



Alfred Gatti

September 3, 1947 - May 3, 2026

Alfred Henry Gatti was born on Wednesday, September 3, 1947, at the French Hospital in Manhattan, New York City, to parents Frederick and Celestina (Giorcelli) Gatti. The family moved to Flemington, New Jersey, when Al was a preschooler. Together with his older brother, Al was then raised with a deep Italian American heritage in New Jersey.

Al graduated from Hunterdon Central High School and continued his education with a scholarship at Northeastern University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where he earned a bachelor's degree in physical education. His first few years of teaching were in New Jersey, but after a couple of years he moved to Oklahoma where he became a gymnastics coach and PE teacher for the Broken Arrow Public Schools. Al was a teacher at Sequoyah Middle School until he retired.

Al and Jan Gatti, a fellow teacher at Sequoyah, were married in Tulsa on Thursday, January 18, 1990. He was a generous and dedicated husband, father, and grandfather and enjoyed family travels to Germany, Italy, Brazil, and Florida. His six trips to Brazil included Sao Paulo, the Pantanal, Buzios, Praia do Espelho, Rio de Janeiro, Campos do Jordao, and Itatiaia. (His stepson, Jeremy, lived in Brazil seven years.) The Gattis along with children and grandchildren also vacationed frequently in southwest Florida.

Al was passionate about yard work and was truly a perfectionist about it. Each morning began with an inspection for any new weeds which had popped up overnight. Every spring, he planted an abundance of flowers on every side of

his home, checking them daily for distress signals and need of water. His flowers were always gorgeous. He was an ultraloyal fan of the OU Sooners football team and, later in life, he relished every game and championship of the OU women's softball team.

His taste in television shows usually involved courtroom drama or mysteries, but every day he watched Treehouse Masters, as well. As far as movies go, A League of Their Own and Starman were at the top of his list.

But perhaps nothing brought a bigger smile to Al more than the foods he loved. Favorites such as a steak grilled rare or a slice of Italian panettone cake would brighten his whole face with glee and excitement. He passed in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at the age of 78.

Al was preceded in death by parents, Frederick and Celestina Gatti, and his brother, Robert Gatti.

Wife: Janis Gatti of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Children: Michael Gatti (Laurel, Maryland), Teresa Gatti (Tulsa), Jeremy Jameson (Dallas),

Geoffrey Jameson (Broken Arrow)

Grandchildren: Alice Gatti, Alex Gatti, Hailey Jameson, Owen Jameson, Lyla Jameson, Aubrey Jameson

Sister-In-Law: Eileen Gatti (Valparaiso, Indiana)

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 20. 1:30 PM (CT)

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“ Hayhurst Funeral Home created a Funeral Service in memory of Alfred Gatti



Hayhurst Funeral Home - May 20 at 09:36 AM



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“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Alfred Gatti.



May 19 at 07:27 PM

JJ

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Jeremy Jameson - May 18 at 04:08 PM

WS

“ *Jan, I am so sorry to hear about Al. Prayers & hugs to you.*
Wanda Shoemaker

wanda shoemaker - May 15 at 09:25 AM



Thank you, Wanda.

Jan Gatti - May 17 at 11:49 AM

EG

“ *Eileen Gatti purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Alfred Gatti.*



Eileen Gatti - May 14 at 06:12 PM

KB

“ Coach Gatti was the best. He guided so many of us through grade school, middle school, and high school gymnastics at BA. He was calm but strict and most of all, fun. He encouraged me and helped us develop our skills and confidence in the sport and in life. We were so sad when he retired from coaching the team in the 80's but would always cherish the memories. The reunion we had the early 2000's was so fun and I will never forget him twirling his mustache with that silly grin!

Kristy Baker - May 14 at 02:20 PM

NG

“ I met Al when Jan and I were displaced within our school district. What truly felt like a nightmare at the time became such a big blessing in disguise because it led me to meeting both of them. Al quickly became our go-to person for all things yard work and fertilizing, and he also helped us install our sprinkler system. My husband and Al made such a great team on that project. What I will always remember most about Al was how helpful he was, but also how matter-of-fact and straightforward he could be. I truly loved that about him. He was dependable, genuine, and someone you were always glad to have around. He will be greatly missed.

Nikki Gilliam - May 12 at 11:54 PM



Thank you, Nikki. He was glad to help and commented on how strong you are. You must have done some great digging when installing the sprinkler system.

Jan Gatti - May 17 at 11:53 AM



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Jan Gatti - May 11 at 05:45 PM

LM

“ I met Al in the late 1970s when I began my teaching career in Broken Arrow. Ever since, he and Jan have been life-long friends. I have so many fond memories of Al, Jan, Danny, and me getting together to socialize, often times with Jan's incredible margaritas for our refreshment! Al was funny, sometimes blunt, and generous. He became my first go-to person for anything about gardening, and he helped me design and plant my first flowerbed. With the help of my son and brother, he also installed a sprinkler system in my current house, insisting on doing it because of our friendship. When my brother died suddenly, and my husband became ill, Al was a thoughtful, compassionate friend. I will miss him and am so sorry for his loss. I wanted to tell him how much I appreciated him before he passed, but I didn't get the chance. I hope he knows. Linda McGinnis

Linda McGinnis - May 08 at 04:15 PM



Wonderful thoughts. Al knows you appreciated him.

Jan Gatti - May 09 at 01:11 PM



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Kathy - May 08 at 06:50 AM



“ Al was my favorite substitute for my high school classes; he would follow the plans and I believe had fun ...students are very vocal about their likes.. they liked Al. I am heartbroken for Jan and their family, and pray for good memories to comfort them. Jkelly

Joan kelly - May 05 at 12:11 AM



Thank you, Joan. Subbing at the high school was quite a leap from Sequoyah Middle School; he did enjoy it.

Jan Gatti - May 17 at 11:55 AM