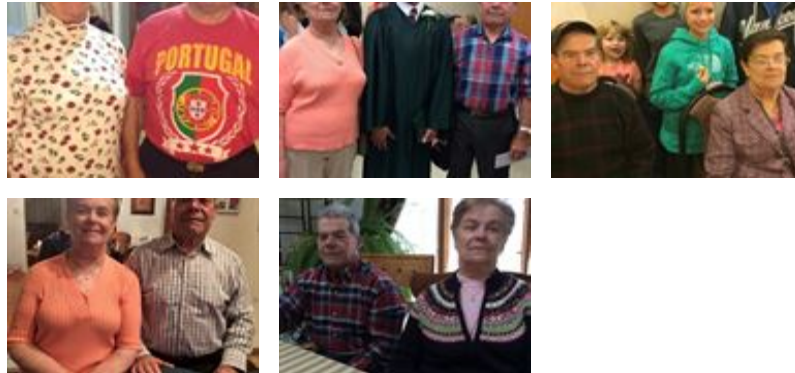
MF

Thank you Eric xo

Margarita Farley - October 06, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 05, 2023 at 04:23 PM

EW

“ Dear Margie and the entire Ribeiro family,

Sincere condolences from this old Liberty Street School teacher who remembers you fondly.

With regret and care,
Ed Westbrook

Edward Westbrook - October 05, 2023 at 10:07 AM

MF

Mr. Westbrook! Your message made my day. Thank you so much for reaching out. I remember you and the school with so much affection. I hope you are well. xo

Margarita Farley - October 05, 2023 at 08:20 PM

MD

“ *Gus was a wonderful neighbor to us here in New Windsor..always loved the smell of his grapes and his winemaking..may he rest in peace and his memories will always live on his family that he raised so well*

Mike Dulin - October 05, 2023 at 06:55 AM

MF

Thank you for your kind words, Mike.

Margarita Farley - October 06, 2023 at 02:01 PM

SC

“ *So very sorry to hear of my old neighbor from New Windsor's passing. May your memories of your Father comfort you at this difficult time.*

Susan Carroll - October 04, 2023 at 09:54 PM

MF

Thank you, Susan.

Margarita Farley - October 06, 2023 at 02:02 PM

KT

“ So sorry to hear of your Dad’s passing Gus. It is a very hard time, but rejoice in the loving and caring memories you have to sustain you, and know he will be lovingly watching over you and your family.



Kim Thurn - October 04, 2023 at 09:28 PM

LS

“ Lydia Sherman lit a candle in memory of Agostinho "Gus" Ribeiro



Lydia sherman - October 04, 2023 at 03:00 PM

MF

Thank you Lydia. Much love to you.

Margarita Farley - October 06, 2023 at 02:03 PM

JP

“ The quantity of time we had with Gus was not great, but the quality was of the highest order. In loving memory, Cousins Leo, Joanne, Alex and Adrianna

Joanne Pita - October 04, 2023 at 10:18 AM

MF

Thank you Joanne. Much love to you all.

Margarita Farley - October 06, 2023 at 02:03 PM

MM

“Gus, so sorry to hear of your dad’s passing. My deepest condolences to you and your family. Thoughts and prayers for you all.”

Mike McTague - October 04, 2023 at 10:02 AM