



Gerald H. Gabriel

December 22, 1933 - April 23, 2020

Gerald H. Gabriel, 86, of Toledo, passed on Thursday, April 23, in Arbors of Sylvania.

He graduated from Macomber High School in 1952. For about a year, he attended Fort Valley State College in Georgia, where he was a basketball player. When he returned home, he attended the University of Toledo.

Kindly called “Gabe” by close friends and coworkers, Mr. Gabriel worked for many years to provide for his family. He was employed by the Toledo Club as a waiter for three years, then he went on to work as a printer at Heck's Printing in East Toledo for seven years. In 1965, he joined Owens-Illinois where he was a sales service representative for 20 years. He retired in 1997 from the University of Toledo where he enjoyed his work as a custodian.

When he was young, Mr. Gabriel attended Third Baptist Church. He later joined Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church with his young family. In the 1970s, Mr. Gabriel went with family to Warren AME Church until 1997, when he also joined Payne Memorial AMEC, Holland. He served as a trustee at Payne until his health began to decline.

Mr. Gabriel loved sports, especially basketball. He also liked to shoot pool, golf, bowl, and swim. Skating was another one of Mr. Gabriel's favorite

pastimes. In fact, it was while skating that he met his beloved wife, Elizabeth, with whom he would have celebrated their 65th anniversary on Sunday, April 26.

A Toledo native who was born on Dec. 22, 1933, Mr. Gabriel is also survived by his daughters, Gina M. James of Auburn Hills, Mich., and Gay E. Mercer (Jim Mercer) of Waterville; three grandchildren, Gerald Cavanaugh and Breyanna Cavanaugh, who both live in Auburn Hills, Mich., and Shontelle Cavanaugh of Southfield, Mich. He is also survived by three great-grandchildren; sister, Lois Tucker of Toledo, and many cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery

1502 West Central Avenue
Toledo, OH

Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Well will miss you Gabe. Family forever.*



Meyers and Henderson Family - May 02, 2020 at 04:02 AM

DS

“ *Liz and family, so very sorry for your loss. Just a week or so ago, I was thinking about my time at O-I and memories of the good people I was fortunate to get to know. You and Jerry popped into my head. I remember him as a good soul, kind, gracious and friendly. My deepest sympathy in losing such a true gentleman.*
Dave Stratso

David A Stratso - May 01, 2020 at 10:59 AM

AG

“ *Dear Gay and family. Know we are thinking of you during this sad time. Know I will always remember your daddy's lovely visits with us in the bankruptcy clerk's office. He was always good for a laugh.*
Hugs to you.

Annette Gustafson

Annette Gustafson - May 01, 2020 at 10:58 AM

JH

“ Hi Gina and Gay,

Sending condolences to your family on the passing of your dad. I just remember that he didn't play when it came to his daughters. Hope everyone is safe and healthy. God Bless all of the Gabriel family at this time and always.

Johnny Horn

Johnny Horn - April 30, 2020 at 03:52 PM

PA

Liz, Gina, Gay, condolences to you all, so sorry for your loss. I ask God to give you all the strength you need to get through this. I will pray for healing for you all. Love Pasha

Pasha Andrews - May 01, 2020 at 09:12 PM

GJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gina M. James - April 30, 2020 at 12:20 PM

RG

“ *My cousin, I will always remember how much fun we had back in the day. You and your family exemplified your kind, gentle and caring spirit. You were such a giant of a man in stature and strength.. Liz, Gina, Gay and family I extend to you love and heartfelt sympathy and may our Great God continue to give you comfort and peace in this very hour and always.*

*Ruthie, Ned and Kelly Gracie
April 30, 2020*

Ruth Gracie - April 30, 2020 at 11:55 AM

BB

“ *Beth Broadnax lit a candle in memory of
Gerald H. Gabriel*



Beth Broadnax - April 30, 2020 at 11:02 AM

MF

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Meyers and Henderson Family. - April 30, 2020 at 06:38 AM

MS

“ *Mrs. Kelly Simmons lit a candle in memory of Gerald H. Gabriel*



Mrs. Kelly Simmons - April 29, 2020 at 07:48 PM

MS

*Dear Family,
Shawn and I are sending you lots of love and prayers. We know Mr. Gabriel is smiling up there in heaven with both of our mothers and other wonderful angels. Stay strong and know that we are with you.*

Mrs. Kelly Simmons - April 29, 2020 at 07:57 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Linda Reese - April 29, 2020 at 12:43 PM

GJ

“ *May your heart find comfort knowing that your love one is at home with the Lord
Love Gwendolyn E. March Jones & Family*

Gwendolyn E. March Jones - April 29, 2020 at 08:08 AM

RB

Sorry for the loss of your loved on. We loved Gerald! May God comfort you and give you strength during your bereavement. Ronald & Cheryl Brack

Ronald and Cheryl Brack - April 30, 2020 at 06:25 AM

JS

“ *Jewel Strahan lit a candle in memory of Gerald H. Gabriel*



Jewel Strahan - April 29, 2020 at 07:17 AM

SB

“ *Shifon Ballard lit a candle in memory of Gerald H. Gabriel*



Shifon Ballard - April 28, 2020 at 07:14 PM

SB

“ *Shifon Ballard lit a candle in memory of Gerald H. Gabriel*



Shifon Ballard - April 28, 2020 at 07:13 PM

SB

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Gabriel and Mercer family.
God bless you all !
Love,
Vernon Smith, Shifon Ballard , William & Michelle Brown.*

Shifon Ballard - April 28, 2020 at 07:11 PM