



Gabriel N. Loukaki "Gabe"

October 19, 1939 - August 23, 2014

Loukaki, Gabriel N., 74, of Tinley Park passed away Aug. 23, 2014. He is survived by his loving wife Sula (nee Kouchis) of 47 years; daughter Maria Loukaki; sisters, Evangelia (late Victor) Novichich of France and Irene (late Anthony) Miaoulis of Greece; sister-in-law, Tassie Kouchis; brother-in-law, Sam (Mary) Kouchis, nieces and nephews: Mary (Peter) Kaklamanakis, Anthony (Irene) Miaoulis, Nicholas (Daphne) Miaoulis, Nicole, Michel, and Marco Novichich, and Dr. Nicholas (Nia) Kouchis; and many great nieces and nephews and Godchildren. Gabriel was born the youngest child of the (late) Nicholas and Maria (nee Hatzitheodorou) Loukaki in France.

Gabriel moved with his family from France to Nassau Bahamas at a young age, and then to the U.S. in 1963. Gabriel was a devoted family man who loved to cook and travel and always made time to share a laugh, a bit of advice or a good meal with his many dear friends and family members. His circle of friends and admirers grew ever larger as owner and operator of "Gabe's Petroma Carry-out and Catering" in Harvey from 1978-1990 and as proprietor of "Gabe's Place" in Glenwood for the past 22 years. Gabriel loved deep sea fishing in the Bahamas, and was an honorary member of the Marchegiana Society of Chicago Heights. Visitation, Mon. Sept. 1st, from 3:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at Heartland Memorial Center, 7151 183rd St., Tinley Park. Funeral, Tues. Sept. 2nd, St. Spyridon Hellenic Orthodox Church, 12307 S. Ridgeland Ave., Palos Heights, at 10:30 a.m. Interment at Holy Sepulchre

Cemetery in Alsip. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to The Assumption Greek Orthodox Church of Homer Glen Building Fund, Good Samaritan Hospital Cardiology Services, or the Jennifer Fallick Cancer Support Center of Homewood. To sign guestbook or for info visit heartlandmemorial.com or call 708-444-2266.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Heartland Memorial Center (183rd just off Harlem Ave)

7151 183rd St

Tinley Park, IL 60477

(708) 444-2266

Tribute Wall

KM

“ Dear Sula and Maria,

*Our prayers are with you. We will miss our buddy.
Keith Middleton and Sharon, WCGO radio.*

keith middleton - September 24, 2014 at 10:03 AM

VD

This past week I finally returned to Gabe's Place after a 12yrs hiatus. I commuted from NW INDIANA daily while working in Glenwood. I often had breakfast and lunch there. It had been my intent to return sooner . Time waits for no one. I had hoped to see Gabe but sadly learned of his passing in 2014. His not being at the front counter had confirmed my suspicion. I am excited to say that saw 3 long time employees and 2 of them I had the chance to speak with and they actually remembered me. What a great feeling. Gabe's place will forever have a special place in my heart. It's still community and family oriented. I enjoyed my lunch and definitely will be back soon.

Valencia DAVIDSON

Valencia Davidson - October 28, 2018 at 07:43 AM

KL

“ Dear Sula and Maria,

We are deeply saddened that we did not hear the news of Gabe's going to be with the Lord until today. He will be missed around here. Know that our prayers and thoughts are with you both and the rest of the family as you mourn. We will never forget his kindness, nor his friendship and loyalty, to me and our family.

Ken, Karen, and Katie Little, & Fran Bialobrzewski

Ken Little - September 09, 2014 at 02:44 PM

GC

“ DEAR SULA AND MARIA, BREAKFAST TWO TO THREE TIMES A WEEK THERE, YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS. GOD WILL COMFOR AND SUSTAIN YOU. GERT COOPER

GERT COOPER - September 03, 2014 at 08:10 PM

RV

“ Rachel Vargas lit a candle in memory of Gabriel N. Loukaki "Gabe"



Rachel Vargas - September 03, 2014 at 12:47 PM

RV

“ Dear Sula and Maria,

We reach out to you with our deepest sympathy. We were so saddened to hear of your loss. Gabe always made us feel at home and like family when we stopped by. May all the wonderful memories help you through this difficult time. There is another Angel watching over us all! God Bless You,
Rachel & Jorge Vargas

Rachel Vargas - September 03, 2014 at 12:46 PM

JL

“ Our thoughts and prayers are for Gabriel and his family. We love Gabe's place. Jim & Teri Leader

Jim Leader - September 03, 2014 at 08:35 AM

We Butz

“ *The Cancer Support Center is deeply saddened by the loss of such a wonderful man. He provided support over the years for a special event held each year at the Center. So many of us love Gabe's Place. You will be missed! Condolences.*

We Butz - September 02, 2014 at 01:23 PM

We Butz

“ *We Butz lit a candle in memory of Gabriel N. Loukaki "Gabe"*



We Butz - September 02, 2014 at 01:11 PM

AD

“ *My thoughts are with the family. My Mother, Patricia Bergstrom ate one of her final meals at Gabe's. He was a true friend to many. May his memory be a blessing to all that knew him.*

Anne Dolin - September 02, 2014 at 11:51 AM

CH

“ You have our deepest sympathy. We have been patrons of Gabe's Place for so many years. He was such a pleasant man and always greeted with a warm smile. He will be missed by all who were lucky enough to come to know him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please take care. Bob & Chris Huffman
B



chris Huffman - September 02, 2014 at 11:30 AM

AN

“ *"May His Memory Be Eternal" My thoughts and prayers for you and your family.*

*Andrea Petrakos
St. Spyridon Church, Palos Heights*

andrea - September 02, 2014 at 10:08 AM

BH

“ You have our deepest sympathy. We have been patrons of Gabe's Place for so many years. He was such a pleasant man and always greeted with a warm smile. He will be missed by all who were lucky enough to come to know him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Please take care. Bob & Chris Huffman

Bob & Chris Huffman - September 02, 2014 at 04:50 AM

CC

“ *Sula/Maria,
Our hearts are broken with the loss of such a good man and it's with our deepest sympathy for the both of you that we hope that the pain of losing your husband, father, and best friend will subside with faith and the passing of time. We are so happy that we were able to see both of you and spend time with Gabe during our trip back to the mid-west this past July. Although our visits back will never be the same without the presence of our good friend, Gabe's memory will last us our lifetime. We will always look foreword to seeing good friends that we have in each of you and wish both of you only the best. God bless you both and keep you safe, healthy, and happy. God bless Gabriel, the man with the wonderful personality, who is sitting next to the man upstairs fixing him a good meal.*

*All of our best
We love you both*

Chuck and Cindy Michalski

Chuck and Cindy - September 01, 2014 at 09:49 PM

MF

“ *Sula and Maria, I am so sorry to hear about Gabe's passing. A great guy, husband and father. I will keep you all in my prayers.*

Michael Fagan - September 01, 2014 at 08:47 PM

DB

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Sula and Maria! Sure will miss chatting with Gabe when out for breakfast/lunch. He was a great man and friend!
Doug and Debbie Biegel*

Doug Biegel - September 01, 2014 at 06:07 PM

KC

“ Maria so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I know I met him a couple of times with your mother...a very nice man he was and very friendly person.
Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time....

Kathy Carli - September 01, 2014 at 08:22 AM

BS

“ Sorry to hear about Gabe, my sympathy to the family. He was a great addition to Glenwood business, generous, always happy greeting patrons to Gabe's Place. We always counted on a great service and meal. You will be missed.

Barb Schranz - August 30, 2014 at 02:55 PM

DB

“ Gabe's is like a second home. We have had the privilege of knowing a great and wonderful man. Condolences.

*Marion Wognum
Diane Du Bois*

diane du bois - August 30, 2014 at 12:43 PM



“ Splendid Orchids was purchased for the family of Gabriel N. Loukaki "Gabe".



August 30, 2014 at 12:20 PM



“ *Fruit Abounds was purchased for the family of Gabriel N. Loukaki "Gabe".*



August 29, 2014 at 04:30 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to Mrs Sula Loukaki and daughter Maria and family. He was amazingly strong and loving till the end. My prayers are with all of you.*
Fari Barhamand.

Fari Barhamand - August 29, 2014 at 04:15 PM



“ *On behalf of the entire Cancer Support Center staff and community, we are deeply saddened by the loss of such a generous and genuine man. He provided the food for our Evening Together, an event hosted by our Women's board for over a decade. This event provided couples the opportunity to have a nice evening out, despite the hardships they were experiencing. The memories he has helped create due to his generous spirit live on in the hearts of our participants and staff.*

Kathleen - August 29, 2014 at 03:04 PM



“ *Dear Sula and Maria, Our hearts are saddened by the loss of our Dear Friend Gabe, he will never be forgotten. That smile and kindness and reminding us we were a family member will always be in our hearts. Our love and prayers to you both. Char and Les*

Charlene Dean - August 29, 2014 at 01:42 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Gabriel N. Loukaki "Gabe".*



August 29, 2014 at 10:50 AM



“ *A beautiful, kind person who would bring a smile to everyone's heart. May his memory be eternal. Heaven has welcomed an "angel" .
Be strong thea Sula and Maria.
Love,
Mary and Katina (Miaoulis)*

Kathy Miaoulis - August 29, 2014 at 09:33 AM



“ *Always loved going into Gabe's and seeing his smiling face. He will be missed! My deepest sympathy to Gabe's family!*

Judi Schauer - August 29, 2014 at 09:03 AM



“ *Mike G. Corfias purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gabriel N. Loukaki "Gabe".*



Mike G. Corfias - August 29, 2014 at 08:48 AM

NM

“ Uncle Gabe was an important mentor to me. He was a self made man who was a lot of fun to be with, he loved his family and peoples person. He was all about service and made friends wherever he went. We shared many good and hard times together, I have wonderful childhood memories of him. I miss him and will always keep him dear to me in my heart.
Nico



Nick Miaoulis - August 29, 2014 at 07:35 AM

SS

“ The fondest memories of your dad Maria. I remember him saying to me the last time I saw him "You can call me Gabe now Steve", and of course I said thanks... Mr. Loukaki

Steve Spanos - August 29, 2014 at 02:41 AM

KE

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time. May you find strength through the love of friends and family and be comforted by your memories. Much love.

~Kelly

Kelly - August 28, 2014 at 10:13 PM

EH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your Mom . May his memory be eternal.
Love,
Vangie, Georgina & Hazel (Halkitis) Nassau, Bahamas.

Evangelia Halkitis - August 28, 2014 at 10:11 PM

WC

“ With love, George & Popi Corfias purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Gabriel N. Loukaki "Gabe".



With love, George & Popi Corfias - August 28, 2014 at 04:03 PM

TC

“ Gabe was a favorite customer and friend. WE will always fondly remember our journey together through the years.

The Team at Advanced Data Systems Chicag - August 28, 2014 at 01:09 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gabriel N. Loukaki "Gabe".



August 28, 2014 at 01:07 PM

NP

“ With our deepest sympathy, he will be missed.

Nancy Penn - August 26, 2014 at 04:24 PM