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Gasper “Gus” M. Olexen, age 70 of Elyria Twp. passed away on Sunday, July 28, 2019 at Main Street Towne Center in Avon Lake under the wonderful care of New Life Hospice.

He was born on October 8, 1948 in Lorain, Ohio to Michael and Pauline (nee Matesic) Olexen. He was a graduate of Admiral King High School.

Gus served in the United States Army, where he became a Paratrooper in the 101st Airborne Division “Screaming Eagles” at Fort Campbell, Ky. He was a retired Teamster and dedicated member of The Amherst Eagles.

Gus had a life-long passion for auto racing. His racing career evolved, by participating in super modified sanctioned events. He enjoyed golfing, bass fishing, and spending time with his family and friends.

Gus is survived by his companion of 19 years, Pam Wilhelm; son, Michael (Leslie) Olexen, of Vermilion; daughter, Stephanie Olexen, of Lorain,; grandchildren, Karleigh and Austinn Harris; great-grandchild, Reign Zayas; and brother, Les (Pam) Olexen, of Vermilion, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Pauline Olexen.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 from 3:00 – 6:45 p.m. in the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst, Ohio. Military Honors will be conducted at 6:45 p.m. in the funeral center following the visitation. Private family burial services will take place at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest contributions be made in memory of Gus to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be left for the family at

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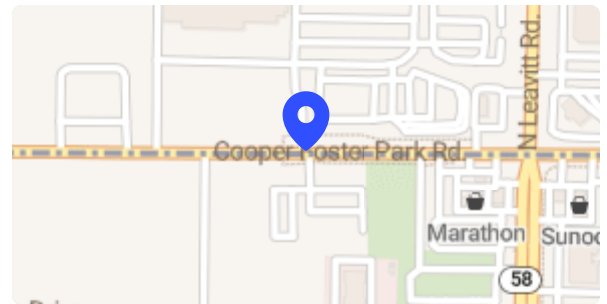
Visitation

 **Wednesday**, July 31, 2019

 3:00 PM - 6:45 PM ET

 **Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center**

1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH
44001





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JC

Jeff And Tina Carlson posted:

Deepest, Deepest, sympathy Pam. Our family has know and loved Gus for well over 30 years, him being the best of friends with my Dad. The memories are plentiful between racing weekends, pig roasts, clam bakes, and bacon pepper sandwiches! Our thought is that Gus waited until the stadium at Sandusky Speedway was empty and underneath the lights he took his last lap finishing with a big burn out at the finish line waiving the checkered flag. God bless my friend. See you on the other side. Love, Jeff and Tina Carlson

August 1 at 5:46 AM

LR

Lisa Richter Reynolds posted:

Rest in Peace Gus - thank you for all the great memories at the races. Thank you for always giving me quarters to play pac-man with Michael. Those are memories I will never forget. Sending prayers to your entire family. Deepest Sympathy, Lisa Richter Reynolds

July 31 at 9:16 AM

SM

Sylvia Lopez Murillo posted:

My deepest sympathy to the Olexen family. Gus was an old high school friend. RIP Gus. Sylvia Lopez Murillo

July 31 at 7:21 AM

AM

Amy Morehart posted:

So sorry to hear about Gus' passing. Thoughts and prayers to the family. Rest in Peace Gus! Jon and Amy Morehart

July 30 at 5:26 PM

TG

Todd Gerold posted:

We are sorry to hear, he went through a lot the last couple of years as did his family, we got to know him at Oswego and had a good time with him and Pam along with our friends Will and Candy. Rest in Peace Gus! Todd and Cheryl Gerold

July 30 at 2:45 PM



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Jim Hoadley posted:

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Les and the Olexen family. Gus was a enjoyable person to be around. His racing history and great personality will keep fond memories in the hearts of many. Jim and Beverly Hoadley, North Port, Florida

July 30 at 6:08 AM



Shirley Ford Sabin August 1 at 8:21 AM

Sorry to learn of Gus passing. We lived across the street from each other on Homewood Drive and grew up together. He was a good friend to have growing up and I have thought of him and his family many times over the years. RIP Gus.



Shelley Marks Simone July 31 at 5:02 PM

Memories of the track, the push jeeps, family, cookouts and Gus's sense of humor - great memories. Rest well, Gus!



Don Profant July 30 at 2:37 PM

My sympathy goes out to all of Gus's family. Remebering the fun time we had, when you and Lester took my wife around the Lorain County Racetrack in a push Jeep and scared her half to death. T hen proceeded to Win the feature race that night. To a winner a great cousin. Don Profant



Jackie Mocny posted:

Gus: We will miss seeing you with Pam but know that you are at peace and no longer in pain. You were a true patriot and someone who loved life, good times and his country. Dan and I send you a fond farewell - we'll help watch over Pam for you. Miss you big guy. The Mocnys

July 30 at 3:27 AM



Marcia Eichelberger lit a candle in honor of Gus.



July 29 at 5:28 PM



Marcia Eichelberger July 29 at 5:34 PM

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 2 Timothy 4:7



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Kathy posted:

Memories of you will be many and we will smile when we think of you. May God comfort all who grieve. John & Kathy Marks

July 29 at 4:38 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Gus by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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