



John Thomas Gustafson

June 20, 1946 - May 26, 2025

John "Gus" Thomas Gustafson, 78, of Mooresville, North Carolina passed away peacefully, May 26th in his home.

He was born June 20, 1946 in Willmar Minnesota to the late Elmer Gustafson and Ramona Knapper Gustafson.

John graduated from Willmar High School and Gustavus Adolphus College. He served his country while in the U.S. Air Force. Gus was a member at Fair View United Methodist Church in Mooresville. He loved singing in the choir in honor of his Lord and Savior. John was an assistant scoutmaster with Boy Scouts of America Troop 173 while Erik earned his Eagle Scout, and he enjoyed helping them out when needed. In retirement, he remained active in the community through the Central Lake Norman Golden Boys. He enjoyed traveling the country in his motorhome alongside his wife and other friends from the Nomads RV Club and the Winnebago WIT Club.

In addition to his parents, John is also preceded in death by brother in laws, Donald Vance, Larry Nelson, and Doug Jandro.

He is survived by his wife Linda Nelson Gustafson, son Erik, sisters Julie (Robert) Ramerth, Joan Vance, sister-in-law Nancy Jandro, brother-in-law David (Tammy) Nelson and many loving cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A celebration of life will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 14th at Fair View United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Fair View UMC, 1430 Mecklenburg Hwy, Mooresville NC 28115.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Gustafson family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN **14.** 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

Fair View United Methodist Church
1430 Mecklenburg Hwy
P.O. Box 27
Mount Mourne, NC 28123

Tribute Wall

SG

“ *Billy and I are so saddened to hear of Gus’ passing. We have such great memories of time spent with Gus and Linda when our sons grew up together. We bonded over the years raising teenagers together....watching them play football together and do life together. We’ve not met many people as fine as Big Gus. Rest in the arms of the angels sweet man.* ”

susan Gandy - June 19, 2025 at 09:34 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Thomas Gustafson.* ”



June 13, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Thomas Gustafson.* ”

June 13, 2025 at 02:29 PM

NF

“ *Nelson, Jandro, Osberg & Crider Families purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of John Thomas Gustafson.* ”



Nelson, Jandro, Osberg & Crider Families - June 07, 2025 at 03:45 PM

MR

“ I have known Gus for a very long time. I held it beside him in Bridgeport before we moved to New York State. We had some great memories that will linger on till the day I die. He was such a great person. He used to help me with my computer but what person has he not help with their computer My prayers go out to Linda and Eric.

Mary Jo Repak - June 05, 2025 at 08:56 PM

JC

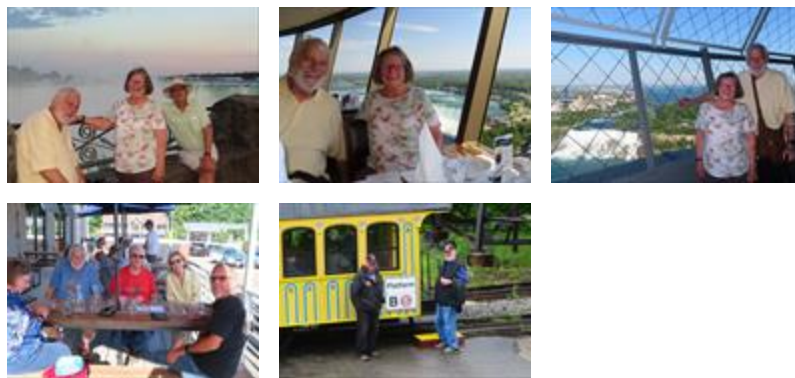
“ I have known many selfless people in my life, but Big Guss stands out above most! I knew him through Central Lake Norman Golden Boys where he assisted everyone with the club's computer issues. He was unflappable!

I will miss him dearly and his Minnesota ways. He was an expert at pronouncing the word, Minny-so-taa! At least that is my version of his lifelong honing of the pronunciation! To Mary and all, please stay in touch with your Golden Boy friends and the RV Nomads in particular. We will miss his stories of our many adventures! Rest in Peace Gus, you were taken way to soon! John and Vivien Cissell

John Cissell - June 04, 2025 at 11:54 AM

PB

“ 17 files added to the tribute wall



PBB - June 03, 2025 at 02:10 PM

JB

“ 1 file added to the album Gus



Jon Bangs - June 03, 2025 at 02:03 PM

TE

“ What a privilege it is to call you my friend for over 50 years. Our group of close friends (F.A.R.M. Group) have shared so many memories, too many to list. I think one of the great times we've had as a group of close friends, is all of our fishing outings from many of the Minnesota lakes and all the way to the fly-ins in Canada. You will be so missed by all of us, RIP my dear friend.

Tom Engel - June 03, 2025 at 12:19 PM

SF

Jim and I are so very sorry about Gus passing. He was a wonderful person. We enjoyed many outings with Gus and Linda, not only with our WIT Club but in a couple of separate camping trips and outings with them. Always a joy. And, Gus had such a warm smile.

Suzanne L Fairchild - June 03, 2025 at 08:24 PM

JK

Cousin John or John T. as we knew him, grew up together. There were too many wonderful times to share here, but the one I will always remember is singing the hymns together at church, where he would sing bass and I would sing baritone. In recent years, he and Linda would come to Florida and usually come to one of our music shows, which he seemed to enjoy. I look forward to seeing him again in Heaven. / Cousin Jerry Knapper

Jerry Knapper - June 06, 2025 at 04:19 PM