



Ildefonso Gil Guillen

August 26, 2022

ILDEFONSO GIL GUILLEN

January 03, 1929 - August 26, 2022

Ildefonso Gil Guillen passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on August 26th, 2022. He is survived by his 2 sons Gabriel (Maria Cipriano) and Ildefonso Guillen (Ann Guillen) and a proud and devoted Grandfather to his grandson Mattie Guillen. Ildefonso was born in the town of La Linea in his much beloved country of Spain where politics and a difficult job market under the Dictatorship of Francisco Franco made him search for better opportunities abroad. After much soul-searching migration to Canada was to be the chosen path. In 1970 with his wife Herminia Guillen, 2 sons and his mother-in-law Maria Ortega, the family embarked on the journey to a new life. We settled in Toronto where we had 2 uncles ready and willing to show us all the great things Canada had to offer. He made a life for us here with kindness and determination.

We will miss his easy smile, the way he always was a gentleman even when he was using a walker, he would quickly move ahead of some lady so he could hold open her door. He was generous and supportive and strong. He was passionate about classical music and cooking (his paella was the Best!) his culinary skills learned from watching the cooks and chefs he worked with

in his many years at the CARA Foods kitchens in the Commerce Court and Union Station restaurants. As a younger man he loved to soak up classical literary titles such as his favorite "The Count of Montecristo". As kids my brother and I would often be amazed by the great store of knowledge my dad would impressively have at his fingertips. We owe him our love of books, and mystery and all things related to science. His great childlike curiosity was boundless and lasted long into his life, he was in many ways childlike in his wonderment. Ildefonso sadly lost his wife after 65 years of marriage in December 2021 and he just could not carry on without her love and support. He will live on in our hearts forever.

With special thanks to Hennick Bridgepoint Hospital 2nd Floor Orthopedics South and the Palliative Care Team on 10 North and St. Michael's Hospital Emergency, Ortho (4 Bond) and Medicine floors (14 Cardinal Carter North and South), the staff at these institutions went out of their way to care and support our dad and family.

Donations to either facility would be welcome.

<https://www.hennickbridgepointhospital.ca/en/foundation/foundation.asp>

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A private Memorial will be held at Resthaven Memorial Gardens for immediate family only.

Tribute Wall

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Al Guillen - September 08, 2022 at 04:42 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Gabriel V. Guillen - September 05, 2022 at 10:58 PM

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Al Guillen - September 04, 2022 at 12:17 PM

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Gabriel V. Guillen - September 01, 2022 at 11:49 AM

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Gabriel V. Guillen - September 01, 2022 at 11:35 AM

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Gabriel Guillen - August 31, 2022 at 01:41 PM

BP

“ *What a wonderful tribute to your Dad, Al. Only having met your Dad once, I really appreciated reading about the kind of man he was, learning about his past and the important things he passed on to you and Gabe. What a good looking guy he was! I loved the photo too. You did a beautiful job telling your Dad's story, Al. He had a meaningful life and was well cared for. The two of you have been there for him every step of the way. Thankfully he is at peace now and you have some good memories to hang on to. Sending our love to you. Please also pass on our condolences to Gabe, Maria and Matthew.*

Barb Prysruk

Barb Prysruk - August 29, 2022 at 05:07 PM

HD

“ *Such a beautiful tribute to your dad, Al. I hope you hang on to those memories you wrote about. Well done. What a long, stressful and heartbreaking journey you all have traveled these past months. Wishing you peace knowing your dad is pain free now and that you and Ann have been there for him especially these past few months.*

Helen Van Dyk

Helen Van Dyk - August 29, 2022 at 03:00 PM

KT

“ Please accept our sincere condolences in the passing of your dad. He (and your mom) were kind, warm, generous and hospitable people who embraced us with love and welcomed us into your family all those years ago. Jun, Alexander, and I are blessed to have known both your parents and will always remember them with gratitude, love, and affection.

Your tribute to your dad was beautiful Al -you did him proud and honoured both him and your family. He is now home and at peace and for that we are grateful. I pray all of you can take comfort in the happy memories you shared and the care and love you gave him throughout the years and most especially these past difficult months. We are praying for all of you -please pass on our condolences to Gabe, Maria and Matthew as well.

Sterkte (Strength)

Karin, Jun and Alexander

Karin Terado - August 29, 2022 at 02:59 PM

AS

“ Condolences to you on the passing of your father. I wish you comfort as you grieve and miss him in the days ahead.

I remember your father as so warm and kind when we were kids.

Blessings to you and your family.

*Take care,
Aaron*

Aaron Schat - August 29, 2022 at 02:57 PM

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Al Guillen - August 29, 2022 at 12:16 PM

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Al Guillen - August 29, 2022 at 12:03 PM