



## Gus Anton

January 3, 2021

Gus Anton, 94, passed away peacefully January 3, 2021, with his family by his side, in Huntsville, Texas. A memorial service is planned for 10 am on Jan. 15, 2021 at the Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian at 353 East Clinton Avenue in Tenafly, New Jersey. 201-567-5072

Gus was a member of the greatest generation who grew up during the Depression. He was born February 15, 1926, in Manhattan, New York. His father was a candy store owner and landlord in East Harlem who emigrated from Kalavryta, Greece, in 1905 and enlisted in the United States Army in World War I, losing his right arm in the Battle of the Argonne Forest with the Pershing American Expeditionary Force. Gus' mother came from Soudena in Greece and helped at the candy store, where Gus worked as a young boy with his brothers Harry and Nick, and sister Catherine.

Gus Anton graduated from the High School of Industrial Arts and enlisted in the US Navy in World War II. He served as a signalman on a destroyer escorting unarmed ships to England, and on a destroyer in the Pacific Theater. On his discharge he was awarded an American Area Combat Ribbon with one star, and European and Asiatic and Pacific Combat Ribbons.

Returning to New York, he became an art director in advertising agencies such as Ogilvy and Mather. He met and married Bertha Leventy and the

couple moved to their home in Tenafly, New Jersey, raising their two daughters and son there. Gus had a long career as an art director and in management for JC Penney in New York, where he designed the well-known company catalogs.

He was a founding member of the Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian in Tenafly, where he served on the first and second parish councils, attended regularly, and contributed his artistic skill to its publicity pamphlets and brochures.

His interests included ice skating, the opera, swimming, nature walks, painting and art museums. He devoted his time to his family and children, to whom he gave his undivided love and encouragement. He attended most every Tenafly Board of Education meeting and wrote frequent letters to the local newspaper. He had a sense of humor and order. None of his children will ever forget his thoughtful driving directions.

He is survived by his sister Catherine (James) Millas, two daughters Rhea (Michael Yeager) and Stephanie (John Vlahakis), and son Ted (Maja Eaton), and his seven grandchildren, Cassidy and Hunter Yeager, Alexandra, Ian and Zachary Vlahakis, and Marja (Josh Nelson) and Constantine Anton.

In lieu of flowers, please send contributions in Gus Anton's name to the Metropolitan Cathedral of St. John the Theologian in Tenafly, NJ. <http://stjohntenafly.org>

Funeral Service will be live streamed, Friday, January 15th at 10 AM at their website: <http://stjohntenafly.org/>

# Cemetery Details

## Brookside Cemetery

425 Engle St  
Englewood, NJ 07631

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John The Theologian Greek Orthodox Church  
353 E Clinton Ave  
Tenafly, NJ 07670

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Ted and Maja and family: Brandon and I are so sorry for your loss. Please take strength from the well-wishes of everyone who loves you.* ”



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