



Gary A. Agostini

January 21, 1947 - August 28, 2022

Gary A. Agostini, age 75, loving husband of Bernadine I. (Sucheki) Agostini, of Phoenixville, PA, passed away on Sunday, August 28, 2022. Born on January 21, 1947 in Erie, PA, he was a son of the late Rocco Sr. and Frances (Voltz) Agostini.

Mr. Agostini was a graduate of Academy High School in Erie, PA. He received his Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education from Penn State University, where he was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He was awarded a National Science Foundation grant to earn a Master's degree in Biology from Purdue University.

A biology teacher at Great Valley High School he loved to share his wit and wisdom with his students. During his tenure he served as Assistant Athletic Director, golf coach, and as a longtime throwing coach in track. He was also involved with the S.T.A.R. Team and the Getaway Special project.

Family came above all else. He loved spending time with them, looked forward to family events and special occasions. He was a devoted father and grandfather who enjoyed coaching his sons' youth baseball and soccer teams, the fishing experiences with them and the grandchildren and the tall tales associated with that. He was an avid Penn State football fan.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Agostini is survived by one son, Anthony A. Agostini of Tempe, AZ; two grandchildren, Dominic and Bella Agostini; one sister, Janet, wife of Richard Sposito of Erie, PA; and several nieces and nephews. Mr. Agostini was preceded in death by one son, David T. Agostini, and two brothers, Rocco Agostini, Jr. and Paul Agostini.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral mass at the St. Ann Chapel, 604 South Main Street, Phoenixville, PA on Saturday, September 3, 2022 at 11:00 am Officiating will be Rev. John J. Newns. Burial will be held privately. Friends will be received from 9:00 am - 10:45 am Saturday in the Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Paoli Hospital Foundation, 255 West Lancaster Avenue, MOB 3, Suite 231, Paoli, PA 19301. Condolences may be made by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 3. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Ann Chapel
604 South Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Mass

SEP 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary A. Agostini*



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - September 02, 2022 at 12:13 PM

AD

Sorry sorry to hear this! Mr.A was the best teacher! He was kind, funny and very interesting! My deepest sympathy to his family and friends!
Alicia D'Ambrosio-Clay

Alicia D'Ambrosio-Clay - September 03, 2022 at 08:18 AM

SW

Deepest sympathy to Bernie and family. Gary, I recall served as the GVEA treasurer, as well, as teaching at GVHS. He was a wonderful colleague.

Sally Winterton - September 03, 2022 at 01:15 PM



Mr Agostini, homeroom teacher for my 4 years at GVHS in the early 70's. Teachers were all old to us; surprising now to realize he was just 10 years older than me & my classmates, only a few years out of college himself. Never had him for class, but he always seemed kind, firm & fair, and a great wit. Rest in peace, Mr. A

Bill Geiger - September 03, 2022 at 10:33 PM

ND

Eternal memory Mr Agostini! You were an amazing teacher and person! God Bless your family!

Nancy Ott Dempsey - September 03, 2022 at 11:28 PM

ED

So sorry to hear of the passing of Gary Agostini. I was present doing lab work for him in 10th grade at Great Valley. What a fantastic tribute with his family and pictures through his remembrances of him. Extremely sorry to hear this. 🙏❤️ Will keep him and his family in remembrances 😞

Elizabeth DePenna - September 04, 2022 at 07:26 AM



I have such fond memories of being in his biology class in 10th grade. (around 1970-71) I also was a lab assistant with Beth. We had so much fun in his class. .He was also very kind. I remember him vividly to this day. My thoughts go out to his family and friends.

Sue Smith - September 04, 2022 at 03:38 PM

CP

Speaking for myself and the Academy High School Class of 1964 in Erie, PA, we are deeply saddened to have learned of Gary's passing. Gary was a very good classmate who was popular and liked by all. And wow, what a big sports fan he was! Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Bernadine and his family. Although he is no longer with us, Gary will always be a part of us, and we will keep him alive in our hearts and memories.

Sincerely,

Chuck Pora, and the Academy H.S. Class of 1964

Chuck Pora - September 07, 2022 at 02:32 PM

CP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Chuck Pora - September 07, 2022 at 02:42 PM

LM

“ *What a great teacher. He changed the direction of my life. He encouraged me to follow my ambitions and not let anything get in my way. I did and have been forever great full to him. I did get to talk to him years after I graduated and told him what an impact he had on my life. Thank you my friend. Rest In Peace.*

Lillian Manzelli - September 06, 2022 at 04:28 PM

KS

“ *Dear Agostini family- Like so many others who had the good fortune of knowing Gary; I admired, respected and adored him. He had a big heart and cared deeply for his family and friends. On behalf of the Settari family please accept our sincere condolences on your great loss. May God bring you all comfort and healing. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. With love, Kim Settari*



Kim Settari - September 05, 2022 at 09:03 AM

CS

“ *So sad to hear this. He inspired a life-long love of science and biology and I still tell my kids stories of some of the fun things he did in class. A beloved teacher and wonderful human.*

Colleen Schreiber - September 04, 2022 at 07:43 AM

GG

“ *He was a great teacher and made biology fun! I am so sorry for your loss.*
Gail Stuart Gilbert

Gail Gilbert - September 04, 2022 at 06:58 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Gary A. Agostini.*



August 31, 2022 at 04:43 PM



“ *My husband and I, whole family, so sad to learn about Gary's passing. Our caring thoughts go out to Bernie and Anthony! He was a dedicated teacher and husband and father, grandfather, w a fun sense of humor as well. May his memory be for a blessing. From The Honig Family*

Harold and Brenda Honig - August 31, 2022 at 08:52 AM