



Gabriel Benjamin DiCerbo

May 12, 1929 - January 19, 2021

SCHENECTADY – Gabriel B. DiCerbo, 93, entered peacefully into eternal rest on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Gabriel was born in Schenectady on May 12, 1927, the son of the late Angeline Monzo and Stefano DiCerbo. He attended Schenectady City Schools and graduated from Nott Terrace High School in 1945. He entered the military toward the end of World War II and served in the U.S. Navy. After the war, he attended Union College along with many returning veterans, and graduated in 1950 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. He worked for the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for 40 years in various positions as a Tax Technician and Supervisor, retiring in 1991 as Director of Taxpayer Services.

Gabriel had a passion for the New York Yankees and Big Band Music of the 40's. He played tenor sax for the Armand Riccio Moonlight Serenaders in the 40's and 50's. He played in the ship's band aboard the U.S.S. Juneau while in the Navy, performing for concerts and dances whenever the ship was in port in Brooklyn and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. While at Union College he was a member of the Union College Big Band. He was a devoted family man who enjoyed traveling and loved life. He enjoyed a good laugh, and could come up with a joke at the mention of any subject.

He was a member of St. Paul the Apostle Church for many years and most recently St. Anthony's Church, the Sons of Italy, the Rotterdam Elks, and the American Legion. Gabriel was predeceased by his parents, Steve and Angie DiCerbo and his first wife, Turina Timpano, who passed away on August 25, 1988.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Parravani Gejay, daughters, Diane (Robert) Flanagan and Catherine (Tim) Hartnett; grandsons, Bobby (Marla) Flanagan and Matthew Flanagan, Sean and Timothy Hartnett; great-grandsons, Robert James and Parker Flanagan; step-children, Edward (Jo-Ann) Gejay, Debra (Mark) Collyer; step-grandsons, Doug (Megan) Gejay, Dan (Brianna) Gejay, Mark Collyer, and Mike (Kaitlyn) Collyer; step-great-grandchildren, Owen and Henley Gejay, Jack Collyer, and Emerson Gejay.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Friday at 12 noon at St. Anthony's Church, 331 Seward Place, Schenectady, NY. Internment beside his late wife, Turina, will be held in St. John the Baptist Cemetery.

A celebration of Gabriel's life will be held at a later time.

For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made in Gabriel's memory to St. Anthony's Church Restoration Fund or St. Jude's Children's Hospital at stjude.org.

Events

JAN **Mass of Christian Burial** 12:00PM

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St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church
331 Seward Place, Schenectady, NY, US, 12305

JAN **Interment with Military Honors**

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St. John the Baptist Cemetery
Brandywine Avenue, Schenectady, NY, US

Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gabriel Benjamin DiCerbo.



January 22 at 01:00 AM



“ Gabe was an amazing friend to myself and my late husband Lou. Gabe was a scholar and a kind and gentle man. We were blessed to have him in our life. May he Rest In Peace. I will keep you all in my prayers during this difficult time. Stefanie

stef - January 21 at 01:57 PM



“ Uncle Gabe was my God Father, I used to love to go and stay at his home and visit with my cousins, Diane and Kathy. I remember him taking us upstairs and him taking his saxophone out of the hidden place in the attic and playing it for us. I remember Diane going to get her hair cut one day and having the beautician put all the hair into a bag and presenting her father when he got home from work. (it was a joke at that time that he was losing his hair) He smiled. He was always smiling!

Betina Romano - January 20 at 02:26 PM



“ When I read this obit, I remembered how he played the sax!!! How did I ever forget that!! One of my fondest memories was when they all went golfing. My dad imitated him and laughed until he cried. Uncle Gabe was right in there laughing with them. I am sure heaven has a golf course. I will never forget his humor.

Tami - January 21 at 06:27 PM