



Donald Carlo (Swabbi) Gasparetti

December 4, 1949 - May 5, 2013

Don (Swabbi) Gasparetti age 63 of Kingston, TN passed away Sunday May 5, 2013 at his home. He was a Past Master #54 Lincoln, NE, a Shriner where he was active in the clown and motor car corp, Tabula Rosa and the Scottish Rite. Member of Bethel Presbyterian Church and the Oak Ridge and Gettysview Country Club.

Survivors wife of 32 years Janet Gasparetti of Kingston
Daughters Laura (Eric) Windhausen of Harriman
Angela Gasparetti of Washington, DC
Son Marty (Tiffany) Miles of Kingston
Sister Adriana Smith of Bolingbrook, IL
One grandchild Maria Teresa Gasparetti of Harriman

Funeral 11 am Thursday May 9, 2013 at Bethel Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Wendy Neff officiating. Burial will follow in Roane Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7pm Wednesday followed by a Masonic memorial service at the Kyker Funeral Home in Kingston.

Tribute Wall

BL

“ *When you found me for Janet after all the years we had missed seeing and talking to each other I knew you were such a special person. I just wish that we could have had more time together here on earth, but God had other plans for you. So until our Lord brings the rest of us home, we have our memories to remind us of the love, laughter, good times and or bad times to cherish in our hearts. You will never be forgotten by us that love you. With all my love and prayers on your journey home to the Lord, Barbara Young-Wagner*

Barbara Young-Wagner - Milwaukee, WI - adopted sister in law - June 12, 2013
at 12:00 AM

TR

“ *Wor. Bro. Don was a charter member of Tabula Rasa #332 in Lincoln. His Brethren mourn his loss. Though the distance made it impossible for him to participate, he was loyal to the Lodge he helped form. To the family and friends, we express our sympathy, and acknowledge how much better our lives were because of Wor. Bro. Don.*

Tabula Rasa #332 Masonic Lodge - Lincoln, NE - Secretary of Tabula Rasa -
May 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ Rest peacefully, Uncle Donald Gasparetti. We will all be missing you.

You were an incredible and inspiring human being. I am very grateful that I was able to get to know you better these past few years. Grandma reminded me that you would want us to celebrate your life, not mourn your passing.

I will always think of you as a role model. When I think of you, I think of the true meaning of family -- I think of how generous and kindhearted you were to everyone; I think of all the fantastic photographs you took; I think of all the wonderful family stories you shared with me.

When I think of you, I am reminded that life is too precious to let a day go by without laughter (and be sure to be humble and be able to laugh at yourself – as you always were); to stop to admire the beautiful things (and take pictures); to do everything you can to help others in need (you went above and beyond); and to never let a day go by without letting loved ones know how much you love them.

We love you, Uncle Don.

Thank you for all that you were.

Veronica

Veronica Tuttell - Tacoma, WA - Niece - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FN

“ To my Uncle Don,

You provided so many with so much joy and happiness and laughter. Though you are my Uncle I always thought of you as more of a big brother as we were so close in age. As children, my brother Chuck and I would have so much fun with you when we came to visit. Even though you took such delight in tormenting us with that wretched Mynah bird! We look back on those days with great fondness now. I have so many memories...

And as we grew older you were always there to provide advice, mentoring and just plain fun. You never took life too seriously but at the same time you were always serious about helping others.

You left us far too soon. We are all so grateful to have been a part of your life.

We will all remember and love you forever.

Frank

Frank Pesek - San Jose, CA - Nephew - May 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CI

“ Don, I was never close to you like the girls were but I appreciate the impact you had on their lives. The few times we met I could only tell that you were a character but very to the point and able to make it humorous. I could never thank you enough for the light you brought into my wife's and sister-in-law's life. They have made it a point to tell me all about you since I joined the family. Let me tell you, the popcorn story never gets old. When we watch *THE LONGEST YARD* there's a scene about popcorn and we think of you. Never have I seen with my own eyes so many people standing behind another person out of pure respect. As for Janet, she's the only lady who has the ability to scare me to the bones and impose her will on my action. After all, my first dance was because she scolded me at the anniversary dinner in Lincoln. Everyone back here will take great care of her, or it could be the other way around... or she may make handle it... who knows! :) When we see you again, we will all be in good company. We will miss you homie.

PS: Thanks for letting me follow up on your act, you really handicapped me on this one Don!

CURTIS TRUONG - SIOUX CITY, IA - May 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Don,
You are a true definition of friend. We are blessed to know such a great, kind, caring person like you. Wherever you are, you always shared our sadness and happy moments. From our wedding day to our daughter graduation as well as to her wedding day. We are very glad that we had a chance to see you three weeks ago. Don, you will be missed so much but not forgotten. Janet, Laura, Angela, and Marie you should be proud that you have such a great husband and father who touches so many people's life.

So long friend!

Bel & Mesfin

MESFIN ABEBE - Lincoln, NE - Friend - May 11, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Goodbye Don, we're very sorry to see you go - you were loved as well as liked and respected by all. Thank you for coming into all our lives and spreading your unique sunshine. Thank you for being a loving husband , father and grand-father to your family who love you dearly for that.

God bless your family in their sadness - they will miss you deeply.

Love,
Barbara & Roberto

Roberto E Zambrana - New Fairfield , CT - Brother-In-Law - May 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Dear Janet and family,
I am so sorry to hear about Don. My heart breaks for you all, i pray that you may find comfort in knowing he is now home and without pain.

I remember the happy Don, this big guy that on our first Christmas in the states showed up with every board game you can think of (yes back in the day kids play board games no computers then) for kids who never really got a Christmas gift you can imagine how happy we were, and I mean every game boxes and boxes. He was always such a fun man and then came Janet who was just as much fun! He will be missed, but I know he has touched so many people I am so thankful to have had a chance to know him. May god bless you during this difficult time but may all the memories and fun times with him make every day easier and tears turn to laughter as you remember those times together. We love you and will continue to pray for all of you during this difficult time.

Lily

Lily Massari - Oceanside, CA - Friend - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ I have too many memories of Uncle Don to write here, every one filled with fun and love. I first met him over the phone, and will always remember his voice. When I finally met him in person, it felt like we'd been friends for years, and I'll always treasure his warmth and humor. We could be nerds together, we shared a love of space, and he even enjoyed playing board games with my unicorn puppet, but Unice wants to leave her own message.

I will never forget the mighty Tiny Foots, he lives in my heart and mind always, and I know he'll live in every life he's touched. I see him in his girls, I hear him shouting behind Aunt Janet, and will think of him with every chirping bird, shooting star, online game and revving motorcycle.

I miss you, Foots. Love you forever.

Lynda Naclerio - Bronx, NY - Neice - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

UF

“ *Donnie Wannie, I miss you so much! Who will eat my garlic cake now? You were so brave! I have many happy memories of our adventures and I am sad that I now have to have adventures without you!*

I send much love to Aunt Janet, I know she misses your adventures too! I send much love to my friend Angela, and I want to hug you and your birds when I see you because that is what Donnie Wannie would do! I send much love to Marie because she is Donnie Wannie's bestie and will rock the Gasparetti love into the future! I send much love to Laura and Eric and Marty and Tiffany, even though I have not met them and they have not met me I am sure Donnie Wannie told you about me! We are so lucky to have sailed the seas with Donnie Wannie!

Much love to you! ? Unice!

Unice Corn - Bronx, NY - Magical friend! - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Donald, I love you for the wonderful life you gave my sister Janet. You gave lovingly to your family always.*

Words can't even express how I enjoyed your company when we got to see you. You were always fun and interested in anything we said, did, or served.

Your love for my daughter Lynda and all our pets could never be forgotten. We'll miss your talks and, most of all, your company. You were a darling brother-in-law and I'll not say goodbye, I'll just say see you again!

*Love you, love you,
Judy*

Judithe Malagrino - Bronx, NY - Sister-in-law - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Donald was my son-in-law and I loved and respected him for the wonderful stand up man he was. Donald was a bright star who came to this earth in order to protect and cherish Janet, Angela, Laura, and Marie. This he did with great love and devotion. He was truly funny, bright and brilliant. Donald knew how to be a friend, a very dear uncle and brother-in-law. He did it all so well and so, his work completed, he returned to Heaven and God's loving graces.

He will be sorely missed by all of us who loved him!! God bless you Donald Gasparetti!

Margaret Naclerio - Bronx, NY - Mom-in-law - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ To my forever love, you chose me and I chose you at the very same time. People knew we would'nt make it. After all we married in only two and half months. We had a wonderful life. In my wildest imagination it wasn't as great as our real life. Your girls adored you. It will be hard for Angela and Marie to find their someone like you. I count on you to guide them to the right man. I thank you for sharing your life with me. Together we made a wonderful life. We were God's gift to each other. I thank god and I thank you. Time after time. Your forever love Janet

Janet Gasparetti - Kingston, TN - Wife - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Don, wherever you are now, please know that I wish there had been more time. I only knew you for a short while, and that mostly through the church auction and your postings on the Bethel Digital Photo club site. Your pictures were inspired, especially those of the birds. What magnificence! And your generosity in sharing with your church family was very special. We will miss you.

Joni Morgan - Kingston, TN - church friend - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Dad,

Heaven is a better place with you there. I will miss you so much. One of the first things I would do when I met someone that I liked was to tell them that they needed to meet my parents because you are awesome. I will think of you often as I always do. In every cool new thing I experience I will be sharing it with you. I will continue to live my life in spirit of making you proud

I love you, Baboo!

*Laura (Candy-A**)*

Laura Gasparetti Windhausen - Harriman, TN - Daughter - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Tiny, I miss you very much. I will never forget your fun-loving spirit and how you were into EVERYTHING that caught your fancy! I was always fascinated by how much you enjoyed every moment of your life. There was never a boring moment in all the years that I've known you. Thank you for letting me be a part of your beautiful family. Thank you for letting me be a part of the ordinary days and the special occasions in your life. You gave me a new perspective on life, and that was to always do what you want to do, and never without mischief. Whenever I hear circus themed songs or see a clown, I smile (after I a little fear sets in from the day I was cornered by you and your clown gang at the grocery store). I will never forget the day, that I tried to use my Jedi skills to catch you off guard, and failed miserably. And on a clear night sky, I look up to see the stars and think of the days Angela and I spent time with you at the observatory. *As I was writing this, Angela and Janet were speaking in gibberish and that made me laugh... I can picture your face and how lost you would be**

You always had funny stories to share and truly cared about my random teenage moments. I always looked up to you like a dad, and feel blessed to have known someone like you. Tiny, you're the best... But one day we will meet again. So consider yourself warned, because there will be mischief.

Rekha Rajagopal - Powell, OH - Friend - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ swabbie,
*My marshmallow cream puff!! You have left foot prints on my family and have forever changed our lives!!! I feel so blessed we were put in each others lives for the short period we had together and I will be forever great full!!! You were such an amazing man words cannot even describe the bubble of joy and life you had! You are one of the most amazing men I have ever met in my life and you will NEVER be forgotten!!! I will miss making your waffley and coffely for you every morning and taking your contacts out for you every night and all the hard times you gave Me and Janet!! You took Marty under your wing and showed him how to live and enjoy life again and saying thank you would be e biggest understatement!!! I love you so much and I am gonna miss the heck out of you!!!! I will take the best care of Janet for you!!! Rest in peace and I cannot wait to see your silly self again!!!! Love forever and always,
Tiffany Miles aka Stinky xoxoxo*

Tiffany Miles - Kingston, TN - Daughter-in-law - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ *mein herzliches Beileid*

Garbrecht Regina - Herne - Freund - May 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Dear Janet, Angela, Laura, and Maria I am sorry to read of Don's passing. I know this is a difficult time for you. Rod and Shirley Noble both passed away in 2011 from cancer. Dwayne and I supported each other and continue to with the occasional dinner out. I know he would send you his regards at this time, however, he and his girlfriend are in Europe for two weeks and then he goes to Portugal to teach for two weeks. I will show him Don's obituary when he returns. Don and you all were very special neighbors and we missed you a lot when you moved. Things do get better over time but there are going to be times when it is very hard. If you ever need someone to talk to or e-mail, just to talk it out, please contact me. You will be in my thoughts. Phone 402-423-5660. Kind regards,
Carolyn

Carolyn Beltz (Dillon) - Lincoln, NE - friend/former neighbor - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Dad,

You were one of the angels living among us. You have left a lasting footprint in this world which we should all strive to do. I pray that I live life as you did and continue to cherish the things that you have taught me that are important, such as faith and family which was at your core. And I know right now you would be saying no no no it's Golf, doughnuts, fishing, and more doughnuts. ;). I love you pops, you were my world and its gonna be very hard to adjust without you here with me. You said if we only had a couple more years together we would experience everything and conquer the world!! And I truly believe that. I love you swabbi! I know you will always be in the passenger side

Love Always,

Marty aka Captain

Marty Miles - Kingston, TN - Son - May 08, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ My little brother

I love you so very much. You will always be with me. I have so many good memories and am so proud to be your sister. I will always love you!

Sis

Adriana Smith - Bolingbrook, IL - Sister - May 07, 2013 at 12:00 AM