

Russell A. Custer Sr.

December 29, 1924 - March 30, 2018

Russell A. Custer, Sr., 93, of Audubon

Russell (Gus) Custer, of Shannondell in Audubon, PA, passed away on March 30, 2018 at the age of 93. Gus was born at home in Oaks, PA on December 29, 1924. He graduated from Phoenixville High School in 1942. A member of Church of the Savior in Wayne at the time of his passing, Gus grew up attending St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oaks.

Russell was predeceased by his wife, Anne, after 69 years of marriage. He was also predeceased by his siblings: sisters Mildred and Nedah, and brothers Irvin (Bud) and Elmer. Gus is survived by his two sons, Russell, Jr. (Kay), and Rick (Kathy) and by a granddaughter, Monica and Rick's stepsons, Charles and Sean, and many nieces and nephews.

After high school, Gus joined the U.S. Navy and served aboard the USS Barb, a submarine, during World War II. The commander of the Barb, the legendary Gene Fluckey, received the Congressional Medal of Honor for the sub's exploits in the Pacific Ocean and authored a book (Thunder Below) about his crew and their war patrols. Gus's name appears three times in the book. Upon his discharge from the Navy, Gus joined the family business along with his two brothers. They built Custer's Garage in Oaks into a reputable repair garage and then added on a school bus business which carried all the students of the Spring-Ford School District since the early 1960's. Even today, years after selling the bus business, one will see the Custer's Garage name stenciled on the side of all Spring-Ford's buses. Though a quiet man by nature, Gus led his

family and friends by being an example to others of godly character such as honesty, integrity, and dependability.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Gus's funeral service at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Main Street at Fifth Avenue in Phoenixville, PA on Wednesday, April 4th at 10:30 AM. Burial will follow at the Limerick Garden of Memories. Friends will be received at the funeral home from 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 126 Black Rock Road, P.O. Box 404, Oaks, PA 19456. Condolences may be offered online by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Limerick Garden of Memories

44 Arcadia Drive
Limerick, PA 19468

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (ET)

Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc
610 South Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Funeral Ceremony

APR 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SD

“ I have very fond memories of Anne and Gus from our years together at Trinity Presbyterian church. My condolences to the family. God bless and comfort you.

SHARON DELANEY - April 11, 2018 at 11:55 AM

BH

“ Russ, Kay, Rick and Kathy my thoughts and prayers are with you. I wish I was able to be therein person, but know my heart will be there in spirit. Uncle Gas was a quite and gentle man with a quick sense of humor. I always love coming to be visit at Christmas each year. All our love Bonnie, Brian and Carlee

Bonnie C Henderson - April 03, 2018 at 07:21 PM

LH

“ Love your Homegroup purchased the Serenity W reath for the family of Russell A. Custer Sr..



Love your Homegroup - April 03, 2018 at 07:54 AM



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Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - April 02, 2018 at 02:16 PM

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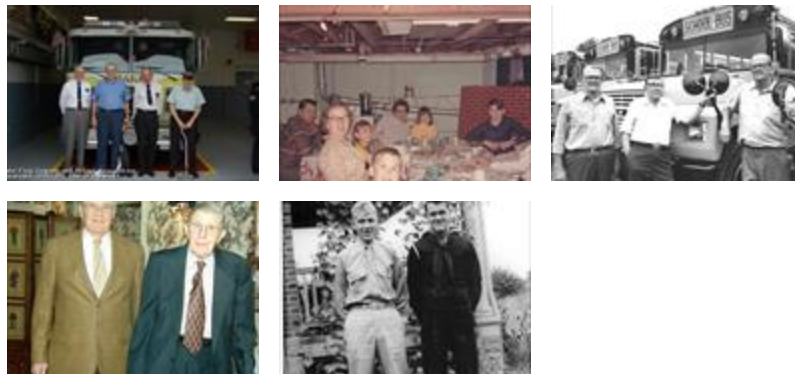
“ *Diane & Dave Smith, Cindy & Ken Custer purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Russell A. Custer Sr..*



Diane & Dave Smith, Cindy & Ken Custer - April 02, 2018 at 11:00 AM

KC

“ *8 files added to the album New Album Name*



Ken Custer - April 02, 2018 at 10:52 AM

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“ *What a wonderful man he was, sending my deepest condolences to the family.*



Sue Zollers - April 01, 2018 at 08:46 AM

RC

Mr. Custer(as was Mrs. Custer) were like my 2nd parents growing up back in the day. Kind, supportive, encouraging and unconditional love. They will be missed but, never forgotten. Together once again.

Rob Copenhafer - April 04, 2018 at 04:29 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Russell A. Custer Sr..*



March 31, 2018 at 07:26 AM