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2016 mugshot of Poste after being arrested for [Domestic violence](#)

<b>Born</b>	November 8, 1937 Potsdam, New York
<b>Died</b>	August 23, 2018 (aged 80) <a href="#">St. Joseph's Medical Center</a>
<b>Occupation</b>	Union painter
<b>Known for</b>	Being a suspect of <a href="#">Zodiac Killer</a>
<b>Spouse</b>	Mary Poste
<b>Children</b>	1

**Gary Francis Poste** (November 8, 1937 - August 23, 2018) was an [American painter](#). He is suspected to be the [Zodiac Killer](#).

In 2021, a group known as the 'Case Breakers' a group of former cops, forensic analysts, and retired military investigators publicly said that they had identified Poste as a suspect in the killings. <sup>[1]</sup>

The FBI has officially declared the case to be 'open and ongoing'

## Early life

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Gary Francis Poste was born on November 8, 1937 to his father Glenn Poste and his mother Elva Marie Robinson Poste. He had two siblings.

At a young age, Poste joined the [Air Force](#).

## Personal life

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Poste married a woman named Mary sometime in the 1970s. They had one child.

When Poste was 20 years old, he was involved in a [car accident](#). He was working at an Air Force radar station near Rockville, Indiana at the time. It happened when he was riding as a passenger in a [Jeep](#) that crashed into a railroad tunnel wall, resulting in the driver's death.

Poste's forehead bore significant scarring, resulting from the severe skull and [brain injuries](#) he sustained. Afterwards, he had to undergo the removal of all his teeth.

Newspaper detailing the crash

After the recovery, Poste was shipped out to a radar station in Greenland, known to some as one of the “loneliest and most isolated” bases in the world.<sup>[2]</sup>

Poste allegedly instructed a group of young men on the process of transforming [pipe bombs](#) into explosive devices intended for house demolition.<sup>[3]</sup>

In 2016, Poste was arrested for [domestic violence](#). The arrest came after he allegedly pushed his wife down the stairs.<sup>[4][5]</sup> He was placed in Toulumne County Jail and charged with the crime. Poste was later found not to be mentally capable to stand trial for the crime and was put in the California State Hospital.

## Death

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Poste died on August 23, 2018, according to his death certificate, his passing was attributed to [sepsis](#), [septic shock](#), dysphagia, and [vascular dementia](#). His remains were scattered in the Sierra Mountains.<sup>[6]</sup>

Before his passing, he had given his weapons, pistol components, gunpowder, bullets, and over a thousand shell casings of various calibers, to his 'favorite' individuals.<sup>[7]</sup>

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