



Gabriel Adrian Renfroe

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Gabriel Adrian Renfroe, “our buddy”, age 19 years young, affectionately called Gabrelo by his little sister and Gabe by everyone else who knew him, He attended Pivot High School where he was a senior on the honor roll with perfect attendance, was a seasoned and cherished employee at Fred’s Market, Riverview and a loving son, brother, uncle, neighbor and friend to all.

Gabriel was an exemplary student, incredibly hardworking, reliable, generous, and kind to all. He was a gentle giant, towering over everyone else, but with the purest heart you can imagine. He would give you the shirt off of his back if you asked him for it. If anyone ever needed help, he would always lend a hand without ever thinking of himself. He was loved by everyone at Crestview Baptist Church and could be found on Wednesday night suppers eating and talking to many older members about life and their experiences. He also selflessly volunteered feeding the homeless at church and had such a love for people. He would often arrive at church early and help make coffee for everyone. He loved playing basketball with friends (neighbors), playing video games, had an affinity for junk food, especially spicy food and energy drinks, and enjoyed board games and vacationing with family. Gabe was a hugger and would always come home from work and give his mom a hug every night. Often, with a smile on his face.

He looked forward to graduation in May, by continuing a proud family tradition of service in the military like his grandfathers, father, brother and sister. He often talked about his dreams of changing the world and making a difference in other people’s lives. His sweet heart and caring spirit will be missed by all who knew him. He will be forever remembered by his family, treasuring every moment they shared with him. The world was better because of him and the world will never be the same without him.

His name was chosen by his mom and sister which means dedicated to God and he is



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now an angel that will never be forgotten. He is survived by his loving parents, David and Julie, brother Chase (Savannah), sisters Meghan and Lily-Grace. He was a sweet and loving uncle to niece Gabriella, and nephews Donovan and Hunter.

Grandparents Michael and Monika Butenko, Uncle Rob(Heather), cousins, Alex, Payton and Emmitt and Uncle Chris. He is predeceased by his Grandmothers Janice Butenko and Betty Renfroe and Grandfather Kermit Renfroe. Our only comfort is knowing that he is now surrounded by his grandparents and safe in the arms of Jesus. A Celebration of Life service will be at Crestview Baptist Church, Friday , March 29th at 6:30 PM. Donations can be made to the Crestview Baptist Family Life Center. Condolences to the family may be offered at www.gentry-morrison.com




Events

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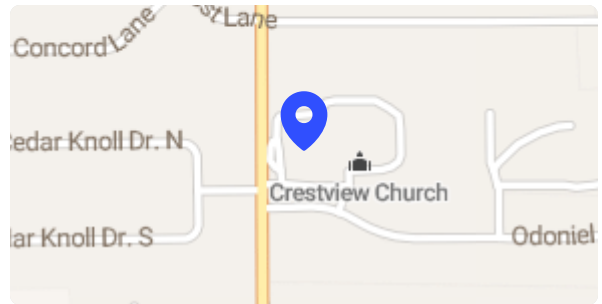
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Celebration of Life

 **Friday**, March 29, 2019

 6:30 PM ET

 **Crestview Baptist Church**
615 Old Polk City Rd, Lakeland FL 33809





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DR

David Renfroe posted:

It's been nearly 7 years ago now. Today, I received a call from my wife in the car who was having a moment. That moment oddly enough led me to this wall. Thanks to all who shared and remembered. I'm not even sure I have ever been to this wall myself. It brought a little reflection for the day. We miss Gabe so-so much and will never truly be able to believe that this happen to our family. The world has moved on and many of those that knew of Gabe has probably forgotten him. Yet, we remember each day that passes as though we are stuck in time. We love you Gabe as we tell you often and miss you so much. Once again, thanks for all you taking the time to post. There are no words in any language that could ever define the loss of a child. See you again someday soon. You Dad 01-23-2026

January 23 at 1:59 PM

JC

James Cafarchio posted:

May 1 at 4:37 AM

RE

Renee posted:

I feel just amazed by this family. They have been through so much but yet by the grace of God they are tighter than ever. We all love them and are praying for them during this trying time.

April 6 at 8:47 PM

BJ

Becky Jones lit a candle in honor of Gabriel.



April 1 at 1:11 PM

JT

Jonathan And Brittney Tupps posted:

Praying for Pastor Dave, Julie, and family. We are so sorry for the loss of Gabe. May Jesus hold you close and comfort your hearts. With love, Jonathan and Brittney Tupps

March 29 at 4:23 PM



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KI

Kim posted:

I am so sorry for the loss of Gabe. He was always such a sweet little kid and always giving hugs to everyone! Your whole family is in my thoughts and prayers, if I still lived in Florida I would be there tonight but I am sorry that I cannot. 🙏

March 29 at 2:53 PM



Chris Lund posted:

It has been a while, but my sons (Justin and Ben) and I played basketball with Gabe at CBC many times. He was fun to be around - a respectful young man, kind, funny, and very, very tall! Heartbreaking news to hear of his passing - he always seemed so full of life.-Chris LundP.S. - Ben remembers 'he was friendly, tall, and liked to shoot 3s'. Yup.

March 29 at 12:06 PM

PM

Priscilla Makala posted:

My prayers are with your entire family - There are no words. May God's unexplainable peace comfort you in your time of need.

March 29 at 11:49 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Renfroe family.



March 29 at 9:51 AM

JP

Jesse Pearson posted:

Our family is brokenhearted at the passing of Gabe. We always enjoyed seeing him and listening to him talk about what was happening in his life at the time. Elijah really liked visiting Gabe. He had such fun playing the video game Destiny and basketball with Gabe! We really enjoyed helping him celebrate his 18th birthday last year and listening to him talk about his future plans. It is a memory we will always cherish. We are lifting up the Renfroe family in our prayers and asking the Lord to give the peace and strength that can only come from the Throne of Grace.

March 29 at 5:15 AM



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Anonymous sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Renfroe family.



March 29 at 4:32 AM



Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Renfroe family.



March 29 at 2:09 AM



Justin Mcelwaney posted:

Gabe, I always loved your crazy questions you asked in youth group. You had a way of lighting the room. Sometimes as a youth leader, we always wanted students to take the time seriously, but you had a way of bringing a laugh to everyone when it was needed. It will take me a while to realize that giving you a hug when you walk in the room, will be just a memory from here on out. I have a hard time processing all this while my family and I are out of town, but at the end of the day, I know your heart and how big it was! I'm miss you Gabe and cant wait for the day to wrap my arms around you and make up for the void I feel right now. God bless you and your beautiful family. I love you brother!!!!

March 28 at 8:44 PM



Tony And Jenny Cafarchio sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Renfroe family.



March 28 at 8:07 PM



Vanessa Chavez posted:

I will never forget your sweet and kind soul. You were such an amazing person. I remember you wanted to spend all your time with me. You had such a crush on me and it was the sweetest love I has known. I will never forget you and I'm so lucky to have met you Gabe. I'll always have love for you and your whole family.

March 28 at 7:33 PM



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DM

Danielle Miele posted:

I will always remember Gabe as a special young man..... I worked with Gabe at Fred's market and can say... He was one of the hardest workers we had. He took such pride and devotion in his work ethic. He always had a smile on his face and always ready for an interesting conversation. The young kids consider me their "work mom" and i always listened to Gabe and tried to give him "motherly" advice as i would my own boys. We always talked about football and girls. I feel saddened that i wont see his tall hard-working smiling face anymore. I pray that his family will find comfort in their faith that he is at peace now. My memories of him eating plates of fish at work will continue making me laugh. Or the memories of him always being behind me ready to bus my tables.... Or the memories of all his interesting and mature conversations that came out his mouth.... Will always be in my mind. What a great young man Gabe was. He will truly be missed by all of us at Freds. ❤️❤️❤️❤️

March 28 at 7:32 PM

SR

Savannah Renfro posted:

I will never forget when I met you and you knew more about who sang what on the radio than me. You loved Katy Perry Firework song. I remember going on cruises where you ordered 9 shrimp cocktails and a dozen chocolate milks at dinner. I remember you spending the night all the time, even when Chase was deployed and it always made me feel safer that you were there. One time I found a ton of granola bar wrappers under the buffet in our house that you stashed there because you didn't want to walk to the trash can, all I could do was laugh. You and Chase doing crazy wrestling moves on the ground. Staying up late getting junk food and playing board games. Arguing about who was winning and everything else. Sorry I got your longest road card at Christmas. I remember you always cuddling Donovan when you spent the night at our house or us at yours. Our most recent ice skating and movie adventure this past year at Christmas. You were always trying to play catch or practice basketball outside. Who can forget the time Chase shaved all of your hair off or When we went to the airport to get Meg and surprise mom and dad by wrapping her up like a gift and they thought she was a dog. So many good memories. Too many to even list. I can't believe you're really gone. You will be missed forever.

March 28 at 6:55 PM



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MR

Meghan Renfroe shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I am Gabe's sister. I took him to fill out the application for Fred's. There are no words that make this better. I've cried so many tears. Gabe you were so funny & goofy. You always had something to say. Grandpa & Monika keep reminding me of how you told them not to judge. You loved people & wanted to give back when you made your millions. Which I'm sure you would have. I love you.



March 28 at 5:31 PM

AN **Andréa** March 28 at 5:59 PM
I'm so so sorry for your loss.

JS

Jennifer Sabot lit a candle in honor of Gabriel.



March 28 at 5:22 PM

HW

Heather Williams lit a candle in honor of Gabriel.



March 28 at 5:04 PM

SN

Susan Nichols lit a candle in honor of Gabriel.



March 28 at 5:01 PM

CF

Coss Family posted:

We extend our deepest sincere condolences to the Renfroe family. We have and will continue to lift you all in prayer. God bless you all. Mel, Jessica, Ethan & Owen Coss

March 28 at 4:50 PM



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Brenda Nerad lit a candle in honor of Gabriel.

Gabe was a great guy he always smiled when I saw him. And eating Bread on Wednesday. He will be missed and loved always. Brenda and David Nerad

March 28 at 3:33 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Renfroe family.

March 28 at 2:43 PM



Susan Wright sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Renfroe family.

March 28 at 11:35 AM



Elizabeth M Bretz sent a Heart's Companion Bouquet to the Renfroe family.

March 28 at 11:18 AM



Giancarlo Borrero posted:

Always positive, helpful to others, and great listener are the qualities that I liked thd most about Gabe. If he disagreed with you he never made a scene about it, he would pull you aside and talk to you personally something everyone should do but only a few people such and Gabe did. Always asked if you were ok if he saw you upset and let you talk you heart out before giving you advise on what to do. I will always remember you, Gabe, as a friend, one of the true ones. Rest In Peace Bro

March 28 at 9:48 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Renfroe family.

March 28 at 9:02 AM





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Doug And Peggy Marklin posted:

Although we didn't get to know Gabe in person, we knew he was "on the way" before you left Blackjack. I remember Bro. Dave saying from the pulpit you thought your family was complete with Chase and Meg. But, God had other plans. You were blessed with another sweet boy who sounds like the son everyone would want to have. My heart breaks for you and no words are sufficient except to say we care and we love you and you are uplifted in prayers.

March 28 at 7:47 AM



Trish posted:

I will always remember Gabe as a gentle giant. I remember him coming to church as a little boy in some of his favorite costumes; cowboy, cop, fireman. He would wear his cowboy boots on the wrong feet, it was so endearing. Every time I saw him at church he would always make a point of coming over and saying hi and just talking about some random thing he was into. Conversations with him were always very interesting. You could often find him talking to our elderly members. He never left anyone out. He was a great joy to have at church and will be missed by many.

March 28 at 5:15 AM



Susan Jackson March 28 at 9:23 AM

He had such a sweet smile, and he sure did love his costumes!!!! Precious child. God Bless you all.



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Renfroe family.



March 28 at 4:39 AM



Uncle John And Aunt Lesley sent a With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket to the Renfroe family.



March 28 at 4:26 AM



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Andrea Preziosi "Gma" sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Renfroe family.



March 28 at 4:04 AM



Chris And Greta Urso posted:

Although we haven't know Gabriel very long, we knew him as a very sweet young man, we enjoyed dinner with him and often ate our Wednesday night suppers with Lily-Grace. We could tell Lily-Grace really loved her brother, she would tell us about how he did this or that or how much he could eat. Chris remembers his last conversation with him, he asked him how he could grow a beard 😊 such sweet innocence! He was such a good hearted boy, anyone could tell that. I look around our home and see our little boys, and imagine how Gabe probably did the same things in the same places and my heart is so heavy... we cherish this home that he grew up in and will honor his memory here. Praying that God's arms would be felt in great comfort around your family, please let us know if we can be of any help ❤️❤️❤️

March 27 at 5:53 PM



MI And Mary Douglas March 28 at 8:25 AM

I remember Gabe usually had a smile and would always hug us back.. The little cowboy boots and hat and his fireman outfit..The first time he spent the night at our house, he was so excited about sleeping upstairs and the stair steps...He was eager to please...After picking him up from school, he would come in the house and go directly to the kitchen table and do all of his homework...and do it correctly...He would have me time him as if he was in competition with someone else....all of this without any prompting from us....so sweet and mindful...He even let me know that his dad's cooking was usually better than mine!!! We had a good laugh over that.....we are devastated over his passing and understand...we love you all and prayers for God's strength and comfort as only He can give...ML and Mary.....



Byeolah & Seongbo Choi sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Renfroe family.



March 27 at 5:49 PM



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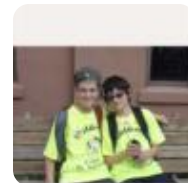
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Angela Miller shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

What great memories we have of Gabe growing up. We shared so many precious moments together. Our boys had a great time on all their fun adventures together. Gabe was always all smiles and truly had a kind and generous heart. My favorite memory of Gabe was on the St. Augustine field trip, Gabe and my son Mikey truly enjoyed every minute of the trip. Gabe was filled with so much excitement and that excitement was felt by everyone and made for an unforgettable trip.



March 27 at 4:52 PM



Paul Jackson posted:

I have many memories of Gabe and all of his family members, especially his younger days. I can remember him as one who had such inner strength as a child, not strength seen by men, but strength seen by God and a select few. While pastoring in FLA. I prayed regularly for him. Even as a child he had a heart to please and serve. Good annointed Gabe at an early age as He was an entertainer as as child. He lived his childhood as many adults wish they could live their adulthood. While I did not get to know Gabe as a Young Man, I I will always remember the joy he brought to me and my family, and now pray for your family in your absence.

March 27 at 3:07 PM



Judith And Richard Defino posted:

The first time I met Gabriel he was around 4 years old. Dave and Julie lived in our neighborhood and walked down to visit us soon after Dave became pastor of Crestview. Gabe was a cute, very active little boy and grew into a tall, handsome young man. Richard and my hearts are broken for the Renfroe family. We pray God will wrap His arms around all of you and give you comfort and the peace that comes only from Him. You are loved. Judith DeFino

March 27 at 12:57 PM



Anonymous sent a Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant to the Renfroe family.



March 27 at 10:38 AM



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Anonymous sent an Angel Charm Stretch Bangle Bracelet to the Renfroe family.



March 27 at 8:58 AM



Nancy Miller posted:

I, too, remember Gabe in his various costumes. Especially the cowboy boots on the wrong feet. He was very young when brother Dave came to be our pastor at Crestview. He grew up to be a fine young man. He will be sorely missed. Love to the family.

March 27 at 8:52 AM



Wanda Harrison March 27 at 12:01 PM

I too remember Gabe coming into the sanctuary with his cowboy boots on the wrong feet. I helped him fix them one morning. He stood up, looked at me, and said now they feel better.

♥ So much love and prayer for our Church Family during this tragic time. Our Heavenly Father will bring you through.



Pamela Bias March 27 at 8:58 AM

I remember Gabriel coming in on Wednesday sitting down with his family and eating he was a good gentleman to all of us he would say hi to all of us and have a smile on his face he would go in into the youth and help Andy with the youth he loved helping them kids I will be praying for the family and for your loss I am so sorry I love you guys my church family



Jimmy And Donna Hicks posted:

I remember the day pastor Dave was at the service with all his chick seen but Gabe was there with his cowboy suit on what a cutie he was !! And I remember doing the food pantry at church last year Gabe and Lillie Grace helping make coffee and talking and laughing I stood there watching them both thinking how grown up he was from the little fellow in the cowboy suit !! My heart is broken and there are no words that I could or anyone else could say to comfort Julie Pastor Dave and family but just know he is with God safe and happy !! I pray for comfort and peace for you all ! Jimmy and Donna Hicks

March 27 at 8:34 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Renfroe family.



March 27 at 7:53 AM



Trish posted:

I will always remember this sweet boy. I remember him always coming to church as a little boy dressed in some of his favorite costumes; cowboy, cop, fireman. Wearing his cowboy boots on the wrong feet was so endearing. Whenever he seen me at church he would say "Hey Ms Trish" and start telling me about something that interested him. You can always find him talking to some of the elderly member, he never left anyone out! He was an integral part of our church and things will not be the same without him. My heart is breaking for his family and they are continually in my prayers.

March 27 at 6:49 AM



Kenny And Judy Tindall March 27 at 12:00 PM

Gabriel was just a little boy when they moved from Cloverport Baptist to FI but was the sweetest little boy. Heartbroken for you all and sending our love and prayers. Kenny and Judy Tindall



Rhonda.Mccoy March 27 at 8:21 AM

Fronds memories of gabe when they were at cloverport prayers for all family and friends.



Media

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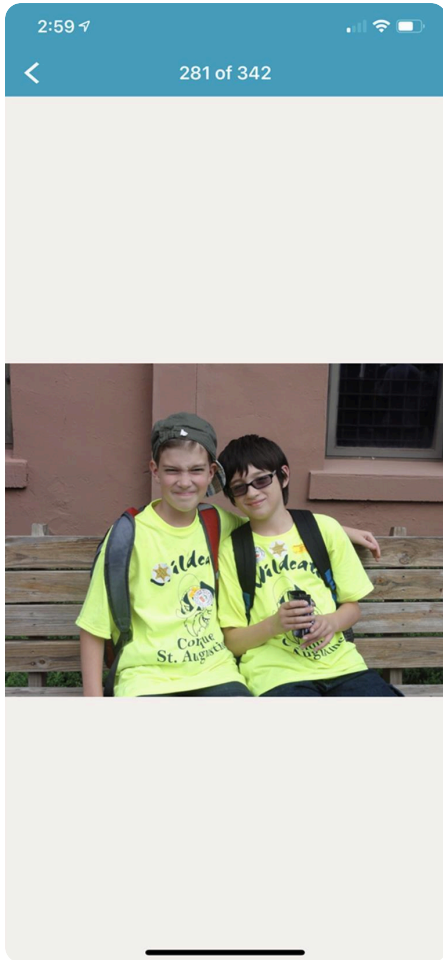
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