



Gabriel "Gabe" Girard

December 30, 1921 - November 23, 2021

GIRARD, Gabriel "Gabe" passed away peacefully in his 100th year at Camp Hill Veterans Building in Halifax on Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

Born in Ontario, he was the son of the late Wildfred Donat and Josephine (LaFontaine) Girard. Gabe was predeceased by his devoted wife Auréade (Falconer). He was also predeceased by daughter Auréade, and son Marc. He is survived by his son Paul (Miriam), daughter Anne (Shawn) and their children & grandchildren, as well as his siblings, nieces and nephews.

Gabe spent most of his life in Quebec and Ontario where he and his late wife Auréade raised Paul, Auréade, Marc and Anne. He had a long and successful career with Sears in their Human Resources department. Outside of his professional life, he was an avid tennis player, cribbage player, traveller, kite flyer, joke teller, and lover of Montreal smoked meat.

Struck with a touch of wanderlust at the young age of 91, Gabe made his way to the Maritimes to spend some time with family and friends on the East coast (although we strongly suspect that being near the freshest lobster possible was the real draw). No one enjoyed good food as much as Gabe, after every meal there would always be a resounding "Compliments to the chef!". As much as he enjoyed a feast, he truly enjoyed the company of friends and family even more. He made friends everywhere he went and never forgot a

face. He truly was the life of any gathering he attended sharing his very corny jokes, his laughter and his wisdom with an always captive audience. If you met him you did not forget him, with his signature purple streak in his head of white hair, the single diamond earring, bright colourful sweaters and most importantly his expressions of genuine gratitude and joy when surrounded by people he cared about.

No donations or flowers, please enjoy your favourite meal in his honour and don't forget to pass on your compliments to the chef. Cremation has taken place, and a private family interment will take place at a later date.

Expressions of condolence may be made at <https://www.harboursidecremation.ca/>

Tribute Wall

CK

“ Just saw the notification and would like to offer my love and friendship to Gabe. We met when I cared for Aureade. Quickly became close for several years, he followed me to Nova Scotia in 2011 and we enjoyed many years together. I regret losing touch and will always remember the many roads we traveled together. RIP Gabe, Aureade will be thrilled to see you! Cynthia van kooten

Cynthia van Kooten - February 25, 2022 at 08:20 PM

SK

“ 🌸 Sending our heartfelt condolences to the Girard family - Gabe will be remembered by us for his engaging zest & enthusiasm as well as his passion for healthy living 🌸
Sue, Roy & Andrew Kelly

Sue, Roy & Andrew Kelly - December 01, 2021 at 10:23 AM

LC

“ I had the pleasure of spending time with gabe when I was redeployed to the vets. He was such a sweet man we would sing and chat while he did his exercises. I so enjoyed my time with him he will be forever in my heart. Pta lena corbett

Lena corbett - December 01, 2021 at 09:24 AM

SS

“ Gabe was always fun to be around . Never missed his gym sessions always brought us treats . He will be missed Steve Sampson (pTA at Veterans)

stephen Sampson - November 30, 2021 at 07:38 AM

RL

“ You look like your father Paul. And, reading his obit I think you mirror him. Condolences from my heart.

Rita Leitch

Rita Leitch - November 30, 2021 at 05:57 AM

BD

It has been nearly sixty years since I last saw your father, Paul, and I still think of him with a smile. He really was a very special person; I am sorry for your loss.

Barbara (Grant) Davison

Barbara Davison - November 30, 2021 at 08:50 AM

DC

My deepest condolences to your family. My husband and I, along with my father "Woody" on 4 East of Camp Hill, had the pleasure of meeting your father when we had a tour of Camp Hill. He was their "official" spokesperson and such a joy to meet. I commented on his purple streak as my daughter's favorite colour is purple and said she would love his hair.

*God bless you in your time of sorrow,
Denise Corkum*

Denise Corkum - November 30, 2021 at 09:18 AM

JC

Paul: It was a delight and a privilege to know Gabe. His love of life, his positive and outgoing attitude and generous spirit were always prominent whenever he entered a room. His drop-in visits to my office at the VMB were always welcome and a bright spot in my day. What a wonderful long life! I know he will be missed by many and I am very sorry for your loss.

Jane Cowie

Jane Cowie - November 30, 2021 at 02:39 PM