



Salvatore "Sal" Peter Gatto

October 25, 1930 - November 12, 2023

Salvatore Peter Gatto, fondly known as Sal, Dad, or PaPaw, passed away on November 12, 2023, in Spring, TX, surrounded by his loving wife and two children after a life well lived. Born on October 25, 1930, in Belleville, NJ, to Nicholas and Rosa (nee Duca) Gatto. He was the youngest of eight children born to Sicilian immigrants.

Sal's journey through life was marked by a vibrant spirit, a love for family, and a passion for various pursuits. He attended Caldwell Schools and excelled in football, eventually transitioning into a semi-professional football career. A dedicated member of the Caldwell Fire Department, he later owned the successful Caldwell Pizzeria, a testament to his entrepreneurial spirit.

In the 1960s, Sal relocated to Sea Bright, NJ, embracing the small-town shore life. Actively involved in the local fire department and town council, he spent his free time enjoying his fishing boat at Bill's Landing. The mid-seventies brought an opportunity to move to Houston, TX, where he met and married the love of his life, Tennie Gatto. Together, they shared 47 years of marriage. Sal's professional journey led him to MJ Sheridan and Son, where he contributed to laying pipelines along major highways in NJ and Houston, TX. Later, he worked with North Houston Pole Line until his retirement at the age 79.

A devoted family man, Sal's greatest joy was his family. He was known for his "bad dad jokes," playful teasing, and the proud passing on of his cherished meatball recipe. His impact extended to his community involvement,

evidenced by his active roles in fire departments and town councils.

Sal is preceded in death by his parents Nichola and Rosa (Duca) Gatto, and siblings Harriett, Carmen, Anna, Rose, Nicholas, Peter, and Josephine. He is survived by his loving wife Tennie Gatto, daughter Margaret Gatto Senn, son Nicholas Gatto and his wife Lindsay, stepdaughter Tammie Renee Reece, Stepson Tommy Ray Reece and wife Sherry, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Sal's life will take place on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at Addison Funeral Home, 18630 Kuykendahl Rd, Spring, TX, 77379. Visitation will be held from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM. Service will commence at 11:00 AM. Sal will be laid to rest at Tranquility Oaks Cemetery, 22302 Hildebrandt Rd, Spring, TX, 77389.

The family requests honoring Sal's memory by sharing a bad joke with loved ones, savoring a cannoli or meatball, or listening to a 1950s radio show, preferably one about the headless horseman.

Salvatore Peter Gatto will be remembered for his larger-than-life personality and the love he shared generously with those fortunate enough to know him. May he rest in peace.

Cemetery Details

Tranquility Oaks Cemetery

22302 Hildebrandt Road
Spring, TX 77389
(281) 350-0998
<https://addisonfuneralhomes.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Addison Funeral Home
18630 Kuykendahl Road
Spring, TX 77379
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addisonfh@yahoo.com
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Funeral Service

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

NOV 16. 12:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JG

“ I remember Sal as a strong and funny man. I was around him the most when we would all get together to help Tammie move. He was always teasing and making funny jokes. What a great sense of humor he had! You surely know you have my deepest sympathy and my love as well. He will be missed.
Jane Guerin

Jane Heney Guerin - November 21, 2023 at 08:39 AM

MR

“ So Sorry to hear this . I know Sal will be missed. My love and condolences to this wonderful family. ❤️

Morgan. And Debra Rabon - November 16, 2023 at 08:21 AM

AC

“ Annette Crorey purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Salvatore "Sal" Peter Gatto.



Annette Crorey - November 15, 2023 at 02:29 PM

CD

“ Clark, Catherine and Miles Dean purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Salvatore "Sal" Peter Gatto.



Clark, Catherine and Miles Dean - November 15, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Salvatore "Sal" Peter Gatto.



November 15, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Salvatore "Sal" Peter Gatto.



November 15, 2023 at 10:57 AM



“ Al and Lynda Dean planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Salvatore "Sal" Peter Gatto.

Al and Lynda Dean - November 14, 2023 at 11:23 PM



“ Al and Lynda Dean purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Salvatore "Sal" Peter Gatto.



Al and Lynda Dean - November 14, 2023 at 11:23 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Salvatore "Sal" Peter Gatto.*



November 14, 2023 at 06:17 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Salvatore "Sal" Peter Gatto.*



November 14, 2023 at 06:13 PM



“ *Uncle Sal was a great man and a person I always looked up to. I will always remember Family get togethers and him always being there for all of us when we needed someone to talk to. I will miss him terribly.*

Wade Sharp - November 14, 2023 at 03:49 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Salvatore "Sal" Peter Gatto.*



November 14, 2023 at 12:38 PM