



Gabriel J. Pilla Sr.

November 19, 1938 - June 26, 2024

Gabriel Joseph Pilla Sr., of Pennsauken, passed away with family by his side on June 26, 2024, he was 85 years old.

He was born in Philadelphia, PA on November 19, 1938, to the late Francis and Rosina Pilla.

Gabe was a brilliant chemist, a passionate member of the United States Coast Guard, and a hardworking, self-taught mechanic. However, there was nothing Gabe adored more than his family. He loved to spend time with his family in the Poconos and take many trips and adventures with his beloved Marian. Gabe was an avid Phillies fan and bingo player, but there was nothing he enjoyed more than attending his kid's and grandchildren's sporting events, activities, and school functions. He was their biggest fan. Gabe maintained a beautiful garden every year and enjoyed the fruits of his labor. Gabe was an active member of Saint Peter's Roman Catholic Church in Merchantville, NJ. In every phase of his life, he made many great friends who became like family. Gabe touched the lives of every person he encountered, and he will be greatly missed by all.

Gabriel was preceded in death by his lovely wife of 58 years, Marian Pilla. He is survived by his loving children, Cynthia Deeb and Gabriel J. Pilla, Jr. (Joann); his grandchildren, Eric M. Schonewolf, Gabriel J. Pilla III, Lauren E.

Pilla, Demetria M. Silvera (Justin), Michael C. Pilla and Natalie A. Deeb; great granddaughter, Emilia Marian Schonewolf, Drayson Isaiah Silvera, Naomi Michalla Silvera and Alora Angelina Silvera; brother, Richard P. Pilla and sister Arlene R. Dennis (Gary). He is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and other dear family and friends.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Gabriel's life celebration gathering at Givnish of Cinnaminson, 1200 Route 130 N., on Monday morning, July 1st, from 9am – 12pm, followed by entombment in Calvary Mausoleum, Route 70 in Cherry Hill. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Dementia Society of America. https://www.dementiasociety.org/?gad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjwvvmzBhA2EiwAtHVrbwmBAqNuKkFI0sh1hYEvCxiRyMdQiPD8bMcez-WeBKDApe-Cg8EG2RoCdNIQAvD_BwE

Previous Events

viewing

JUL 1. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Givnish Funeral Home Cinnaminson
1200 Route 130 N
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077
(856) 829-8000
info@givnish.com
<https://www.givnish.com>

Funeral Service

JUL 1. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Entombment

JUL 1 (ET)

Calvary Cemetery
Route 38 and Cuthbert Boulevard
Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

Tribute Wall



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gabriel J. Pilla Sr..



June 30, 2024 at 08:18 PM



“ He was an honest auto mechanic. When it was time for me to stop putting money into my car, he would say it's time for a marshmallow roast. He will be missed. Delores Rose

Delores F. Rose - June 30, 2024 at 07:32 PM



“ I knew Gabe since 1976, fantastic guy, good friend and the best auto mechanic in the state. Rest in piece my friend. Mike Canaris

Mike Canaris - June 30, 2024 at 10:57 AM



Mr Pilla was always great to our family, taking care of our cars for many years. My Dad swore by him. A great neighbor and gentleman. In later years we would see him once and awhile walking the Moorestown Mall. God bless your family at this time. Gabe, we had some great childhood memories on Bethel Ave. 🙏praying for you all. Janice (Bergen)Arcaini and Al

Janice Arcaini - June 30, 2024 at 07:31 PM



“ Julie and Ed Russell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriel J. Pilla Sr..

Julie and Ed Russell - June 29, 2024 at 10:20 AM

JR

“ Julie and Ed Russell purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Gabriel J. Pilla Sr..



Julie and Ed Russell - June 29, 2024 at 10:20 AM

LL

“ Love from Gary and Lene planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriel J. Pilla Sr..

Love from Gary and Lene - June 28, 2024 at 06:35 PM

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“ Love from Gary and Lene purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Gabriel J. Pilla Sr..



Love from Gary and Lene - June 28, 2024 at 06:35 PM

HR

“ Hyman Buchwald, Tracy Evans, Gary Ross purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gabriel J. Pilla Sr..



Hyman Buchwald, Tracy Evans, Gary Ross - June 28, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ Hyman Buchwald, Tracy Evans, Gary Ross planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriel J. Pilla Sr..

Hyman Buchwald, Tracy Evans, Gary Ross - June 28, 2024 at 04:32 PM



“ Love Chicky, Claire, Olivia & Alexa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriel J. Pilla Sr..

Love Chicky, Claire, Olivia & Alexa - June 28, 2024 at 02:45 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Gabriel J. Pilla Sr..



June 28, 2024 at 02:45 PM