



Reverend Gabriel Brakhia

July 15, 1951 - September 12, 2006

Reverend Gabriel R. Brakhia, 55, of Anaheim, CA; former priest of St. Thomas Assyrian Church of the East in New Britain, died unexpectedly Tuesday September 12, 2006 in California. Born in Beirut, Lebanon he was son of the late Rihan and Asiat Brakhia. He came to the United States in 1973 and resided in Yonkers, New York for 8 years. He later moved to New Britain and then Newington before moving to California two years ago. He served as a Deacon at St. Thomas Assyrian Church for 11 years and was ordained a Priest on July 11, 1999. Father Brakhia served the St. Thomas Parish for five years before taking a church in California.

Father Brakhia is survived by his wife Anna Maria Elia Brakhia; a daughter, Samara Brakhia in Anahiem; two brothers and there wives, John and Romina Brakhia and Zaya and Victoria Brakhia, all of Yonkers; 8 sisters and there spouses, Anna and Edmund Constantine and Jeanette and Robert Shononeskol all of Yonkers; Almas and Egdar Zodo, Zelfa and Andre David, Mirna and Henry Abboud, Georgette and Serge Akiba, Asmar and Tony Gemayel and Juliette Brakhia, all of Chicago, IL; many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be held Monday 11:15 AM at St. Thomas Cemetery, New Britain. A procession to the cemetery will form Monday morning 11 AM at St. Thomas Assyrian Church of the East, Cabot Street, New Britain. There are no calling hours. Memorial donations may be made to St. Thomas Assyrian

Church of the East. The Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting the family with arrangements. Please share a memory or note of sympathy with Father Brakhia's family by clicking on "GUESTBOOK" at the bottom of this page.

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *Gasha Gabby was a dear friend...he was warm, caring, and always made us feel that he was truly happy to see us.....and with that wonderful smile in greeting.....we will miss him and remember him always with affection.*

Jon and Doris Dooman Jones - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Dear Anna Maria and Samara,
Our heart felt condolences to you and your family. We will miss Gabby and his warm and friendly smile!!!*

Love, Al and Barb

Alan and Barbara Pratt and family - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *Anna Maria & Samara, Mike and I are so sorry to hear about Gabby's passing. We have thought of you all often over the past couple of years and enjoy reminiscing with stories about Gabby. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. With Love,
Mike and Kristyn*

Mike and Kristyn Turgeon - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *My dearest cousin
I shall always remember your smiling face, your sense of humour, I treasure our childhood memories. I can speak on behalf of my brothers and sisters and say we loved you dearly and enjoyed your company. You were taken away from us too soon, before we got a chance to meet again and relive those memories. You will always be in our hearts. Our prayers are with Anne Maria and Samara and the rest of the family. As my daughter said: "Mum, I bet he is now with Sawoo cracking jokes, with Sawoo pointing a finger at him and saying: What are you doing here, go back, you are too young". We leave you in God's care and pray that he grants you eternal life and give peace and comfort to the rest of us so that we can cope with this tragic loss.*

Forever in our hearts

Nadia, Tony, Simone and Stephen Porter

George Brikhia, Elie Brikhia

Miriam Krzysho and Katherine

Leila, Takis, Steve, Anastassia, Caterina and Heleni Lambetsos.

Daniel, Violet, Thomas, Ashour, Samuel and Joanne Brikhia.

Your cousins in Australia

R.I.P

Nadia Porter - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ *Dear AnnaMaria and Samara - We are so, so sorry about Gabe. You were our neighbors for 10 years and there will always be a place for you here. Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and will remain steadfast. God Bless you and keep you. Ralph and Mollie*

Ralph and Mollie Wentworth - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ We were both deeply saddened and shocked by Father Gabriel's passing. We will always have wonderful memories of this extraordinary man! Our deepest and heartfelt condolences to AnneMarie and Samara. From Barbara B. SpadaPaul A. Shaker, Jr., and sons, Sebastiano and Anthony Spada.

Barbara B.Spada and Paul A. Shaker, Jr. - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ "Gasha", we are so very sad you are no longer here on this Earth with us. But it was God's plan for you to go to your reward. While you have left us with a hole in our Earthly lives, we will cherish the memories of you that we have. Watch over us, your family and your church. And thank you for the love, kindness and care you gave us. We will miss you so.

Bruce S. McClure & Kathleen Gallo - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM