

Constantin Gus Vlahos

JANUARY 17, 2013



Lovingly remembered by his devoted wife of 60 years, Helen; his three children, Kathy Vlahos-Makridis and Costas Makridis, Stam James Vlahos, Yolanda Tkachyk; three grandchildren, Denise and Daniel Collins, Ashley Tkachyk, Constantine Vlahos; his two precious great grandchildren, Jake and Ayla Collins; and his many nieces and nephews in Canada, Greece and around the world. You fought your battle like a tiger, but you still left us. You will forever be in our hearts and in our minds. Bon voyage on your final journey, our beloved. (Kalo taxidi agapimene mas). A Prayer Service will be held at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 1 Tamarac Crescent SW, Calgary on Thursday, January 24, 2013 at 7:00 pm. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, January 25, 2013 at 11:00 am with interment to follow at Queen's Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to A.L.S. Society, 250, 4723 - 1 Street SW, Calgary, AB, T2G 4Y8.

Messages of Condolence

I'm so sorry for your loss. It's hard on everyone when a family member leaves us.

Kathy, I don't know if you remember me from Petro-Canada days. I'd love to hear from you when you have a chance.

Blessings to you and your family.

— **Betty-Anne Purdy (Brown)**

Yolanda, we are sorry to hear of Gus's passing. We have many great memories of Greece and especially Acharavie that you and your father introduced us to. We are especially grateful for the hospitality shown to us when we vacationed there.

Blessings to you and your family.

Sincerely Ron and Joyce Hessler

— **Ron and Joyce Hessler**

Our sympathy to the family for your loss of Gus. He was always helpful and friendly when we did travelling ticketing with National Travel, with you, Yolanda & Jim. So sad that he is gone.

- Rosemarie & Ernie Berg

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Helen, Jim, Denise & Dean:

My sincere sympathy to you all on Gus' passing. He was a great Pnt McKay neighbour, looking out for me like I was one of his kids. Gus always had a wave, a smile and time for a good old chat. He was a very fine gentleman and I know you will miss him greatly.

— **Lee Clay**

Helen and Family, I was saddened to learn of Gus's passing. Please accept my sincere heartfelt condolences at this point in your grief. Gus was a true gentleman and was an example to us all in demonstrating integrity, honesty and strong family values. I considered him a friend and mentor. My prayers are with you and your family.

Sincerely,

Martin Wilkins

Formerly District Sales Manager

Mexicana Airlines

— **martin wilkins**

To The Vlahos family, I was so sad to hear of Gus's passing. I carry the fondest memories of our times at the Travel Agency and our many laughs and good times. Gus was not just an amazing boss but a true friend and mentor. God Bless.

— **Brenda Marshall and Jerry Hrabchak**

Our thoughts and prayers and memories are with you Helen, Yolanda, Jim, Kathy & Vlahos Family!

Gus was such an incredible and inspiring person. Loved him the first day we met during our KLM/National days. He had so much energy and passion for people! Everyone got a huge big smile/hug and sincere hand-shake! We all were so truly blessed to have this man in our lives! He always always made time for you during challenging times and great times.

We also know you lost his brother just prior to Gus and again our thoughts & prayers are with you. I/we think of Gus and you often and it brings a smile to my/our face...

oxoxx Michael, Lydia, Alexis & Chanel Palmer

— **Michael, Lydia, Alexis & Chanel Palmer**

Sending you our deepest sympathy and may you know our caring thoughts are with you at this time. Gus and I spent many hours travelling the Alberta highways together with the A.G.T. Mobile Radio Dept. These great days will be remembered for ever.

Eileen and Les Lehr

— **Les and Eileen Lehr**

My deepest condolences. Your dad was always so kind and wonderful to speak with. May he rest in peace. Thinking of you all.

— **Ellen Tsaprailis**

It was with great sadness that I read of Gus's passing this week. From early on in my career in the travel industry it was evident that Gus was a one of a kind individual. He was a true gentleman who always had time for those of us who were just beginning our careers. There was no-one who knew more about Europe and Greece and he was always willing to share that knowledge.

Our industry has lost a dear soul. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of your family.

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Dear Helen and family. Our thoughts, love and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time.

— **Mando and kosta Giannoulis**

Dear Helen, Cathy, Jim, Yolanda and Family,

I am sadly moved by the news of Gus' passing. Seeing his handsome photo in the newspaper brought back a flood of kind memories.

Through my years of working at National Travel, Gus was a father, mentor and friend to me. He will always be my role model for the best of what God made in a person: thoughtful and generous, humble and a charming sense of humour. Gus had a handful of jokes that he never grew tired of re-telling and no one ever laughed harder than Gus himself. Every day was a new day for Gus!

As an employer, he had unquestioning respect for his staff. He trusted our integrity and believed in our best qualities.....despite our shortcomings! Gus worked long, intense days in the demanding travel industry. Regardless of how long the back-log of phone calls or waiting clients, each person that walked in the door was made to feel the most important thing in his day.

I remember a little Thai restaurant opened on 17 Avenue: a new sort of cuisine for Calgary in the early 80's! On the very first day that the restaurant opened, at noon hour Gus announced: " We're closing the office!" Gus paraded all of us to over there for a wonderful lunch. The husband and wife owner were most appreciative! When we were leaving, I noticed Gus very quietly take the husband aside, and slip a crisp \$100 bill in his hand. He said, " This will bring your restaurant good luck". It was these little gestures that made Gus such a mighty human being.

Gus was ageless and timeless; he found joy in most things that he touched. He loved his family immensely and enjoyed his friends endlessly. I shall always cherish his goodness, quiet laugh and smiling eyes.

My heart felt sadness for our loss,
Jeannie Minchin

— **Jeannie and John Minchin**

Dear Jim , Yolanda and Helen and family,

What a beautiful photograpgh of Gus. It shows the kind man he was. Always a smile and always optimistic. You must miss him dearly. My thoughts are with you all. I am blessed having known this kind and gentle man.

Much love. Patrick and Marjorie Field-Robinson

— **Marjorie Field-Robinson**



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