

In Loving Memory of



Lifaite Gabriel

Sunrise: April 8, 1931

Sunset: September 1, 2016

Service

Saturday, September 17, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS- ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH
207 West 96th Street • New York, NY 10025

Obituary

Lifaite Gabriel was born on April 8, 1931 in L'hester, Haiti to the late Cecile Alexandre and Hermane Gabriel. He was the oldest of four sons. Lifaite was raised on a farm in a village in L'hester, Haiti where he attended school.

He was a farmer just like most of the men of his generation were. But men with his work ethics, his character, his dedication to his family, his place, and so his community are rare today. He had a deep connection to his farm. His farm was a lot more to him than a piece of land to make money. He was always looking for ways to improve his farm.

At a very young age, Lifaite was taught along with his brothers and sister to value and respect where both things and people come from. That everything and everyone has a place and purpose in this world. Lifaite was a caretaker and a steward. He was a problem solver. He was fair and honest in dealing with others. He was always willing to help anyone who was in need of assistance. He had a great sense of humor and laughed easily. Perhaps the hardest thing about old age for Lifaite was the loss of his ability to work. Lifaite defined himself by his work ethics. He did a lot of physical labor in his time and was a physically powerful man, well into his seventies and eighties. He lived a long life, a full life, strong and clean life. Lifaite would challenge you to think of a better one what he has been called to do in his life time, he has done it. Lifaite Gabriel has fulfilled his duties as a son, a brother, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great grandfather, and as a friend and neighbor. He has fulfilled his moral obligations to the land, to his farm, to his animals that he has cared for and worked to his family and to his community. It is now left to the rest of us to live up to his example.

It was with deep and heavy sadness that we announced the death of Lifaite Gabriel, who passed away on September 1, 2016 at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York after several months of increasing debility and discomfort with Alzheimer.

Lifaite leaves to cherish his loving memories: his wife, Marie Sadila Dorcilhomme Gabriel; his sons, Lyonel Gabriel, Augustin Gabriel, Pascal Gabriel, Roosevelt Gabriel, Price Gabriel, Urbens Gabriel and Taylor Gabriel; two brothers, Ceruis Destine and Lexi Destine; one sister, Tantine Gabriel; twelve grandchildren, Nelsia Gabriel, Gordon Gabriel, Florina Gabriel, Felourde Gabriel, Whiden Gabriel, Lyonel Gabriel, Jr., Steven Saintil, Alvin Isaac, Herby Isaac, Benzino Gabriel, Marc Cory Gabriel and Tayresa Gabriel; one great grandchild, Nyla Gabriel; ten nephews, Pierrenoord Destine, Job, Jimmy, Gesner, Michelet Pierre, Charles Orival, Delande Orival, Jean Orival, Fritznel Destine and Medrigue Gabriel; six nieces, Cerette Destine, Joseline Destine, Michael Destine, Vieline Destine, Katia Destine, Josette Gabriel and Elucienne Gabriel; and a host of other family and friends in New York City and in Haiti.

Order of Service

Processional

Selection

Scripture Readings

Prayer

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Obituary

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Eulogy

Committal

Viewing

Recessional

Interment

*Maple Grove Cemetery
Hackensack, New Jersey*

The man behind God is my father, "Lifaite Gabriel"
I tried to hold back the tears but I couldn't.
I cried, it hurt so bad to know that I couldn't stop you from leaving us.
I lost the best father that every men wished to have.
My hero, the person that I was always looking up to.
You taught me life lessons and instilled in me value.
Through the years like a hero you stand.
Working to give all that you could.
God took the strength of you.
The wisest man ever known to me.
I must be the luckiest of men to call you my dad.
I pray that more men become responsible fathers.
And give their children the gift of a loving dad.
No more sweat and worry for you now.
Your labor is done, your home now is heaven.
Your work here on earth is done.
Your legacy will live on forever.

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day. To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void, Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much. Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

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kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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