



## Gus G. Christ

October 31, 1922 - October 16, 2011

Constantine (Gus) George Christ, 88, of Ephrata went to meet his maker with his family at his side in his home on Oct. 16, 2011 after a stroke on Oct. 5th. Please sign the online guestbook or leave a note for the family at [www.kayser-schapel.com](http://www.kayser-schapel.com) Arrangements are in care of Kayser's Chapel & Crematory, Moses Lake.

Gus was born to George Andrew Christ and Theoradora Panagopoulous on Oct. 31, 1922 in Spokane, Washington. His parents were from Greece and his father made 7 attempts to enter the United States. On the last one he was able to bring his wife with him and at the time she was pregnant with Gus, he was their first born. He graduated from Wilson Creek High School in 1940 and was married to Dorothy Irene Buskirk on June 6, 1942 in Ephrata.

After an honorable discharge from the military Gus pursued a career with the railroad following in his father's footsteps as did his brother Andrew. After 35 years of devotion he retired. He still has a nephew who is employed by the same railroad as a Roadmaster.

Gus and Dorothy made Ephrata their home in 1951 and raised both daughters in the same house reside in today. Gus enjoyed fishing, golfing, and hunting with his faithful companion, his dog Lisa. He was known and loved by so many people, he knew no strangers and would help absolutely anyone. Gus was a very caring and generous man. In past years he was known for his famous "Greek Parties" which he held yearly. These parties originally started

in their own backyard until they became too large then he either held them at St. Rose of Lima or at Don's Restaurant.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Dorothy Christ; 2 daughters, Judy Delzer and husband Bob of Spokane and Carol Hampton of Ephrata; a brother, Andrew Christ and wife Susan; a sister, Mary Colouzis of Wilson Creek; grandchildren, Connie Clausen and husband Erik of New York, Jeff Loree of Spokane, Tracy Fisher and fiancé Ricki Kapalo of Ephrata, Chris Sloan and wife Brenna of Spokane; great grandchildren, Zack and Brittany Clausen of New York; Sawyer Clausen of Spokane, Dustin Kapalo and fiancé Rachel Williams of Moses Lake, Derrick Kapalo of Ephrata, twins Colton and Kayla Fisher of Ephrata, Kiajia and Treyen Loree of Spokane, Ella, Aidan, and Norah Sloan of Spokane; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Charlie and brother-in-law, Charles.

Private family burial will be at the Wilson Creek Cemetery. The family will be holding a Celebration of Gus' life at Don's Restaurant in the Banquet room on Sunday, November 6, 2011 from 1-4 pm. Any gifts of remembrance in lieu of flowers will be split between the Wilson Creek Church and Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 6. 1:00 PM (PT)

Don's Restaurant  
14 Canna North  
Soap Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ I lay awake here in Australia at 2:50am. Gus comes to my mind ( Papou Costa/ grandfather Costa out of respect) I met Gus, Dorothy Carol & Judy in Greece over 13 years ago through my ex father in law. I had the pleasure of going sight seeing with them, dining and spending endless hours talking at his village. I just adored Gus & Dot and remained very good friends with them even though my relationship with his family severed. Gus was wise and called me "friend" and "beautiful lady", he gave me great advice and explained how the men in his family - apart from his father, generally treated their women badly and that I should not be a victim I should protect my 3 wonderful children. Gus sent me a number of novels which I enjoyed reading and have still kept the Sesame street books he sent for the kids. He has been on my mind a fair bit and I feel bad for not contacting him last year as so much was going on in my life. I respect and love Gus and his beautiful family and remember him apologizing for not knowing what time it was when he was calling me but I just felt so much comfort hearing from him. I am quite shocked as I googled his name and after five minutes I found this site. Surely he is in a better place... I will cherish the times we had together and remember how passionately he and Dorothy were in love. A great loss, a beautiful soul, can't believe you are gone. My condolences to the family and I would still like to keep in touch. Love Angela and children Denise, Ellie & Teo###imported-begin###Angela Serdenes###imported-end###

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January 27, 2012 at 11:02 AM



“ Farewell to our fun walking/running partner. We saw lots of the country going to 5K's and 10K's and we'll always remember the apple pie that we each won in Chelan. God Bless You and Your Family.###imported-begin###Tom and Lil Cross###imported-end###

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November 02, 2011 at 08:34 PM



“ Dear Dorothy, Judy, Carol & families: Gus was a wonderful family friend and he will be missed by all who knew him. I have such fond memories through the years, including the day he let a very young me ride with him to the breeder to pick-up "Lisa" (I think my life-long adoration of dogs began at that moment), to many fun times on both sides of the mountains. Spending even a few minutes with him was so uplifting - what a wonderful man. Hopefully, he's now up there having some good laughs with Kiki, my parents, and the many others who left before him.  
I hope great memories are helping you through your loss. Much love to all of you, Cathy Chohlas  
MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL##imported-begin##CATHY CHOHLAS ##imported-end##

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November 02, 2011 at 06:50 PM



“ We were so sorry to hear of your loss. Gus was such a good friend of all the Arvan family. He will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Norma Arvan & Family##imported-end##

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November 02, 2011 at 02:28 PM



“ Carol and family ... we are so sorry for your loss; and we know you will miss your Dad very much. You are all in our prayers. Gus always had a friendly smile on his face and that's what we'll remember.##imported-begin##Mike & Joyce Mulliken##imported-end##

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October 26, 2011 at 02:31 AM



“ Dear Dorothy, Judy and Carol:

*We just received an email from my brother George telling us of Gus's passing. I am so glad we stopped by for a visit this year. Please know that we think of you often and are praying for all of you during this time of sorrow.*

*Jerry and Eloise Miller##imported-begin##Eloise and Jerry Miller##imported-end##*

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October 25, 2011 at 08:52 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the Christ family. Although I have been gone for many years from Wilson Creek, it is still sad to see the "old timers" pass on. I sincerely hope wonderful memories will ease your pain. God bless. In Love and Light, Jacqueline (Bischoff) Walker, Largo, FL##imported-begin##Jacqueline (Bischoff) Walker##imported-end##*

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October 25, 2011 at 02:38 PM



“ *Dear Judy and family We are so sorry to hear about your Father. Gus was such a happy person when he would visit with Walker. Take care and know I have been thinking about you. Janet##imported-begin##Janet Armstrong Bjork##imported-end##*

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October 22, 2011 at 05:57 PM



“ Dear Dorothy and All Family Members,

*Our sincere sympathy is with you at this very difficult and sad time. Our hearts share your loss. With caring thoughts and heartfelt sympathy we want you to know that our prayers are with you now and in the coming days.*

*Arley is especially thankful for the warm and wonderful railroad memories working with and around Gus. Arley has always said, "Gus was filled with the wisdom of that old, wise biblical king of Israel, Solomon. He will miss the phone calls and the chats they shared reminiscing about old railroad memories.*

*Our Love and Deepest Sympathy,*

*Arley and Myrnie Bischoff  
Harrington, WA##imported-begin##Arley and Myrnie  
Bischoff##imported-end##*

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October 21, 2011 at 09:37 PM



“ *what a guy! we all loved him. let us celebrate his wonderful life.##imported-begin##Tom & Pauline McIntosh##imported-end##*

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October 21, 2011 at 07:20 PM



“ *To the Family of Gus Christ:*

*I read in the local paper about Gus passing away. I felt kind of sad as I remember him as he was my neighbor for more than 20 years. He would stop by quite often on the way to his home. Most of the time, he would not come to ask about any medical issues and so on. He simply wanted to chat with me. He was very proud of his heritage as a Greek. He felt that he was close to me as I come from the same Mediterranean area. He is from Greece and I am from Palestine. We chatted a lot about olives, salad, special foods, and so on. I really liked him. He was a man that was small in his body but big in his heart. He was a good man. I saw him the last time stopping by with his daughter and his wife. I still remember him with affection. I pray to Almighty God to bless his soul and ask his family and grandchildren to remember that he was a great guy. He was simple but had lots of wisdom.*

*Again, may Almighty God bless his soul.*

*Dr. Mohammad H. Said###imported-begin##Dr. Mohammad Said###imported-end##*

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October 21, 2011 at 02:17 PM



“ *Dear Dorothy and Family,*

*Gus will be remembered as a wonderful family friend, especially close to my dad and mom. Memories are a blessing. Hold onto the good times and know he is in a better place.*

*Love, Janis###imported-begin##Janis and Al Davisson###imported-end##*

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October 21, 2011 at 11:02 AM



“ Our hearts are very saddened by Gus' passing. Gus and Dorothy were wonderful friends from across the street when we lived in Ephrata. Gus' passing will leave a void in all that ever met him.

Our hearts are also saddened for Dorothy, his daughters, and the whole extended family. You all will be in our prayers as you go through this time.##imported-begin##Mike and Leslie Gaul##imported-end##

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October 20, 2011 at 08:22 PM