



## Gabriel "Gabe" Michael Coy

May 5, 2003 - August 21, 2011

Gabriel "Gabe" Michael Coy, 8 years old of Summerville, passed away from this world and into the arms of Jesus on Sunday, August 21, 2011.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 5 o'clock PM at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, 2520 Middle Street, Sullivan's Island. Pastor Stephen Brunson from Mercy Heart Ministries and the Very Reverend John Burwell of Holy Cross will share in the conducting of the service. The family will speak with friends in the church fellowship hall following the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to either the MUSC Children's Hospital Fund, 59 Bee Street, Charleston, SC 29425 or to Make-A-Wish Foundation of SC, 224 S. Pleasantburg Drive, #B8, Greenville, SC 29607.

Gabe was born on May 5, 2003 in Charleston. Gabe was a special child in a multitude of ways. Having a severe heart condition, he underwent numerous surgeries, spent over 600 nights in the hospital, culminating in a heart transplant at the age of four. With loving care by his parents and his brother and sister, plus faithful friends and the power of prayer, Gabe's short life was an incredibly happy and impactful one. Gabe loved music and musicals of all kinds. He was a YouTube aficionado and a major fan of Mickey Mouse, Disney songs of all kinds (in all languages), Mother Goose, the Wiggles, Sesame Street, and many others. Gabe and his entire family were blessed with a Make a Wish Foundation trip to Disney World this past May, where the family has hundreds of photos and videos of Gabe literally having "the time of his life!" meeting all his favorite characters, and watching the musicals. Gabe

also dearly loved attending school at Spann Elementary, and most recently, Summerville Elementary, where he was treated like the angel that he was. Gabe's family currently attends Mercy Heart Ministries Church in Jedburg. When Gabe was born, the family lived on the Isle of Palms and attended the Church of the Holy Cross on Sullivan's Island for four years. Gabe touched the lives of many people besides his family – his church friends, the doctors and nurses at MUSC, his teachers, and so many others. He was truly a blessing to everyone he met, and will live in the hearts of those who loved him. The family expresses their heart-felt love and thanks for the love and support they have received from both church families – truly examples of Christ's love and compassion

He is survived by his parents, Bruce and Pam Thomas Coy; One Brother: Julian; One Sister: Carra all of Summerville; Paternal Grandparents: Cal & Marilyn Coy of Chapin, SC; Maternal Grandparents: Norm & Barbara Thomas of Chapin, SC; Aunts: Laura Pike (Gary) of Montauroux, France, Gayle Davis (Ken) of Toccoa, GA; Uncle: Clark (Laura) Thomas of Irmo and a number of cousins.

A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting our website at [www.jamesadyal.com](http://www.jamesadyal.com)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Gabriel "Gabe" Michael Coy

September 29, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ I was so sad to learn of your loss. Loved ones pass on, but their memory lives on in our hearts forever. I know that Gabe will be with you always. With sincere sympathy and love, ~Lyn Long

September 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Gabriel "Gabe" Michael Coy

**Ann Mathis Doak** - August 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Gabe at the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Barbara (my 6th-grade teacher) and Norm Thomas. I immediately felt how special Gabe was to everyone. His smile was infectious!! May God hold you all very close to Him as you grieve the loss of this precious young man. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

**Linda Irby White** - August 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ GABE'S GRAND MOTHER BARBARA THOMAS IS A NEW FOUND "EPWORTH SISTER" OF MINE. MY WIFE BET AND I ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF GABE. THE BARRINEAU'S, GARDEN CITY BEACH, SC

**TOM AND BET BARRINEAU** - August 26, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ To Gabe's Family.....Jack and I send you are deepest sympathy in the loss of your dear Gabe. We will keep you in our prayers.I know this wonderful boy is in the arms of Jesus. Jack and Betty Talley Stevens

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**Betty Stevens** - August 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ i light this candle for your son gabriel,an angel in heaven now looking down on you and your family,just know hes at peace with the lord, god bless

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**nolan** - August 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Dear pam, Bruce Julian and Carra, I was so sorry to hear about your lose of Gabe. I know that he will be missed beyond any words that anyone could express. I know that he was a JOY to each and everyone of you and that he brought the world to you in his eyes. I have you in my prayers and thought continously. I pray that GOD gives the the strength to get through this time of grief and that you remember all the times that this angel brought you nothig but happiness. I love and miss you all greatly and I know that now gabe is up in the clouds smiling now with that amazing smile hurting no more but proud to say that you gave him the world and all the happiness that he needed while he was here. He will be that wind that touches you and you will know that it is him letting you know that he is ok and that he is now watching over all of you.

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**Tonia Gleaton** - August 25, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dear Pam, Bruce and Family,I am so sorry to hear of little Gabes passing. My heart goes out to you. Please know that we are keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.Dave and Chrissy Lorenz

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**Chrissy Lorenz** - August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AW

“ I don't know you, be we are bound by the blood of our Savior. I send you prayers of mercy, grace and peace. May you find much comfort in Psalm 147:3. Love in Christ, Angie

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**Angie Wingard** - August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ Pam and FamilyOur hearts go out to you and all of your family. So very sorry for the loss of your little angel. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. When I look to heaven from now on I will be looking for the extra twinkle from Gabe's eyes looking down on all of us.LuAnne Sox Clements & Billy Sox

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**LuAnne Clements** - August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ Pam, Bruce and family,You and all your family are in our thoughts. Pam was just telling us about Gabe at our High School reunion and he sounded like a very special little boy. I hope all your wonderful memories of Gabe will help during this difficult time.Keith and Debbie Cox

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**Keith Cox** - August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Bruce, Pam & Family, We have you in our thoughts and prayers. Sounds like your son was an angel sent here on earth, so I'm sure that God has a special place for him in heaven.

Micah - August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ God bless little Gabe. Didn't know him, but who couldn't love that little fella. I have lost a son, and I know your deep hurt. God bless his family and find relief in knowing you will meet again. Dan Atkinson, Santee, SC

Daniel Atkinson - August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Even though we never got to meet Gabe, he sounds like a wonderful, happy and loving little boy. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.

Danny - August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ Bruce, Pam, Julian, and Carra, So sorry for your loss of Gabe. We will continue to keep your family in our prayers. God had a purpose with Gabe.

Keith - August 24, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *The Coy Family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I am so thankful that I had the privelege to work with Gabe and get to know you, Pam, several years ago when you lived on the Isle of Palms. Gabe was such a sweetie and I learned so much from him. He is now running and playing with the angels in Heaven!!Angie Marsh, CCSD (OT)*

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**Angie Marsh** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *We've never had the pleasure of meeting your family, but when I saw Gabe's picture and write-up, in the obituaries of the newspaper, I had tears in my eyes, and I just had to send my condolences to his family and loved ones. May God bless each and every one of you, as you go through the grieving process of losing this beautiful child. He is safe and sound in the loving arms of our faithful God, and you will see him again someday.*

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**Thomas Family** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Bruce and Pam, Our hearts ache with the same pain that you feel. We are so very sorry for the loss that your family has endured. We will pray for you all and look for a new star in heaven. Terry & Jerry Gillian*

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**Terry Gillian** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ *So very sorry for your loss, May God Bless you during this most sorrowful time.*

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**Polly Wilson** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Pam, Bruce, Julian and CarraJohn and I are so truly sorry to learn of your loss of Gabe. It seems he raced through life and took in more than many will claim in decades. You are all in our thoughts and prayers, but we know you have an angel watching over you to give you strength and comfort. Sandra and John Wade

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**Sandra** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KW

“ Bruce and family, so very saddened to hear of the loss of your precious child. I cannot imagine the intense pain and feelings of loss you all have. I'm sending much love and prayers to and for all of you. May God keep you close and help you during this most difficult time.

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**Karen Amick Whiteside** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ The Coy Family: Your little Cabe had a short life but, a whole life. He gave so much and loved so much and the memories will last a life time for all whom knew him. This little angel is now in the arms of Jesus and God will carry each of you until you can stand on your own. Our prayers are with each of you. The Hammer Family

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**The Hammers** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ My heart grieves for you Bruce! Prayers for your strength and strength for your family!

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**Julia Bailey Meredith** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Pam, I can still see little Gabe's smile when I worked with him at your Isle of Palms home. He was such a little character with his infectious smile. I feel lucky I was able to get to know him, he truly is an Angel from God. Look at many lives he touched in 8 years. He was an amazing child who loved life to its fullest. I am thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Catherine Dix, CCSD

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**Catherine Dix** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BU

“ Love and sympathy to all the family.

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**Buzz** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Please accept our deepest sympathies.

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**Ed** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CG

“ Bruce, Pam, Julian & Carra Thanks for the opportunity to have seen God's love expressed to a wonderful little boy, Gabe. It's a priviledge to have seen God's love shine thru Gabe's eyes, this is often missed by many. Gabe was more athletic than all of us , he has already beaten us in the race into our heavenly Father's arms. We are praying for your strength and comfort in this difficult time. Lady Flames , Coaching Staff/Families & Athletic Dept.

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**Carey Green** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ We are so very sorry to hear of your loss of your dear Gabe. All of the Coy family will be in our thoughts and prayers in the coming difficult days. We miss you on 26th Avenue!With sympathy, Theron and Dale Hegler

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**Dale Hegler** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Bruce, Laura and family,I'm sorry to hear of your loss of Gabe. He must have been a wonderful little boy! I'm sure you learned so much about life from him. Prayers are going up for you.

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**Sonja Edwards Carnaggio** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Dear Coy Family, My heart is broken to hear of your loss. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the future. May your precious memories sustain during this time.

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**Elaine Misskelley** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Even so far away, Gabe touched me and many of my platoon mates. Pam and Bruce, you both were instrumental with the love and care you have shown not only my family, but many of those around you. In your loss, our Father has gained, and on this day again, the 130th Engineer Brigade, 84th Engineer Battalion, 643rd Engineer Company dedicate their work day to Gabe. My Love and tears flow with yours.Kelly McLaughlin

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August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ My daughter Mariah is in the second grade this year at Spann Elementary. I have been picking her up everyday since Kindergarten. I remember Ms. Pam coming everyday to pick Gabe up afterschool and everyday that sweet boy would come out with a huge smile on his face. It made me smile to see such a precious, happy little boy. He is in the arms of our Sweet Lord now, looking down on all his loved ones and friends. We send our most heartfelt condolences to your family at this time for the loss of your son. May God Bless you all. Amanda and Mariah Caputo

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**Amanda Caputo** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ my heart breaks for you and your family. Gabe is now in the arms of our lord and savior. Know that i love you all and will always have you in my prayer. love in christ.

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**tina blocker** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Though we never met Gabe nor his Family we would like to express our saddness of his passing. We were looking up one of our patiens obituary and came across Gabes beautiful smiling picture. I'm so sorry for your loss but we all know he is in the arms of our Savoir. God blessed your family with Gabes life. Theres not much we can say to take away your pain, but I do want you to know there are many compassionate people left in this world that loves your family and cares for your family and your heartbreking loss---even if you never have met them. God Bless you all. Dena & Rindy . Columbia S.C.

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**Dena** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Cam - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Bruce, wanted to send you and your family my most sincere condolences on the loss of your son. He sounded like such a special child. I do know that pure love and the most unselfish emotions are often exhibited by those whose needs are the greatest. Gabe sounded like one of those kids who can only be described as a blessing from God. Wishing for you all the comfort that God, family, and friends can provide. God Bless. Lisa Chavis Ray, Chapin, SC

August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ To Mrs. Coy and Family, I'm very sorry to hear about your loss, I will keep your family in my prayers. MUSC(PEDIATRIC RADIOLOGY)

Patricia Brown - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Pam, Bruce, Julian & Carra: I just can't help but grin ear-to-ear when I picture Gabe. Oh how much fun he is having with Jesus! I love each and every one of you and am so thankful that you shared your life with Gabe with me. God bless you. With all my love,

Caroline McLaughlin - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. May God walk closer with you than ever. We will be keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Sending you Love. Dwight & Diann Bouknight, Irmo, South Carolina

August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I am so very sorry for your loss. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Judy McCartha Sims** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. May God wrap his loving arms around all of you in this time.*

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**Tim Rollins** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *Pam and Bruce, You and your family are in my prayers. I was so saddened when I heard about Gabe. I remember the day he was born and the joy he brought to you. He and you touched many of our lives at MUSC. God bless all of you! God has another angel to watch over us!*

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**Ruby Kvestad** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *Although I've never met him, he truly was a blessing in your lives. My sincere condolences. May his memory comfort you.*

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**Rita Busman** - August 23, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SZ

“ *Pam, Bruce, Julian and Carra, We were stunned and saddened to hear the news about Gabe. We can still see him walking into our office and dancing in the halls! We will really miss seeing Gabe. Everyone at Cooper River Pediatrics sends their love and prayers.*

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**Sheri Ziemnick** - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ to the loving family, although we have never met, I am truly touched. You were so blessed to have such a wonderful son, as was Gabriel to have such a wonderful family. God Bless you all, rest in peace Gabriel.

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**Debi Benson** - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Gabe touched my life in more ways than you could ever know. I always enjoyed taking care of him. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers!Christie Jacobin RNPeds  
Cardiology

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**Christie Jacobin** - August 22, 2011 at 12:00 AM