



George Gregory Gallo

May 24, 1950 - August 31, 2023

George Gregory Gallo, 73 years old, of Middletown, New York, passed away at home on Thursday, August 31 with his wife at his side. George was born on May 24, 1950 to Paul and Ruth Gallo in Staten Island, New York. He graduated Plainedge high school in 1968. As a young man, George had successful businesses in Buffalo and then California, designing and building furniture and wood toys. In George's 50s, he went on to study and receive a degree in Theatre Arts at SUNY New Paltz. Actively involved in theatre both in front of and behind the curtain, George acted and directed many productions, most notably at the Fringe Festival, off off Broadway, SUNY New Paltz and SUNY Orange. For the past twenty years, George is the owner of the Middletown retail store, Pool It.

In 2011, George met the love of his life, Enma Naomi, married in Guayacail, Ecuador and shared twelve years of marriage together. George is predeceased by parents Paul and Ruth, sister Ellen Kallmeyer, and is survived by his sister, Dorothy Miller of Michigan and cousin Nancy Bentley of North Carolina. George is also survived by wife, Enma, her parents Manuel and Maria, and a large loving extended family which include Sandra Ante and family, Pedro Urgiles and family, Julio and family, Fausto and family, Carmen and family, Libia and family, Lus and family, Blanca and family, Maria and family, Carlos and family, Jose and family, Rocio and family.

George had an enormous heart and wonderful sense of humor. He was generous, loyal, and brave. He was clever and full to the brim with knowledge gained through all of his life experiences. Whether you were watching George perform on stage, chatting with him at Pool It, or bump into him at the supermarket, George had a cheerful attitude and a beautiful smile, which was contagious and brought a smile to your face. The funeral service will be held on Wednesday September 6th, 2023 at 11AM, St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, with interment at the cemetery. The viewing/visitation will be held from 4pm-8pm on Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 at Martinez-Morse Funeral Home, 33 Railroad Avenue, Middletown. Memorial donations may be made to the Gastric Cancer Foundation, PO Box 338, Millbrae, CA 94030.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph's Cemetery

149 Cottage Street
Middletown, NY 10940

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Martinez-Morse Funeral Home
33 Railroad Ave
Middletown, NY 10940
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Funeral Service

SEP 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph's Church
149 Cottage Street
Middletown, NY 10940

Tribute Wall



“ *Martinez Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of George Gregory Gallo*



Martinez Funeral Homes - September 02, 2023 at 01:23 PM

EG

“ *Porque me dejaste sola mi amor.esto duele, solo vivire de los bellos momentos que vivimos juntos, hoy me pregunto que paso es un sueño voy a despertar y tu vas estar aqui conmigo .
Que alguien me diga que esto no es verdad, mi precioso de mi vida se me fue y no regresara , cuanto dolor invade mi alma.eres el esposo perfect.
Gracias mi amor por tu enceñanzas todo lo aprendi gracias a ti, aun quedan muchas cosa por apender nos falta tiempo para recorrer, mas Aventura juntos, pero tambien se que aqui estaras cuidandome. I love you forever ever mi ojitos azules*

Enma Gallo - September 07, 2023 at 02:03 AM

MP

“ I met George back in 1997. Long story but before I met George for months in the spring/summer I would get these phone calls at 5am asking for “George” to pick them up for work, they spoke no other English so I couldn’t figure out why they kept calling. This went on for about 4 months as it was a landline and couldn’t just turn off the phone. Then one day a friend of mine opened a pizzeria downtown and needed some carpentry work done and he hired George. After meeting/talking to George we exchanged phone numbers only to realize our numbers were only 1 digit off with the last 4 being the same. I told him the story of the people that didn’t speak English and he said “oh you’re the guy hanging up on my workers!” Haha! Then I would go on to get a job at the phone company up in Sullivan County. In the spring/summer months I would be working in the absolute middle of nowhere and I would see a pool being installed and sure enough it was George. This happened twice a week or so for years. I honestly don’t think more than 6 months ever went by where we didn’t run into each other. And when we did he would ask how I was doing, how my kids were and he was always genuinely interested in our conversations. A trip to his pool store was never quick because we would sit there and talk forever. My daughter called him the “crazy but nice pool man” and that fit him perfect. Feels like I was destined to stay in touch with him all these years and for that I’m grateful. George was one of the kindest most sincere people I’ve ever met. Definitely going to miss our conversations and his laugh. What a damn good guy! RIP George...

Mike Pallay - September 05, 2023 at 08:57 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of George Gregory Gallo.



September 05, 2023 at 01:19 PM

AR

“ Rest in peace George.

A Ross - September 05, 2023 at 10:35 AM

SA

“ Daddy mi George es muy triste escribir en el muro donde solo serán recuerdos, recuerdos bellos y especiales pero doloroso pensar que ya no estarás con nosotros y ya nos nos vamos a volver a ver, ya no te veré llegar en el aeropuerto, ya no escucharé tus risas y caras chistosos, tu español perfecto y yo con mi inglés malo, pero ahí nos dábamos con tal de entendernos... quiero q sepas que te vamos extrañar mucho en casa y que estoy agradecida por ser un buen padre y abuelito para mis hijos Candy e Iker... siempre vivirás en mi corazón, cuida de mi madre desde el cielo y guíanos para hacer las cosas bien... eres especial y siéntete feliz que hay muchas personas que te quieren mucho y eres muy honrado por tu trabajo en el teatro... te amo de aquí al cielo, vuela alto mi daddy querido 🕊️😭🙏🏻 cuando llegue a EEUU te visitaré siempre 🏠

sandra - September 04, 2023 at 11:51 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of George Gregory Gallo.



September 04, 2023 at 09:09 PM

TL

“ Terry and Carl Leidner planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Gregory Gallo.

Terry and Carl Leidner - September 04, 2023 at 02:57 PM

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“ Terry and Carl Leidner purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of George Gregory Gallo.



Terry and Carl Leidner - September 04, 2023 at 02:57 PM

MS

“ George and I attended SUNY New Paltz together where we studied theatre. George was “the old guy” in the program and as such he was an oddity to most of us who were 20 or younger. But as theatre majors all of us were oddities who had experienced a good amount of “othering” in our short life experiences. George was unabashedly enthusiastic about engaging in the theatre program and with us, his younger cohorts. I met George when I auditioned for his production of *Marat/Sade*. He cast me as a patient in the show’s setting: an insane asylum. It was my first show in college. He gave me an opportunity to shine and it led to every other part I was cast in while I went to college there. I met my best friend while doing that show. George changed my life when he cast me in that crazy show. It also forever made me associate George with insane asylums, which is something I let him know and he seemed quite happy with. George had an amazing sense of humor, adventure and self awareness. He leaned into his quirks and his life experience shined in the academic setting. It’s taken me 20 years to get closer to his life experience when I met him, and I’m still only just starting to appreciate how brave it is to step into a room filled with young, insecure people and participate in the sort of theatre he did for my years there. Keeping in touch with him all these years on Facebook has been a wonderful insight into the man he always was: funny, curious, and young at heart. He never hung up the towel on experiencing life and doing so bravely with curiosity and passion. In his memory I will try to do the same. I’ll also try my best to be more insane as ye always seemed to see I had a talent for it. My thoughts are with those who knew him better and are mourning the loss of a very sweet man. I’m very thankful for George.

Marc Sauve - September 04, 2023 at 08:29 AM

DC

“ Last week, George messaged me that he was receiving “Every little bit of politeness. Every bit of ‘positiveness’ and if you knew George...that pretty much sums him up perfectly. I met George in our very early days of improv. He loved comedy so much that he opened up a little sandwich shop in downtown Middletown, which had both a stage in the front and a TV studio in the back. So, the sandwich shop was just a front for his being a real ham- Pun intended. I have such fond memories of those early days. Some of my guys will remember our big hit songs like, “British People Think They’re Smart, but they just have bad teeth” and “You can’t be a firefighter if you don’t play with your lighter”George may not have been successful at running a sandwich shop, but he was good at making people laugh and making friends. At some point, we got into a little kerfuffle because he was giving my actors notes. I was being my pompous self and said, “George...if you want to give actors notes, then get a theater degree and then maybe...” A few short years later, he came up to me and said, “Remember when you told me to get a theater degree?” I nodded. “Well, I’m going back to school to get one.” He smiled that George smile, followed up with his signature George gesture. When he went to SUNY New Paltz and had a blast. Anyone who had classes with him or worked on/off stage with him knew just how much theater meant to him. Pure joy and positivity.

He supported the comedy troupe and our department shows all these years. He rarely missed a show. George always made me laugh and I always enjoyed talking ‘theater’ with him. Everyone I’ve told so far has said the same thing, “George was one of my favorite people.” My goodness...isn’t that something to which we can all aspire. To be good. To be loved. And to have people say you were one of their favorite people. George was a mensch and he will be missed-

David H Cohen - September 03, 2023 at 12:56 PM

DC

“ 5 files added to the album *George at SUNY Orange*



David H Cohen - September 03, 2023 at 12:48 PM

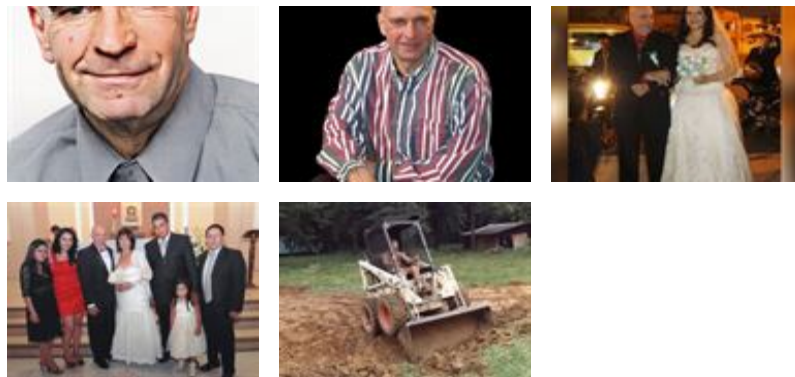
RD

“ *Best guy I ever knew. Friends since the early 70s. Built swimming pools and furniture with him in his businesses. Shared apartments in San Diego. Went to Mexico together. Lots and lots of laughs. I will miss him always. My heart goes out to Emma..... Ron*

Ron Damico - September 02, 2023 at 02:44 PM



“ 35 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Martinez Funeral Homes - September 02, 2023 at 01:24 PM

JS

“ Julie and Pete Szulewski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of George Gregory Gallo.

Julie and Pete Szulewski - September 02, 2023 at 10:11 AM

JS

“ Julie and Pete Szulewski purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of George Gregory Gallo.



Julie and Pete Szulewski - September 02, 2023 at 10:11 AM

PA

“ I am so proud to be able to call Georgie my friend, he brought so much joy to my life through our talks and laughs. He was always there if I needed anything while never asking for anything in return but a thank you. Enma and family my heart goes out to you at this time and pray for your hearts to heal during this time. Georgie was larger than life in all ways with experiences to share with such enjoyment when he spoke of his adventures through his life. The fondness he spoke of when he told me about his life long friends and the fun they had throughout the years from NY to California , Yellowstone and in between. Stories from pea soup , your love of the stage , every sport to traveling. Your life will be treasured by everyone you met. You will be missed but never forgotten. Love you Georgie
Patty and Al



Patty - September 01, 2023 at 07:02 PM