



## Augustine "Gus" O'Keefe

July 31, 1929 - December 28, 2022

Augustine "Gus" O'Keefe passed away on December 28, 2022 at the Bailey Center Hospice in St. Augustine, FL. Gus was born on July 31, 1929, in Central Islip, NY to Dennis and Bridget O'Keefe. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Edith, Daughter, Karen Johnson, Daughter in law, Kathy O'Keefe, Grandchildren: Justin O'Keefe (Stacey), Tucker O'Keefe (Marie), Emily Percival (Jimmy), Brendan Johnson (Casey), Bridget Johnson, Brian Johnson, Great Grandchildren: Ava, Paige, Sydney, Hayley, James, Jeffrey, Hannah, George, and Lydia.

He is pre-deceased in death by his son, Jeffrey, his sister Mary, and two brothers, Jack, and Dennis.

Gus was a humble man, full of kindness, compassion and love for his family, community, and God.

Gus could always be found cheering on his children and grandchildren at many school and sporting events. He loved spending time with them watching soccer and football games, and cheering on his two favorite teams, Notre Dame and the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Gus grew up in Central Islip, NY where he met the love of his life, Edith, in high school at the age of 15. He was also a graduate of St. Johns University in Brooklyn, NY. Gus and Edith married in 1952 and called Central Islip their home for 62 years. Gus was a long-time member of the Central Islip Quarterback Club and was a volunteer fireman for 37 years. He loved the brotherhood and friendships he built with his fellow firemen throughout the

years. Gus retired in 1988 as the Fire District Administrator for the Central Islip Fire District.

Gus and Edith retired to St. Augustine 32 years ago and enjoyed living close to their family. Gus became an active member of the St. Augustine South Improvement Association, where he was Treasurer of their Bingo for 20 years. Gus was also an active member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church where he served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister.

Gus led by example, and all those who knew and loved him came to enjoy and cherish the beautiful person that he was. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A visitation will be held on Thursday January 5, 2023 from 5-8 PM at St. Johns Family Funeral Home, 385 State Road 207, St. Augustine, FL 32084. A Celebration of Life Mass will take place on Friday January 6, 2023 at 11:00AM, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 6175 Datil Pepper Rd. St. Augustine, FL 32086.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Gus' memory to the Central Islip Fire Department (CIFD) Benevolent Association, 97 Carleton Ave. Central Islip, NY 11722 ATTN: P. DiGiantomasso, Secretary.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 5. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

ST JOHNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME  
385 State Rd 207  
St. Augustine, FL 32084

## Funeral Mass

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church  
6175 Datil Pepper Road  
St. Augustine, FL

# Tribute Wall



“ *Albert Quandalus Tipson Fingerdoodle III was a great man.*

Tickle Tipson III - January 09, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Augustine "Gus" O'Keefe.*



January 01, 2023 at 08:05 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Augustine "Gus" O'Keefe.*



January 01, 2023 at 05:02 PM



“ *Gus was the definition of a true gentleman. The community has lost a great man.*  
*-Margo Geer*

Margo Geer - January 01, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Augustine "Gus" O'Keefe.*



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December 30, 2022 at 10:40 AM