



Gottlieb "Gus" Matthew Rohde III

December 7, 1936 - May 19, 2023

Gottlieb "Gus" Rohde, 86, of Dewey, Oklahoma passed away on Friday, May 19, 2023.

Gus was born on December 7th, 1936, to Gottlieb and Florence Rohde in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

After graduating from Admiral Farragut High School in 1954, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served from 1957 to 1961. Gus was stationed at Altus AFB, Oklahoma where he served as a Maintenance Specialist on B-52 aircraft. In 1958, he married his wife Sandra (Abenanty), from Syracuse, NY, and after completing a four-year enlistment in the Air Force, he and Sandra moved to Liverpool, NY where they went on to raise five sons.

Gus joined the New York State Police in 1962 and served as a State Trooper until his retirement in 1978. Prior to retiring from the State Police, he earned his private pilot license and also earned various pilot ratings including his Commercial Transport License. Gus then served as a commercial pilot for ten years flying for Sair Aviation, Coin Laundry, and Niagara Mohawk. He was a certified member of the Quiet Birdmen (QB) pilot's fraternity.

In 1986 Gus moved to Cody, Wyoming, closer to his brother Peter and mother Florence. While living in Wyoming he worked part time as a mountain outfitter and frequently enjoyed hunting and fishing in the great outdoors.

Gus then moved to Dewey, Oklahoma in 2002 where he joined the Our Lady of Guadalupe church community. He served as a Sunday school teacher for many years and became very involved with the Catholic charity Unbound, where his passion for service grew. Gus personally sponsored several children living in Honduras and Guatemala to provide much needed education, health, and welfare necessities and watched many of his sponsored children grow into adulthood. Gus took several trips to Central America over the years to visit the children he sponsored and to see first-hand the challenges they faced.

Gus is survived by his younger brother Peter, and his five sons: Michael (Tricia), David (Patrice), Richard (Gina), William (Lisa), and Thomas; and his five grandchildren: Justin, Matthew, Renae, Camille, and Madeline.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to "The Journey Home" <https://www.thejourneyhomeok.org/>.

Visitation will be held Monday from 11am to 8pm at the Davis Family Funeral Home, 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75). A rosary will be said on Monday at 7pm, in the Davis Family Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be held Tuesday, 10am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Dewey Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with family at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Dewey Cemetery

HWY 75 North
Dewey, OK 74029

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Rosary

MAY 22. 7:00 PM (CT)

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113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
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Funeral Mass

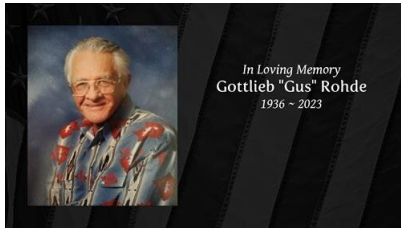
MAY 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church
400 W 9th St.
Dewey, OK 74029

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gottlieb "Gus" Matthew Rohde III*



Davis Family Funeral Home - May 20, 2023 at 06:51 PM

MH

I will remember Gus fondly. We share many days deer hunting in Central NY occasionally with his sons. I was Chief Flight INSTRUCTOR at Sair Aviation and trained him for his Multi Engine Rating. We then flew many Corporate flights together. He was a very competent and professional pilot. Gus was also a brother in the fraternal order of Quiet Birdmen Syracuse Hargar . At our next meeting in June a Silent Toast will be given in his honor.He will be missed. Mickey Henson Mickeyh210@gmail.com

mickey Henson - May 23, 2023 at 02:41 PM

TC

A wonderful man that I will cherish forever! I am honored to have meet Gus and become friends. Love you and will always keep you in my heart! Rest in Gods sweet hands my friend!

Teresa J Covey

Teresa Covey - May 23, 2023 at 11:31 PM

EH

“ *Earl Holder from Cody, Wy. Gus and I were very dear friends, lots of motorcycle miles together. My granddaughter, Whitney Marie Holder was very young, maybe about 8 years old, she traveled many many miles with me and Gus. We would take her to Yellowstone Park to Old Faithful, have lunch and come home. She rode many times with Gus on our rides, also to all the Goldwing Rallys throughout Wyoming. Gussie-Gus, as Whitney called him, was her "other Grandpa." Me and Gus thought it was great that Whitney, at such a young age, and for many years, would hang out with a couple "Old fellas" like Gus and I. Very thankful for the years we got to spend with Gus and hated to see him leave Cody. You never know, he just might be looking down on us now. May he rest in peace. My condolences tyo his family.*

Earl Holder - June 03, 2024 at 11:49 PM

KH

“ My sincerest condolences to Gus' family on his passing. He was a great friend and I will miss him. Some of my best memories involve the many flights we crewed together at Exec Air, Syracuse in the Piper Navajo and various King Air aircraft. Perhaps the best memories are the hunting trips in Cody Wyoming. May the Lord bless and keep him.

*Karl Hofmann, ATP, CFI
26 Lake shore Drive
Willsboro, NY 12996*

Karl Hofmann - May 24, 2023 at 07:20 AM

AP

“ Condolences to Gus' family. I worked with Gus at SP North Syracuse, New York State Police and remember him as a gentle, caring individual. It sounds as though he fine tuned those traits after leaving the State Police.
RIP Gus

Al Piontkowski

Allen Piontkowski - May 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM

MH

Al, you described him well. Mickey Henson

mickey Henson - May 23, 2023 at 02:43 PM

VS

“ Please accept my sincere condolences for your Father Gus
In our thoughts and prayers as he was a very close friend of Shelby and I when you were all growing up
We had so many memories and can't ever forget our hunting trips together
And being together with your family and our family
Gus was very proud of his family and we were fortunate enough to be part of it

vince stagnitta - May 21, 2023 at 09:13 AM