

Augustus Owsley Hall was reunited with his “darlin’ Clementine,” on January 17, 2010, when he died peacefully with family at his side. He was 84.

Gus was born August 10, 1925, in Perry County, Kentucky, the youngest son of a coal miner and his Cherokee bride. In 1942, he left high school early to join the Navy and serve in World War II. His experiences as a Water Tender 2nd Class aboard the USS Essex formed the basis for a lifetime of proud stories. After his honorable discharge in 1946, Gus moved to Akron, and lived in this area the rest of his life.

He met the love of his life, the former Clementine Campailla, while working at Goodyear Tire & Rubber. They were married 64 years and had seven children together, filling their home in Goodyear Heights with boisterous laughter, frequent melodrama and constant competition for the house’s only bathroom.

Gus worked hard to support his family, with a career that took him from Goodyear to Akron Standard Mold and the University of Akron. In addition, he ran a home business, Hall’s TV Repair, under the motto, “Don’t cuss; call Gus.” He was never without his USS Essex baseball cap, a constant reminder of his service. He attended several reunions of the Essex crew. He was a longtime member of Annunciation Catholic Church.

He will be best remembered for his persistent optimism and good humor, his stock of corny jokes, his love of baseball and his penchant for spontaneous serenades, often nearly on key. Twenty minutes before he passed away, he cracked a joke and sang a warbly hymn. He never complained, never judged and generously lavished affection on his family, which was always the center of his life.

Gus was preceded in death by his wife, Clementine; father, Lorenzo, mother, Bertha and stepmother, Margaret; his siblings Owen, Oliver and Ora; and grandson Jerry Jarvis.

He is survived by his children, Diann (Raymond) Herdman, Barbara (David) Leonard, Jo-Ann (Lynn) Callahan, Gus (Kim) Hall, Rene (Dave) Dornack, Carole (Nick) Corriere, Gina (David) Giffels; 19 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, sister-in-law Ann Amedeo, brother-in-law Mike Chopek, and many nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to acknowledge the staff at Sunrise Assisted Living in Cuyahoga Falls for their warm and loving care.

Memorial donations can be made to Visitation of Mary Catholic Church (formerly Annunciation parish), 87 Broad St., Akron, OH, 44305.

His Proud Son,

Augustus A. Hall
Chief of Police
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