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Gus W. Carlson Jr.

July 2, 1935 - July 15, 2016

Gus W. Carlson Jr., 81, of Michigan City passed away on Friday, July 15, 2016 at his home with his loving family by his side.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at Queen of All Saints Church with Rev. Kevin Huber officiating. Entombment will take place following mass in Swan Lake Memorial Gardens. Viewing will be held on Monday from 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Root Funeral Home and on Tuesday from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. at Queen of All Saints Church.

Gus was born July 2, 1935 in South Bend, Indiana to the late Gus Carlson Sr. and Eileen (Earl) Carlson.

On June 22, 1957 in LaPorte at St. Joseph Church he married the love of his life Annette Nichols who is surviving in Michigan City.

Also surviving are five daughters, Joan Ganschow of Trail Creek, Sue Ann Carlson of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Debi Nabhan of Valparaiso, Lori (Jerry) Wilson of Bridgeman, Michigan and Monique Cook of Michigan City; fourteen grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; one sister, Laura Lee Wroza of Sterling Heights, Michigan; one brother, Patrick Carlson of Kokomo, Indiana and many loving nieces, nephews and friends.

Gus is preceded in death by one sister Jacqueline Neblung.

Gus was a well known business entrepreneur who inspired many.

He was a long time member of Queen of All Saints Church and active in the church's festival for many years running the duck pond and helped establish the Angel Tree. He was a professional baseball player playing for the New York Giants and Michigan City White Caps. He was a National Leader for the Girl Scouts, Elks Lodge 2532 and Moose Family Center #980. He loved coaching and umpiring baseball teams where he could influence and inspire everyone who loved the game while learning life lessons. He was the esteemed head coach of American Legion Post #37 baseball for many years. Gus was an inductee in the LaPorte High School Hall of Fame. One of his greatest moments was when he umpired the baseball games during the Pan Am Games in Indianapolis and umpired at College Spring Training Camps in Panama City, Florida. He was a die hard Cubs, Bears and Notre Dame



Visitation Period:

Monday from 3-7 pm and Tuesday 9-10 a.m.

Type of Services:

Mass of Christian Burial

Burial Location:

Swan Lake Memorial Gardens



Fan. Gus also helped initiate the Catholic Federal Credit Union , establishing a GED Program in LaPorte and Michigan City, and in his role as Director of Community Services at Indiana State Prison he helped organize behind the walls the first American Legion at a state prison. Gus was a community activist who had a positive impact on many lives. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, uncle and friend too many. He always told his family "Faith-Family-Fun."

Memorials may be made to Social and Learning Institute, Queen of All Saints Church or Marquette High School.

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