



Mr Paul H Gabriel

December 29, 1924 - March 10, 2013

Mr. Paul H. Gabriel, age 88 of Maitland, Florida passed away on Sunday, March 10, 2013 in Maitland, Florida. Mr. Gabriel was born on December 29, 1924 in Claymont, Delaware.

Arrangements are entrusted to DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory, 9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, Florida 32751. (407) 695-CARE(2273).

Tribute Wall

“ Dear Doris, Kevin, Jerry and Kyle,

Our Dad, "Uncle Walt" Sickles brought us to Orlando in 1950. Without a job and only prospects for the future; he, like Paul, became a pioneer in Orlando. We might have been the first family to buy a "regular, regular" when your store opened in 1958, and even today, the taste of a Gab's Sub brings back so many memories of "Mister Gabriel".

Soon after you opened your first store, my Mom and Dad became friends with Paul and Doris and eventually had Paul on the "Adventures with Uncle Walt" TV show one weekday afternoon. I remember that show and watching Paul make his signature sub under the supervision and admiration of our Dad.

In 1970, when my wife, Rebecca, and I were in our first jobs out of college in Seattle, my Mom, Georgene, and Dad came to visit. They brought (6) Gab Subs, with hot peppers and extra pickles, in a tupperware container on the plane, for us to devour during their stay.

I remember a newspaper article in the Orlando Sentinel Star in the late 1960's about Paul's donation of Gab Subs, that were air lifted into Vietnam for the Orlando soldiers.

I remember my selfish disappointment when during many summers, you would close the store for a month or more to vacation as a family. At the same time, I was amazed at the uniqueness of the family values that made those Gabriel vacations so important.

To this day, when my brother, Rob, (who graduated with Kevin at Edgewater) visits from Houston, we must visit Gabriel's.

Paul and your family have been a constant and loving family business in this town that has grown into a metropolis since you opened for business. Truly one of the last remaining 3rd generation

businesses in Orlando.

We will always remember Paul's legacy and thank you all for carrying on the amazing Gabriel's Sub Shop.

Paul lived a wonderful and full life and will always be remembered by the Sickles Family.

Best personal regards,

Rick Sickles

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“*Gabe was the sweetest, kindest man. I was a server at the Princeton Diner where the ROMEO Club would meet 5 days a week. When he would be on his travels he would get my son Brandon gifts from different places he would go. He would mail postcards and gifts to him. He would remember him at Christmas. He treated my son and I like family. What a loving man. I used to rub his lotion in when he would miss spots on his head. My dad was a letter carrier and would stop in for lunch and him and Gabe would chat. I never knew this until right before my dad passed. The last time I saw Gabe he didn't remember much, so I wasn't able to share with him that he knew my father years ago. But Gabe remembered me. He said "I remember you, I love you". I cried so hard because he was so proud that he remembered. You will be dearly miss Gabe. I send condolences out to Doris and the family. May The Lord help you in this difficult time. He was a Freat man. Donna Siemen*

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