



## William "Capt. Gus" Frank Gustafson

March 14, 1943 - April 2, 2023

William "Capt. Gus" Frank Gustafson, 80, of Sherrills Ford, North Carolina, passed away on April 2, 2023. He was born on March 14, 1943 in Brooklyn, NY to the late Harold and Catherine Bushart Gustafson.

Capt. Gus retired from Sears Department Store after 30 years of service. He then endeavored to start his own business, Fishin' with Gus. He spent his retirement years happily serving others as a fishing guide. Capt Gus was well known and was a member of several community organizations such as, Mooresville-South Iredell Chamber of Commerce, Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce, Denver Business Association, Lincolnton Chamber of Commerce, he served as an advisor on the Lake Norman Marine Commission and Southeast Outdoor Writers Association. Capt Gus was passionate about fishing and telling stories. He lived his dream life while sharing this passion with others, both young and old. He was loved by all who met him and will be missed by all his family and friends.

In addition to his parents, Capt. Gus was preceded in death by his wife, Susan Todd Gustafson.

He is survived by his son, Toby Gustafson (Cathy); 3 grandchildren, 6 great-grandchildren; brother, Ken Gustafson (Trisha); Sister-in-law, Carolyn Todd Summerlin (James); brother-in-law, Skip Todd (Jean), and numerous nieces

and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, April 14, 2023 at 1:00pm in the Heritage House on the campus of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, NC. with Pastor Tom McCrea officiating. A visitation will immediately follow the service.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Gustafson family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

## Cemetery Details

### **Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory**

494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service**

APR **14**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Heritage House of Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
Mooresville, NC 28115

# Tribute Wall

RF

“ I've had the pleasure of angling with Gus in Andros, the Grand Bahamas and drift fishing the Watauga for trout. He was a "character" in the true sense of the word... and just a great guy. He will be missed! I share my sympathies with all of the family.

Russel Floyd - April 14, 2023 at 10:43 AM

HK

“ Gus was a special guy. Always upbeat. Spent day fishing with some other friends and it was all laughs and no fish. But did not care. Gus and I always talking about Chamber and downtown. Gus took some kids fishing from my dock and came back with huge fish story. He wrote about it in his article. Man I will miss Gus. RIP

Howard Kosofsky - April 13, 2023 at 10:58 PM

BH

“ Gus was a teammate and lifelong friend. A great athlete and fisherman. We shared a lot of good times together. Rest in peace, my friend.

Bill Horne - April 13, 2023 at 08:15 PM

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Bill Horne - April 13, 2023 at 08:08 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William "Capt. Gus" Frank Gustafson.



April 13, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ With love, Ryan, Alyson & Luke Pearce purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William "Capt. Gus" Frank Gustafson.



**With love, Ryan, Alyson & Luke Pearce** - April 13, 2023 at 09:31 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Capt. Gus" Frank Gustafson.



April 12, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Capt. Gus" Frank Gustafson.



April 12, 2023 at 12:45 PM

KS

“ Where do you start, 35lb catfish on Lake Norman or monster trout on Davidson Creek, all the stories told at the radio station. No, my fondest memories of Capt. Gus were one on one fishing trips. He often called me to say he had a cancellation, followed by a warm "Let's Go Fishing!" As with most fishing trips, there were more fishing than catching, Gus would quip "Well, they started off slow, and tapered off from there." I never tired of the jokes, regardless of how corny, I actually would test him often with corny stories of my own. That SMILE, it was more his trademark than the business cards he loved to put in your hand. Gus has a magnetic personality, always happy and positive. That's what I'll always remember most, his SMILE. RIP Friend!

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**Kevin Smith** - April 05, 2023 at 03:23 PM

JB

“ Gus and I spend nearly 10 years sharing the lecture podium at Gander Mountain. Most of the knowledge about Lake Norman that I developed started with talks with Gus. His loss is a great blow to the angling community on the lake.

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**Jake Bussolini** - April 04, 2023 at 08:32 PM

TS

“ Captain Gus was a great guy. We did many things together including co writing for local magazines & papers. He was extremely supportive of my restaurant and we ran in a similar circle mostly due to all the people he brought & sent to my place & all the localLKNfolks he introduced me to. I will miss running into him at the super market. You are missed. Thank you Captain for everything. FISH ON! Rest easy. Chef Tim

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**Tim Schafer** - April 04, 2023 at 07:44 PM

JQ

“ One of my favorite memories I have with Gus was New Years Eve 2019 at our best friend Ryan’s house going through a topo map of Lake Norman and hearing all the stories associated with fishing spots while waiting on an always late dinner when hanging with the young guys.



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**Josh Q** - April 04, 2023 at 06:56 PM

CH

“ Gus was a kind man...we live across the cove ...and would see him go out and come back on his boat...he would always wave. RIP Gus

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**Cat Hauser** - April 04, 2023 at 06:36 PM