



Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy

March 12, 1940 - January 24, 2026

It is with profound peace and enduring love that we announce the passing of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy, who passed away comfortably at his home, surrounded by the quiet comforts of the life he built. He was 85 years old.

Dr. Gallo was born in León, Nicaragua. A man of remarkable intellect and gentle grace. Claudio dedicated his professional life to the intricate art of vascular and general surgery. He spent decades navigating the delicate pathways of the human body, restoring health to many with the hand that was as steady as it was kind. To his colleagues, he was a pillar of wisdom; to his patients, he was a source of hope.

Beyond the sterile walls of the operating room, Claudio was an avid photographer who possessed the rare gift of knowing exactly when to stay still and capture a moment of light. Whether he was framing a sweeping landscape or a candid smile, his photographs were a testament of how he lived: with focus, patience, and a deep appreciation for the inherent grace of life.

Above all his accolades, Claudio's greatest masterpiece was his family. He was a man of quiet strength and boundless warmth, offering a brand of wisdom that didn't need many words to be felt. He loved fiercely and was, in return, loved by all that knew him.

His legacy is not merely found in the lives he saved or the images he captured; but in the kindness he wove into the everyday lives of those who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Denise Gallo; children, Laura (Michael) Ayerst, Jackie Gallo, Kenneth (Jennifer) Gallo, Nicole (RJ) Rivera, and Kristina (Zac) Wilson; grandchildren, Daniel (Elizabeth), Marisa, Sean, Rachel, James, Emma, Michaela, Julian, Gabriel and Elijah; great-grandchildren Benjamin, Thomas, and a baby boy expected mid-February; sister, Myrna Grillo; brother, Benjamin "Mincho" Gallo-Godoy; and his nieces, Alicia (Tom) Larkins, Lucia Grillo, and Maria Jose Grillo; and their loving children and family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Rosa Margarita "Mamita" Gallo-Godoy, and his brother-in-law Jose Grillo.

The family will receive friends to celebrate Dr. Gallo's life from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, February 1, 2026, at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Avenue, Mentor, Ohio 44060.

A funeral Mass in his memory will be held 10 a.m. Monday, February 2, 2026, at Our Lady of Peace Parish, 1200 East 21st St., Ashtabula, OH 44004 (please meet at the church).

Interment will be in Greenlawn Memory Gardens, North Kingsville.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memory Gardens (North Kingsville)

3140 East Center St.
North Kingsville, OH 44030

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

FEB 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Peace Parish
1200 East 21st St.
Ashtabula, OH 44004

Tribute Wall

KT

“ I was a nurse at Lake and knew Dr. Gallo professionally. The obituary you wrote for your father was wonderful.....just like he was.
Kathy Tuttle

Kathy Tuttle - February 14 at 04:03 PM

RH

“ Roger H. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy.

Roger H. - February 01 at 01:10 PM

RH

“ A happy remembrance of Dr. Gallo was meeting and talking with him at dinner the night before Jennifer and Ken's marriage on the Miami University Campus. He was a wonderful man! Roger Hollands

Roger Hollands - February 01 at 01:03 PM

VW

“ Vern & Dee Wilson purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy.



Vern & Dee Wilson - February 01 at 10:26 AM

TK

“ Tommy, Lynn and the kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy.

Tommy, Lynn and the kids - January 31 at 09:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy.



January 31 at 09:18 PM

BM

“ Brad and Angela Merkel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy.

Brad and Angela Merkel - January 31 at 08:34 AM

TF

“ The Howell and Testa Families purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy.



The Howell and Testa Families - January 30 at 09:59 PM

WF

“ With Love, The Ayerst Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy.

With Love, The Ayerst Family - January 30 at 06:15 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy.



January 30 at 06:15 PM

TC

“ The Euclid Hospital Alumni Crew purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy.



The Euclid Hospital Alumni Crew - January 30 at 02:25 PM

CA

“ Chris, Susan, Joyce and Austin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy.

Chris, Susan, Joyce and Austin - January 30 at 12:09 PM

CA

“ Chris, Susan, Joyce and Austin purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy.



Chris, Susan, Joyce and Austin - January 30 at 12:09 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy.



January 30 at 09:44 AM

MM

“ Mary Masztak planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree in honor of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy.

Mary Masztak - January 30 at 09:44 AM

US

“ UH Geneva Medical Staff planted a </store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518>>Memorial Tree in honor of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy.

UH Geneva Medical Staff - January 30 at 07:44 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy.*



January 30 at 07:44 AM



“ *Mis oraciones por el alma de Claudio.
Mi sentido pésame para su esposa e hijos.
También para Myrna y Minchito.
Isolda Rivalainez*

Isolda Rivalainez - January 29 at 11:57 PM



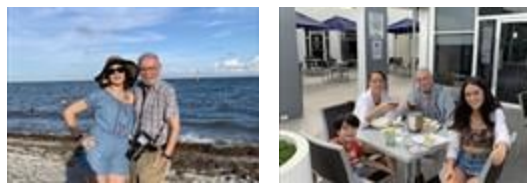
“ *Sean and Colleen Curran purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dr. Claudio Gallo-Godoy.*



Sean and Colleen Curran - January 29 at 08:10 PM



“ *You will always be in my heart. I will miss you so much tio Claudio .*



yadira Godoy - January 29 at 07:40 PM

BT

“ *Condolences to your family. Prayers*



Barbara Trestain - January 29 at 01:53 PM