



## Ms. Gabriella Nicole Monteiro

April 6, 1994 - October 15, 2016

MONTEIRO, Ms. Gabriella Nicole - Age 22, passed away Saturday, October 15, 2016 at her residence in Okemos, MI. Family hour 10:30 a.m. Saturday, October 22, 2016 at Five Fold Ministry Christian Center, 8041 N. McKinley Rd., Flushing, MI., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Juanita Crump officiating. Interment Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, G-9506 N. Dort Hwy, Mt. Morris, MI . Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Ms. Monteiro will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed, with the family present from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Friday.

Gabriella Nicole Monteiro affectionately known as “Gabby” (and Bria to her one and only Sydney)” was born on April 6, 1994 in Boston, Massachusetts to Charles and Edith (Gurley) Monteiro. Shortly before Gabby made her transition on October 15, 2016 at the age of 22, she was read Romans 10 & 9, and asked “that if though shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, though shalt be saved”, she whispered “yes”. Gabby and her parents relocated to Flint, Michigan in 1995, and shortly thereafter, she was christened at Quinn Chapel AME church in Flint, MI. As a toddler, Gabby enjoyed having may-may (oatmeal) three times a day and watching season 3 of “Barney and Friends” over and over again. Gabby attended Grand Blanc and East Lansing Public Schools before relocating to Kansas with her family and graduating from

Olathe North High School in Olathe, Kansas. Her favorite subjects were history and science. Gabby was an avid lover of sports, and never one without the other, loved teaming with her sister Sydney to compete in the American Youth Soccer Organization in Greater Flint. Together they advanced to compete in many tournaments and received numerous MVP medals and trophies. The synergy that existed between Gabby and her sister on the field made them selectees to compete in the CANUSA Soccer games. During her young life, Gabby enjoyed Gymnastics, swimming, cheer leading and singing. She participated in several plays at Grand Blanc Academy, and once competed in a talent show singing "I'm Your Angel" by one of her favorite artist, Celine Dion. Gabby was a talented artist and gave rise to her own style, and providing unlicensed haircuts and makeovers to her friends that came over. She was the go to, if you wanted an outfit put together. Gabby had an eclectic collection of music, ranging from country to rap music. As a kid one of her favorite old CD's she requested when she traveled in her Te te's car was Shlomo Gronich and the Sheba Choir. Some of her all-time favorites were John Mayer, (together her and Gavin would sing the live version "Free Fallen"), Faith Hill and Tim Mccraw. She was a picky eater, and always comparing someone's cooking to her parents. She encouraged them to become entrepreneurs and purchase a food truck. She loved eating all kinds of ethnic food, especially Thai and Indian cuisine, and of course her dad's Cape Verdean dishes. Gabby was a roller coaster enthusiast and, loved going to theme parks. She was blessed to have traveled many places around the world with her family, such as Barcelona, Spain, Toronto, Ontario, and other interesting places. Gabby enjoyed the youth services at Family Worship Center in Flint, MI and the Christian Youth Center in Olathe, Kansas. She was the most generous person, and would give you her last, even when she had to borrow it back. Her greatest love was her son Gavin "Bubba". The day before Gabby's transition, she text'd Gavin in "care of" her mommy Edie, saying "Tell Gavin to have a good day at school and that mommy is coming home today and we are going to have fun, and that I Love him more than anything in this

world, and nothing will ever change this". Gabby suffered from amyloidosis for several years. She endured many surgeries, renal failure, hospital stays and was in need of an organ (s) transplant. Through all of this, she remained strong and smiled often even when she wasn't feeling well. Gabby was the poster child for promoting the importance of being a self-advocate for health care. She took an active role in her care, and her patient-doctor communication and medical terminology was unparalleled for someone her age. Gabby was loving, honest, and a straightforward firecracker!!! She stayed abreast of World Issues, Gabby enjoyed watching the Presidential Debates and was planning to cast her vote. She admired First Lady Michelle Obama, and on October 12th quoted "When they go low, you go high" while having an intimate conversation with her sister, Sydney. She knew what she wanted and wasn't afraid to speak her mind. She will be dearly missed.

Gabby is survived by her son, Gavin Charles Monteiro; parents, Edith and Charles Monteiro; grandmothers, Ludovina Monteiro of Lexington, MA, and Louise Gurley of Lansing, MI; sisters, Sydney (Joshua) Zaldana of Plato, MO, Lia Monteiro and Asia Monteiro of Boston, MA nephew, Tyandre Monteiro-Cooper; aunt and godmother, Julia (Stacey) Gurley Johnson of Lansing, MI; aunts and uncles, Antonia Lopes, and Antonio Lopes, both of San Diego, CA, Rosa (Santos) Deleon of Lexington, MA, Rita Monteiro Gonzalez of Fogo, Cape Verde and Alicia (Filipe) Santos Silva of Berkley, MA; cousins, Vincent Cokley of Livonia, MI, Karen (Marcelino) Lopes of Braintree, MA, Peter Lopes of Boston, MA, Curtis (Anna) Texteira of Lexington, MA, Jennifer (Melvin) Texteira of Boston, MA, Stefanie (Danario) Texteira Alexander of Houston, TX, Grace Monteiro of Lexington, MA, Pablo Gonzalez, XioMara Moreta, Darrin Gonzalez, all of Braintree, MA, Chelsie Santos Silva and Chloe Santos Silva of Berkley, MA; god-father, Dwayne Gurley of Flint Twp., MI, a host of great aunts and uncles, cousins, and friends.

Gabriella was preceded in death by her grandfathers, Vincent E. Gurley, and Alfredo Monteiro.

The family would like to express a special thanks to Jacara and Charina Moore of Lansing, MI. We can never thank you two enough for the love and support you extended to Gabby. We would also like to thank Nurse Trina and Tina of Fresenius Dialysis Central in Lansing, MI, cousin Alane Laws- Barker, M.D. with Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, MI and Jeffrey Zonder M.D. with the Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit, MI.

# Cemetery Details

## Flint Memorial Park Cemetery

G-9506 N. Dort Hwy.  
Mt. Morris, MI 48458

# Previous Events

## Family Present

OCT **21**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-MOON (6666)  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Public Viewing

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## Family hour

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OCT **22**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Five Fold Ministry Christian Center  
8041 N McKinley Rd.  
Flushing, MI 48433

## Service

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OCT **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gabby was a beautiful person inside and out. We will forever miss her. Her sense of humor, her intelligence, her inner strength and courage she use to spread and encourage with each person we came across her. I only wished I had more time with her. I will forever be sadden by the fact I never got to say goodbye. I will always love her and be in remembrance of how amazing she was.

Zuhur Mohamed - March 04, 2025 at 06:38 AM



“ Ms. Gabriella Nicole Monteiro

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss of Ms. Monteiro. My prayers are with your family, and I hope the scripture found at (Psalm 34:18) gives you comfort during this difficult time.

Jada - December 01, 2016 at 12:01 AM



hi mommy its me gavin AKA bubbies im doing good in school and guess what mom im in third grade and im 8! i hope i see you in heaven in jesus watching over me and im in sunday school bye mommy

edie - November 12, 2021 at 06:25 PM



Hi Jada i don't know if u know me but I'm Ms Monteiro's son Gavin I just want to say thank you for your prayers I'm not gonna lie to u but it is hard sometimes I feel like people don't understand how I feel with the loss of my family but life is a roller coaster bye

Gavin Monteiro - July 24, 2024 at 05:42 PM

FW

“ *To Edie AND THE ENTIRE GURLEY AND MONTIERO FAMILIES, my thoughts and prayers are with today and always,*



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**fatima walker** - October 22, 2016 at 12:10 PM

FW

“ *Praying for The Gurley and Montiero Families, CSU CLASS OF 89*



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**fatima walker** - October 22, 2016 at 12:06 PM

AK

“ *To Edi and the entire Monteiro and Gurley family.. may god give u continuous comfort and strength during this time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**April Kelley** - October 22, 2016 at 09:27 AM

AF

“ *Aunt Theresa Kendrick And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gabriella Nicole Monteiro*



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**Aunt Theresa Kendrick and Family** - October 22, 2016 at 01:24 AM

AF

“ Rest in paradise, dear angel.  
May God comfort my sisters,  
Julia and Edie and the entire family in the days ahead.  
Love always,  
Aunt "Tesa" Theresa Kendrick, Unique and Tanea...  
Tell my Father, your grandfather, Vincent, I'll see him when I get  
there.  
With deepest sympathies to the family and all who loved you dearly.

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**Aunt Theresa Kendrick and Family** - October 22, 2016 at 01:15 AM

AF

“ Aunt Theresa Kendrick And Family sent a  
virtual gift in memory of Ms. Gabriella Nicole  
Monteiro



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**Aunt Theresa Kendrick and Family** - October 22, 2016 at 01:05 AM

GM

“ Grace Emmanuel Usher Ministry lit a candle  
in memory of Ms. Gabriella Nicole Monteiro



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**Grace Emmanuel Usher Ministry** - October 21, 2016 at 07:50 PM

MB

“ *Margene Burkett lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gabriella Nicole Monteiro*



Margene Burkett - October 21, 2016 at 07:49 PM

RF

“ *Rhonda Johnson And Family lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gabriella Nicole Monteiro*



Rhonda Johnson and Family - October 21, 2016 at 04:48 PM

MS

“ *Mrs. Shawn Smith lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gabriella Nicole Monteiro*



Mrs. Shawn Smith - October 21, 2016 at 12:14 PM

VK

“ *To Edie, Julie, & Louise, and the entire Gurley family, my sincerest and deeply condolences in the loss of your sweet Gabriella. May God wrap his loving arms around you as you travel this heartbreaking journey.. He Will See You Through." God Bless You.*  
*Vivian & April Kelley* 🌹 🌹

Vivian Kelley - October 21, 2016 at 05:39 AM

VK

“ *Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gabriella Nicole Monteiro*



Vivian Kelley - October 21, 2016 at 05:21 AM

MR

“ *Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth (Carla) Kendrick Reyn lit a candle in memory of Ms. Gabriella Nicole Monteiro*



Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth (Carla) Kendrick Reyn - October 20, 2016 at 08:37 PM

TR

“ *My name is Tina, I was the tech at dialysis. I just want to express my deepest condolences and sympathy to the family. I wish I could make it to her service. Gabby will forever hold a special memory in my heart. Many prayers for all of you.*

Tina Robinson - October 19, 2016 at 07:19 PM

TR

“ *I am one of the dialysis techs who cared for Gabby. Her Aunt called the clinic to share this sad news, later that evening I was called at home and given the sad news. I wanted to express my deepest sympathies. Gabby had a great sense of humor and a very intelligent soul. I'm grateful I had a chance to make an impact on her life, as she had one on mine.*



Tina Robinson - October 19, 2016 at 07:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ms. Gabriella Nicole Monteiro.*



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October 19, 2016 at 03:17 PM



“ *My condolences to the family of Ms.Monteiro in their time of sorrow may the scripture at (Acts: 24:15) along with Gods word and prayer encourage you to meditate on these words with the hope that it will give you peace and understanding and help you to endure this difficult time.*



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**Daisy M Boone** - October 18, 2016 at 12:08 PM



“ *rip beautiful love cece*



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**ceceilia** - October 17, 2016 at 08:43 AM