



## Gustav R. Bellisari

January 31, 1933 - March 31, 2022

### Gustav R. Bellisari - Family Always Came First

Army veteran, loving husband and father, devoted brother, Gus Bellisari, 89, of Arden Heights, passed away on March 31, 2022 surrounded by those he loved the most - his son Steven, daughter-in-law Regina, and their three dogs, BB (the king), Max, and Stella. Gus was the beloved son of the late Gustavo and Mary Bellisari, enamored husband to the late Anny Bellisari, and dedicated brother to the late Marilyn Bellisari.

Gus was born in Brooklyn, NY in the winter of 1933. After spending time in the Army during the Korean War, he came back to Brooklyn where he and his best friend Ralph DiGennaro found the love of their lives when they met Norwegian sisters Ann and Sigfrid. Having spent his career in the Office of Naval Services as a contract administrator, his two true passions were his family and playing basketball.

As most Brooklynites do, Gus crossed the Verrazano Bridge into Staten Island where he settled in Village Greens. One of the biggest draws was the basketball courts where you could find him every Sunday morning playing hoops with the "kids", which was then followed by Sunday dinner with the family.

Gus is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, his best friend and sister-in-law, nieces, nephews, cousins, and his grandpuppies. We would be remiss if we didn't also mention the wonderful people who took care of him through his prolonged illness that became his good friends and could always get him to laugh.

The family will receive friends from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 3, 2022, at the John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc., 28 Eltingville Blvd, Staten Island, New York.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022 at the Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Moravian Cemetery, Staten Island, NY.

# Cemetery Details

## Moravian Cemetery

2205 Richmond Road  
Staten Island, NY 10306

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 3. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

John Vincent Scalia Home for Funerals, Inc.  
28 Eltingville Blvd  
Staten Island, NY 10312

## Visitation

APR 3. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

APR 4. 10:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Gustav R. Bellisari*

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October 04, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gustav R. Bellisari.*



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April 07, 2022 at 04:06 PM

DG

“ Uncle Gussy will be missed by our family very much. His quiet demeanor always stood out at our family gatherings. He was a an island of quiet in a sea of gregarious and outgoing and loud family. The other quiet ones sought him out and usually found him in the kitchen doing dishes by hand and doing his best to be useful.

Every holiday was a gathering of the extended family. We had so many fun times as a family in Brooklyn at my mother Janet Braskett's and Mr. Iverson's and my grandmother's Carrie DiGennaro's as well as in Staten Island and in Paramus NJ at Uncle Ralph's and Aunt Sigrid's house. I am forever grateful that the bond he and Uncle Ralph formed created such a diverse and fun family.

I was always drawn to his quietness and work ethic and was impressed with how much he adored his wife Aunt Ann. He glowed with love when she spoke. It was clear they adored each other. Their love was truly inspiring especially for me as my parents divorced. Love can last and theirs did and built a family. What better life can there be than to live a long life with the one you love? Uncle Gussy is truly someone to be celebrated.

With love and deep sympathy,  
Debbie and Dave Gonski along with their children Eric and Julia Gonski

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**Debra Braskett Gonski** - April 04, 2022 at 10:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gustav R. Bellisari.



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April 02, 2022 at 10:31 PM

XK

“ xxxooo Melinda, Kiarash, Zoey & Kiana purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Gustav R. Bellisari.



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**xxxooo Melinda, Kiarash, Zoey & Kiana** - April 02, 2022 at 09:56 PM

MB

“ *When I was a kid, I asked my mom what Uncle Gus did for a living and she told me he worked for the government. For some reason, I decided he worked for the CIA, maybe because he was vague when I asked him about his job. I thought that's why he was in great shape and not forthcoming about details. I always felt a bond with him and treasured the moments we spent in my mom's kitchen as he would often spend time with me as I was cleaning up. He always asked me questions about the details of my life and made me feel special.*

*I remember the day when I realized that Uncle Gus was the brother of my mom's best friend Marilyn. It made so much sense as the were both so kind and loving. Marilyn suffered from Lupus and as I learned as an adult, Uncle Gus was one of her pillars of strength.*

*There is so much more I would of loved to tell him and I would of loved to show him videos of Zoey and Kiana playing basketball.*

*Uncle Gus will always have a place in my heart and will continue to inspire me to be patient and kind, and to show my love by listening.*

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**Melinda Braskett** - April 02, 2022 at 09:43 PM

RS

“ *Ralph & Sigfrid purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Gustav R. Bellisari.*



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**Ralph & Sigfrid** - April 02, 2022 at 01:08 PM

MF

“ *Mark, Paul, Diane and their families purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Gustav R. Bellisari.*



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**Mark, Paul, Diane and their families** - April 02, 2022 at 12:37 PM