



Gabriel Antoine Charles

December 22, 1950 - February 29, 2024

Gabriel Antoine-Ruben Charles was born in Cap-Haïtien, Haiti, and stood as the eldest sibling among two brothers and two sisters, tragically, two of whom have passed away. In December 1981, he embarked on a new chapter of his life by moving to the United States, specifically to Brooklyn, New York City. There, he found employment at a Manhattan restaurant, a place where fate led him to a memorable encounter with Elizabeth Taylor. Gabriel was a polyglot, fluent in Haitian Creole, French, Spanish, and English.

His educational journey included a brief tenure at the City College of New York, where he pursued engineering studies before illness intervened. Prior to this, he had completed his high school education in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and served as a high school teacher. Later, after moving to Florida, Gabriel became a Certified Nursing Assistant, working in Land 'O Lakes until his retirement.

In 1982, Gabriel met Martha Charles. They married on March 7, 1985. They would have celebrated 39 years of marriage and 42 years of knowing one another. Gabriel and Martha share two children: McNair and Tammy Charles.

Gabriel was a Christian and was baptized at Bethany Baptist Church in Queens, NY. Gabriel's passions were deeply rooted in music. He was an avid collector of records and took pride in his stereo system, which he used to play

his favorite tunes. He particularly enjoyed the rhythms of Haitian Konpa, with Tropicana d'Haïti, Tabou Combo, Les Shleu-Shleu, Orchestre Septentrional, and Magnum Band - Boukman Eksperyans being among his favorite artists. His musical tastes also extended to American artists, such as Michael Jackson, Luther Vandross, Whitney Houston and Latin Artists Celia Cruz, and Julio Iglesias. Beyond music, Gabriel had a keen interest in basketball, news, historical documentaries, and politics, covering a spectrum of topics from Haitian to Cuban and American politics. He also had a love for Haitian food and sweets and was known for his extensive luggage when traveling.

Gabriel was outspoken and firm in his beliefs, whether it was about religion, politics, faith, or any other subject he held dear. Towards the end of his life, he found solace in watching Christian television networks, such as TBN, reflecting a spiritual dimension to his character.

Gabriel's Family

Gabriel Antoine-Ruben Charles is survived by his spouse, Martha Charles, and their children, McNair and Tammy Charles. His brothers, Louis Charles, affectionately known as "Harold," and Harald Ruben "Bolo" Charles, along with his mother, Elisna (Tassy) Charles, also mourn his passing. The family extends to include stepchildren Richemie Jean and Barbara Bertrand-Fleur-Aimee and his beloved grandchildren La'Venska Fulcher, Jiada Jean, and Saina Angel Astree.

He is also survived by his nephews from his brother Harald Ruben "Bolo" Charles: Henndry Ruben Charles, Jr., Harley Ruben Charles, Harold Ruben Charles, and Hardy Christien Charles. His aunt, Loise Tassy, and her son Andral Philippe, Gabriel's cousin.

Gabriel's journey preceded those of his father, Roger Charles, and his sisters, Jacqueline Charles and Ketty Charles, who have passed before him.

He is also survived by his nephews and nieces, Terry Charles and Kenny Charles, children of Louis Charles, and nephews Steve Innocent, Peter Innocent, and McAndy Jean Philippe, children of the late Jacqueline Charles. His cousin, Nerlande Dibreuil.

Memorial Fund:

The Gabriel Antoine-Ruben Charles Memorial Fund is forthcoming.

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR **16.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Tammy Charles lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Antoine Charles



Tammy Charles - March 13, 2024 at 08:34 PM

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“ From : Serge Joseph and family's purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gabriel Antoine Charles.



From : Serge Joseph and family's - March 13, 2024 at 10:49 AM

HF

“ Harald Ruben Charles et Famille purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Gabriel Antoine Charles.



Harald Ruben Charles et Famille - March 08, 2024 at 09:55 AM

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“ Gabriel Antoine- Ruben Charles Obituary: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1K73rTXnrE8XlaQKrjADZ7fP17c-oYulFOMhb189ZaN4/edit?usp=sharing>

Tammy Charles - March 06, 2024 at 11:14 PM

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Tammy Charles - March 06, 2024 at 11:11 PM

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“ *Tammy Charles lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Antoine Charles*



Tammy Charles - March 04, 2024 at 06:59 PM

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Tammy Charles - March 04, 2024 at 06:56 PM