



Gabriel Adrian Renfroe

March 8, 2000 - March 22, 2019

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 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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **29**. 6:30 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

DR

“ 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

David Renfroe - January 23 at 05:59 PM



“ Gabriel Adrian Renfroe

November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM

JC

“ 1 file added to the album Celebration of Life



James Cafarchio - May 01, 2019 at 08:37 AM

CH

This Service was very powerful! It was standing room only and God moved in a mighty way. I have never been in a more spirit filled funeral service. Our prayers go out to this wonderful family!

Charlie - May 24, 2019 at 09:00 PM

RE

“ 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.

Renee - April 07, 2019 at 12:47 AM

 Becky Jones

“ Becky Jones lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Adrian Renfro



Becky Jones - April 01, 2019 at 05:11 PM

JT

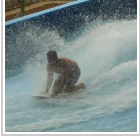
“ Praying for Pastor Dave, Julie, and family. We are so sorry for the loss of Gabe. May Jesus hold you close and comfort your hearts. With love, Jonathan and Brittney Tupps

Jonathan and Brittney Tupps - March 29, 2019 at 08:23 PM

KI

“ 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. 🙏

kim - March 29, 2019 at 06:53 PM



“ 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 Lund

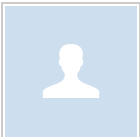
P.S. - Ben remembers 'he was friendly, tall, and liked to shoot 3s'.
Yup.

Chris Lund - March 29, 2019 at 04:06 PM



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

Priscilla Makala - March 29, 2019 at 03:49 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Gabriel Adrian Renfroe.



March 29, 2019 at 01:51 PM

JP

“ 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.

Jesse Pearson - March 29, 2019 at 09:15 AM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gabriel Adrian Renfroe.



March 29, 2019 at 08:32 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Gabriel Adrian Renfroe.



March 29, 2019 at 06:09 AM



“ 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!!!!

Justin McElwane - March 29, 2019 at 12:44 AM



“ Tony and Jenny Cafarchio purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gabriel Adrian Renfro.



Tony and Jenny Cafarchio - March 29, 2019 at 12:07 AM



“ 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.

Vanessa Chavez - March 28, 2019 at 11:33 PM

DM

“ 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. ❤️❤️❤️❤️

Danielle Miele - March 28, 2019 at 11:32 PM

SR

“ 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.

Savannah Renfroe - March 28, 2019 at 10:55 PM

MR

“ 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.



Meghan Renfroe - March 28, 2019 at 09:31 PM

AN

I'm so so sorry for your loss.

Andréa - March 28, 2019 at 09:59 PM

JS

“ Jennifer Sabot lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Adrian Renfroe



Jennifer Sabot - March 28, 2019 at 09:22 PM

HW

“ Heather Williams lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Adrian Renfroe



Heather Williams - March 28, 2019 at 09:04 PM

SN

“ Susan Nichols lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Adrian Renfroe



Susan nichols - March 28, 2019 at 09:01 PM

CF

“ 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

Coss family - March 28, 2019 at 08:50 PM

BN

“ 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



Brenda Nerad - March 28, 2019 at 07:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gabriel Adrian Renfroe.



March 28, 2019 at 06:43 PM

SW

“ Susan Wright purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gabriel Adrian Renfroe.



Susan Wright - March 28, 2019 at 03:35 PM

EB

“ Elizabeth M Bretz purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Gabriel Adrian Renfroe.



Elizabeth M Bretz - March 28, 2019 at 03:18 PM

GB

“ Always positive, helpful to others, and great listener are the qualities that I liked the 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 as Gabe did. Always asked if you were ok if he saw you upset and let you talk your heart out before giving you advice on what to do. I will always remember you, Gabe, as a friend, one of the true ones. Rest In Peace Bro

Giancarlo Borrero - March 28, 2019 at 01:48 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gabriel Adrian Renfroe.



March 28, 2019 at 01:02 PM

DM

“ 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.

Doug and Peggy Marklin - March 28, 2019 at 11:47 AM

TR

“ 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.

Trish - March 28, 2019 at 09:15 AM

SJ

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

Susan Jackson - March 28, 2019 at 01:23 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gabriel Adrian Renfroe.



March 28, 2019 at 08:39 AM



“ UNCLE JOHN AND AUNT LESLEY purchased the With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Gabriel Adrian Renfroe.



UNCLE JOHN AND AUNT LESLEY - March 28, 2019 at 08:26 AM



“ Andrea Preziosi "GMA" purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Gabriel Adrian Renfroe.



Andrea Preziosi "GMA" - March 28, 2019 at 08:04 AM

CU

“ 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 ❤️❤️❤️

Chris and Greta Urso - March 27, 2019 at 09:53 PM

MD

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.....

ML and Mary Douglas - March 28, 2019 at 12:25 PM

BC

“ *Byeolah & Seongbo Choi purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gabriel Adrian Renfro.*



Byeolah & Seongbo Choi - March 27, 2019 at 09:49 PM

AM

“ *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.*



Angela Miller - March 27, 2019 at 08:52 PM

PJ

“ 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. God anointed Gabe at an early age as He was an entertainer as a 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 will always remember the joy he brought to me and my family, and now pray for your family in your absence.

Paul Jackson - March 27, 2019 at 07:07 PM

JD

“ 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

Judith and Richard DeFino - March 27, 2019 at 04:57 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Gabriel Adrian Renfroe.



March 27, 2019 at 02:38 PM



“ Angel Charm Stretch Bangle Bracelet was purchased for the family of Gabriel Adrian Renfroe.



March 27, 2019 at 12:58 PM



“ 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.

Nancy Miller - March 27, 2019 at 12:52 PM



I remember Gabriel coming in on Wednesday sitting down with his family and eating he was a good gentleman to all of us he was 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

Pamela Bias - March 27, 2019 at 12:58 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.

Wanda Harrison - March 27, 2019 at 04:01 PM

JH

“ 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

jimmy and Donna Hicks - March 27, 2019 at 12:34 PM



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March 27, 2019 at 11:53 AM

TR

“ 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.

Trish - March 27, 2019 at 10:49 AM

RH

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

Rhonda.mccoy - March 27, 2019 at 12:21 PM

KT

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

Kenny and Judy Tindall - March 27, 2019 at 04:00 PM