



## Gabriel Alexander Payne

July 1, 2004 - March 7, 2022

Gabriel Alexander Payne was a happy, beautiful soul who left this world as quietly as he entered it in the early morning of March 7, 2022, achieving ultimate victory over AML has been a blessing to this earth for 17 years, 8 months, and 6 days. Gabe's beautiful soul was evident in his sweet smile, sweetheart, and beautiful eyes. He was everyone's friend with an incredible (sometimes dark) sense of humor and the ability to converse easily even with perfect strangers. He was empathetic, compassionate, and always placed others before himself. He was truly one of a kind.

Gabe was a 2022 graduate of Richlands High School. He had mastered the art of the pun, speaking only in puns for 2 hours straight one day, as well as every single video game he ever attempted. If you were stuck in a game, Gabe was your #1 resource; if you were playing a game against him, you were probably gonna lose. He loved to go fishing, cooking, drawing, building things, animals, origami, and Pokémon. He enjoyed watching The Nanny, Impractical Jokers, MasterChef, and most other Gordon Ramsay shows. He loved gloomy, rainy days and going for drives - especially on gloomy, rainy days. He looked forward to becoming a dad one day and "just being happy" in his future.

During the last six months of his life, Gabe fought AML with such tenacity,

strength, and courage that he became an inspiration to many. Each obstacle was met with the same positive responses from Gabe; no matter how bad he felt he had a smile, compliment, positive comment, or hug for every person that he encountered. He always tried to make people smile. Gabe was made of grit and grace - grit to be courageous and stubborn enough to always keep fighting on his terms and grace to be light and inspiration to us all as he faced his Goliath.

Gabe was the knower of the strangest facts and the giver of the greatest hugs. Gabe was good - be good like Gabe.

Gabe was greeted in Heaven by his Paw Paws: Jerry Lee Payne, Sr. and Lloyd Campbell Buskill, his aunt Lindsay Shay Honaker Payne, and his uncle Ronald Dean Miller.

The shattered hearts left behind: Gabe's mom and dad: Cynthia and Clifford Allen; father and step-mother: Barry and Bryan Payne; his brother and best buddy: Jacob Payne; his little (and much shorter) sister: Lily Payne; grandparents: Shirley Buskill, Billy and Edna Allen; Aunts: Marie Boone and husband John, Kimberly Sarrubbo; Uncles: Jimmy Lowe and wife Tammie, Jerry Lee Payne, Jr; Cousins: Wayne "Bugs" Newberry, Marissa and Kyara Lowe, Kara and Raegan Boyd; datemate and snove Micky; bonus brother: Julian Phipps; best friends: Brittney Shelton and Ethan Looney; K-9 companion who was always "doing a guard" over Gabe: Rusty.

Gabe's journey was blessed from beginning to end by countless people and his family would like to thank:

Dr. Atkinson (Angel), Dr. Borowicz, Dr. Edwards, and the rest of the angels at Carilion Pediatric Hematology and Oncology office.

All angels of Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital Children's Hospital PEDS 11S and Gabe's sweeties - the bright spots of his many days spent there -

Gabey Baby loved each of you so much

RHS principal Rickie Vencill, staff (especially Mrs. Hurst, Mrs. Brown, and Mr. Kirby), and students

City on a Hill

Richlands Fire and Rescue and Richlands Police Department for providing safe transport for transfusions.

Legacy Hospice - Tammie, Beth, Alissa, Sara

All Gabe's prayer warriors

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, March 12 @ 2:00 at City on a Hill with Pastor Barry Absher officiating. Please wear Gabe's favorite color, green or "His fight is our fight" shirts. Donations for Carilion Children's Child Life program will be accepted. This program provides activities and support for hospitalized children. Good donation ideas include small toys, cards, board games, activity sets, art sets for children of all ages. Child Life was a great source of comfort and distractions through so many lengthy hospitalizations. Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands oversees the arrangement, and those wishing to express sympathy may do so at [www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com](http://www.hurstscottfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Celebration Of Life

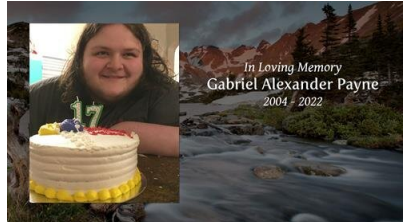
MAR 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

City on the Hill  
Maxwell, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ Hurst-Scott Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gabriel Alexander Payne



Hurst-Scott Funeral Home - March 20, 2022 at 09:48 PM



“ Gabriel Alexander Payne

January 14, 2023 at 04:24 PM



“ Gabriel Alexander Payne

January 14, 2023 at 02:26 PM



“ Sherman Newberry lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Alexander Payne



Sherman Newberry - March 12, 2022 at 02:14 PM

BM

“ Thoughts and prayers to Gabriel’s family during this time. With deepest sympathy, the Richlands Band.



Bruce Miller - March 12, 2022 at 01:05 PM

MW

“ You will be missed sweet boy.. You and your family will always be family to me and Brittney. You touched and inspired so many lives with your bright light. You will never be forgotten. Fly high sweet Angel.



Michelle Whited - March 12, 2022 at 08:49 AM



“ Carolyn Pyles lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Alexander Payne



Carolyn Pyles - March 11, 2022 at 10:31 PM

MI

“ Gabe was the sweetest person I've ever known. I'm the datemate he left behind, Micky, unfortunately kept apart by distance and family. I know a lot of things about him, but my favorite thing was always his love for children and cooking. Cliff and Cynthia: you're the best parents you could be for him. To his siblings: you were so loved by him, no matter what you did. He always just wanted the best for you.

*You will be forever missed, my sweet lemon muffin. Your life was a blessing, taken too soon, but I'm so glad I got to experience it, and I'm glad you don't hurt anymore.*

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Micky - March 11, 2022 at 08:58 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gabriel Alexander Payne.*



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March 11, 2022 at 03:40 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gabriel Alexander Payne.*



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March 11, 2022 at 12:10 PM

JH

“ James & Ruby Harmon sent a virtual gift in memory of Gabriel Alexander Payne



James & Ruby Harmon - March 10, 2022 at 05:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Gabriel Alexander Payne.



March 10, 2022 at 12:51 AM

PT

“ To the family of Gabe: You have a family of people who have been there praying for you and watching progress for Gabe. So glad he was presented his diploma. God, comfort this family.

Pat Thompson - March 09, 2022 at 10:42 PM

JB

“ R.I.P. Gabe !! You will surely be missed, by everyone, who had the honor, of meeting you.



Jack Eunice Breeden - March 09, 2022 at 03:53 PM

MR

“ Cynthia and Clifford,

*Words cannot even begin to express our deepest sympathy for you and your family, in the loss of your precious Gabriel. Our hearts breaks with yours. I will always remember your sweet boy with fondness and much love. I loved seeing his bright smile in Sunday school class, and always felt so blessed to be considered one of his friends. He was a bright spot in every class, with his infectious laugh, and his kind, beautiful heart. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Please give Jacob and Lily a big hug for me, too. Carlos and I love each one of you, so very much!*

*Carlos and Melodie Rife*

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**Melodie Rife** - March 09, 2022 at 01:38 PM

SG

“ Savannah Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Alexander Payne



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**Savannah Gilbert** - March 09, 2022 at 11:45 AM

CW

“ Cindy,

*My heart breaks for you sending you & your family lots of prayers & hugs!*

*Cleressa*

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**Cleressa C. Ward** - March 09, 2022 at 11:25 AM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks sent a virtual gift in memory of Gabriel Alexander Payne*



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**TonyanEdgar Wicks** - March 09, 2022 at 08:52 AM



“ *TonyanEdgar Wicks lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Alexander Payne*



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**TonyanEdgar Wicks** - March 09, 2022 at 08:52 AM



“ *Prayers for everyone so sorry for your loss of your sweet Gabriel. Love and prayers for everyone, Pauline and Gary O'Quinn.*

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**Pauline O'Quinn** - March 08, 2022 at 09:52 PM



“ *Katrina Saxton lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Alexander Payne*



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**Katrina Saxton** - March 08, 2022 at 09:46 PM

CC

“ *Cathy Cordle lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Alexander Payne*



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**Cathy Cordle** - March 08, 2022 at 08:47 PM

AH

“ *So sorry to hear of this, Barry, Cynthia, and family. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.*



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**Anthony and Wilma Hale** - March 08, 2022 at 08:37 PM

JW

“ *Judy West lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Alexander Payne*



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**Judy West** - March 08, 2022 at 07:52 PM

WD

“ *Wanda Deskins lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Alexander Payne*



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**Wanda Deskins** - March 08, 2022 at 07:45 PM

GB

“ I didn't personally know Gabe, but I had him in a few of my classes and spoke to him a few times. He was kind and always cracking jokes. It always made my days a little brighter when id hear him crack jokes with his friends. He always made me laugh. My thoughts and prayers are with you all ❤️

Gracie breighann - March 08, 2022 at 07:05 PM

JH

“ Jillian Harrison lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Alexander Payne



Jillian Harrison - March 08, 2022 at 06:56 PM

WA

“ Love you Gabby Baby we will miss you. ❤️



wayne(Bugs)Newberry - March 08, 2022 at 06:56 PM

WA

“ Wayne(Bugs)Newberry lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Alexander Payne



wayne(Bugs)Newberry - March 08, 2022 at 06:53 PM

TF

“ Tracy Johnson Faris lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Alexander Payne



Tracy Johnson Faris - March 08, 2022 at 04:44 PM

TF

“ It has broken my heart to learn of Gabe's passing. I have been a prayer warrior for Gabe since the beginning. I know Jimmy, Marie, Shirley, Brittany. My heart hurts for all of you. Gabe was precious, bright, and an amazing soul. He inspired me through his journey. His faith was stronger than most people I know and it has helped to strengthen my own faith. Gabe, I didn't know you personally, but I will miss you. I know you are with our Father. God bless you all, I pray God comforts you during this time of tremendous grief.

Tracy Johnson Faris - March 08, 2022 at 04:43 PM

SB

Thank You Tracy he was the sweetest young man ever.

shirley buskill - March 08, 2022 at 06:51 PM

SH

“ Love you Gabby Baby fly high sweet boy. You will be forever in our hearts. You were such a brave boy. Mawmaw loves you so so much my precious Grandson ❤️



shirley - March 08, 2022 at 04:30 PM

SM

“ *I'm so very sorry. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.* ”



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**Sarah Mullins** - March 08, 2022 at 04:29 PM

MJ

“ *Matthew Joyce lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Alexander Payne* ”



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**Matthew Joyce** - March 08, 2022 at 03:40 PM