



## Gabriel Timpano

April 19, 1923 - September 7, 2015

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Gabriel Timpano a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, friend "Superman".

April 19, 1923 brought to this earth a truly special angel, Gabe Timpano, who in his short 92 years would touch and positively impact so many people in the simplest but most everlasting ways one could ever imagine.

Gabriel came to America, as a U.S. citizen, at the age of 7 with his 3 sisters and 2 brothers. Upon graduating from high school, in 1945, Gabe memorized the eye chart in order to pass his physical so he would be accepted into the military. He was a D-Day plus 4 and fought from Normandy to the Battle of the Bulge where Gabe was injured, leading to an honorable discharge. For Gabe, it was an honor and importance for him to protect and respect the freedoms of the United States.

Upon returning from war, Gabe enrolled in Union College, pursuing an Engineering Degree. He worked for IBM for over 30 years as a customer engineer; sales engineer; installation planning coordinator for the 700 and 7000 series, product planning and marketing and the BMEWS (ballistics missile early warning system). With Tootsie Roll Lollypops in hand, Gabe managed the Personal Computer Department 6 years before Apple announced theirs.

Sixty-seven years ago, on August 29th, Gabe married his one and only true

love, Josephine, whom he cherished and adored. Gabe was so proud of his wife; she was his life and made him whole. They have three daughters, Tina (Betina) and David Romano of Raleigh, NC; Toby (Mary Anne) and Tom Puzio of Sparta, NJ; and Tami (Linda Jean) John Wacker of Fishkill, NY.

Gabe's grandchildren were his greatest joys. Jason Romano and his sister, Grace Romano and her husband, Matt Sheppard of Raleigh, NC; the five Puzio children, Joseph with his girlfriend Kate of Philadelphia; Natalie and Matt (Busacca) of Brick, NJ; Adriana and Dave Smith; Dana and her fiance Ryan and Tommy with his girlfriend, Diana all of the Sparta, NJ area; Michael Wacker and his wife, Samantha of Wappingers Falls, NY and Tina and TJ (Maloney) of Poughkeepsie, NY.

Distance did not keep him from teaching them the finer lessons of life: "Don't worry if you have no milk-cereal is always better with ice cream anyway". "It is important to sample fruit and candy from the grocery bins before you buy".

Grandpa's smiling greeting of "Hi Ya Kiddo" always meant-I'm ready to hear all about your life and I love you. Auriela Maloney, just 18 months and his first great-granddaughter, will always remember his "tweeting" of her nose. And Gianna Busacca, his second great-great granddaughter of 8 months, will treasure his comment "Stick with me kid".

But Gabe's inner being belonged to his many charities and the Cursillo movement of his church. It was there, he worked unselfishly and so happily to assist anyone, anywhere in need while spreading the work of "The Good Lord". He was also a member of The Three Mustard Seeds who build expensive homes in the Reserve and donate the profits to charity. It was here in Pawleys Island that Gabe met his South Carolina friends whom he called and truly felt were his family and loved ones.

A funeral mass will be held at 9:00 AM Saturday, September 12, 2015 at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church. Burial will be held in the Pennyroyal Mausoleum, Georgetown, SC at 12:30 PM. The family will receive friends Friday, September 11, 2015 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM & 7:00 to 9:00 PM with a Cursillo Celebration of Gabe's life at 7:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, please "Pay It Forward" with a smile to those you meet. Or lending a helping hand or by donating to one of his many charities: Precious Blood Counsel-Knights of Columbus #11028, Angels with Hammers, St. Vincent DePaul, St. Cyprian Sisters of Georgetown, SC, Birthrite, Habitat for Humanity, AMI Kids of Georgetown. Keep Smiling... Gabe

An online guestbook is available at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com/obituaries)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield/Pawleys Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 11. 4:00 AM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Precious Blood of Christ Roman Catholic Church  
1633 Waverly Rd  
Pawleys Island, SC 29585  
(843) 237-3428

## Visitation

SEP 11. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

SEP 12. 9:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

AF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Mr. Timpano. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Carol Geddings and Ann Linderman

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**Annette Fetzer** - September 14, 2015 at 09:00 AM

MS

“ To Jo and family: There are no words that will ever describe the depth of Gabe's personality. He was truly the ultimate gentlemen. Always a smile, always a kind word, always upbeat and positive. His love of God, his country, his family and helping those in need always showed in his words and actions. John and I first met Gabe in the late 90's when we were volunteers with Habitat for Humanity. Even back then, his never ending energy kept everyone going. Throughout the years, whenever we would meet up again, Gabe always had a great hug, kiss and "hey sweetheart" for me and a genuine man hug, pat on the back and "hey pal" for John. If we lived as Gabe lived, the world would be a brighter and better place. For right now and all the days ahead, we wish you strength and peace. Everything that Gabe was will live on the hearts of family and friends who will never forget him. Gabe, pulling turkey at St. Mary's for Thanksgiving dinner will never be the same without you..

Mary & John Sasso  
Georgetown SC

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**Mary Sasso** - September 11, 2015 at 11:17 AM

SB

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you Jo and your family. You and Gabe were a fixture at table 3 in our restaurant every Friday night from the moment we opened our doors and we were welcomed to the community by you, Gabe and your many friends. We will miss him so much. Love to you and your family, Suzanne and Gary Bencivengo (Landofli's)

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**Suzanne Bencivengo** - September 11, 2015 at 11:01 AM

GC

“ My beloved and dear "second" family....holding those cherished days of growing up under the umbrella of your loving Dad, Gabe, and Mom, Jo, I am blessed to have been a part your lives. Always remembering the quick wit, fantastic smile and cute jokes he used to play on all of us, he's held forever within my heart. A rare man, a beautiful and generous man, a man of spirit, he is greatly missed. Holding him within the light.... always remembered. With love, your "4th daughter", Gale xoxo

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**Gale Constable** - September 11, 2015 at 10:18 AM

VY

“ Gabe was a special man to so many, and especially to me and my family. I will also remember him fondly and thank him for being persistent with me in making my Cursillo. It (and he) changed my life. Love you Gabe - please look after all of us from Heaven!  
With love, Virginia Yorzinski

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**Virginia Yorzinski** - September 11, 2015 at 08:51 AM

MW

“ To all of Gabe's family, we thank you for sharing this wonderful man with us. I am so honored to have known him, and been able to share those wonderful hugs. Jo and Gabe are a big part of why I joined Ultreya and it is their undying love for the church and it family that I hope to aspire too. My heart hurts for you all, but I know that Gabe is in God's loving hands.

Marie Williams - September 11, 2015 at 07:57 AM

ME

“ All of my prayers are with you, Jo, and your family. Gabe was such a role model to me in my own walk with the Lord and I will miss him. Saturday nights of Cursillo weekends will not be the same without Gabe's manicotti. When I last saw him in June, he still made a point to share some words of wisdom with me about Cursillo and the vision he had for the Lord's work in South Carolina. He was, and is, an angel. Rest in peace, my friend.  
Mary R. Ellis, Columbia

Mary Ellis - September 10, 2015 at 10:32 AM

KL

“ Jo and family....I can't thank you and Gabe enough for the support you both gave me when David passed and my subsequent surgeries. I know he will be missed by many and I will miss his little grin whenever I saw him. Gabe is in God's loving arms now. RIP. Karen Lilly



Karen Lilly - September 10, 2015 at 08:56 AM

WU

“ *RIP Soldier !!!!  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps*

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**Wayne Williams - USMC** - September 10, 2015 at 08:06 AM



Heather  
Bell

“ *My children and I will fondly remember our extended family and the wonderful summers we spent with Grandpa Gabe. He was truly a man who love this family, life, and his face. His generosity to other he met came from his kind heart and kindred spirit. This has shown through in his family that we are so fortunate to be a part of through the Wacker we love you and thank you for the many years of family and friendship that you have brought us and for bringing us Grandpa Gabe. With deepest sympathy and condolences and love from our hearts, Heather, Jason, and CJ.*

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**Heather Bell** - September 10, 2015 at 06:13 AM

SS

“ Dearest Jo and family,  
John and I have been so very honored, to call you and Gabe, friend. So many, many fond memories of your dear precious Gabe! Oh how we will miss him, never have we known a more genuine man...he would make you feel like you were the best thing to walk into the room...greeting us always with a smile, a hug, a handshake...truly our brother in Christ! He was John's cursillo sponsor. Gabe taught the RCIA class that I took before joining the Church, supporting me the entire time. All the yummy Italian dishes he cooked for various events at Church, and his loving guidance, encouraging us in our spiritual lives. I brought him cookies from the bakery, at Prince George, and he was so pleased and sweet and positive...we talked about the time he visited my CCD class and told the children about when he first met his Guardian Angel...I was teaching the kids about Angels and Gabe had them all sitting on the edge of their seats. I am sure they remember it, to this very day. He certainly was a special person and I could go on and on with more stories because he certainly was someone who touched many lives and I am sure Our Father, greeted Gabe, with Well done, my faithful servant, well done! May you find comfort through the love of family and friends dear Jo! God Bless and keep you close, Always!

Sonya and John Schroer  
238 Bannockburn Rd  
Pawleys Island, SC

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Sonya and John D. Schroer - September 10, 2015 at 05:22 AM

DP

“ Gabe, when I was a babe-chick in Cursillo, I had the crazy thought of wanting to grow up and be like you. After working many teams with you over many years, I knew that first instinct was correct, because to be like you was to be more like Jesus. Thanks for so much light, joy, love, dedication, and faithfulness that you brought to so many lives. An eternal rest well-deserved, but you will be missed.  
Deacon Bob Pierce

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**Deacon Bob Pierce** - September 09, 2015 at 04:50 PM

BE

“ I only knew Mr Gabe for a few days but he touch me with his smile that was one of a kind and he knew football like no one I have met before at 92 I fully enjoy my short time with him !!! R. I. P Mr Gabe My prayers for Mrs Joe and all the timpano family In this time my thoughts are with you!!! 🥺 brandy ekuban



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**Brandy ekuban** - September 09, 2015 at 11:04 AM