



Mr. Gabor Joseph Gaug

December 17, 1946 - September 23, 2019

Gaug, Gabor Joseph

Gabor, known to his friends as “Gabe” or “Joe”, passed away peacefully on Sept 23, 2019 at the age of 72, following an 8-year battle with Alzheimer’s. Gabe was born in Nuremberg, Germany on December 17, 1946, to Joseph and Maria Gaug, and then immigrated to the United States with his family through Ellis Island at the age of five. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Mary Ann, and his sister, Sylvia Carey, along with his two sons Jaime (Heather) and Ryan (Amy), and grandchildren Avery, Annabel, Lydia and Laszlo.

Gabe grew up in Pontiac, IL where he attended high school and was a star on the football team, and later earned a B.A. in history from Wartburg College.

Gabe was exceptionally proud of his Hungarian heritage and had a passion for travel, aviation, biking and history. His 42 year career with Air Wisconsin and United Airlines enabled him to visit family in Hungary multiple times throughout his life, and achieve one of his life goals which was to visit all seven continents, including locations as remote as Easter Island and Antarctica. He was also an avid solar eclipse chaser, and was able to witness eight total solar eclipses around the world.

Gabe's family would like to thank the many support groups he and Mary Ann were a part of for their care and encouragement during Gabe's journey through Alzheimer's. A special thank you to Jenny Morgan and the staff at Breck Homes for the loving care they provided for Gabe.

Memorials are preferred to the Breck Homes of Bloomington or the Alzheimer's Association. Visitation will be at Dawn Valley Washburn-McReavy at 10AM Friday, October 4 followed by a memorial service at 11AM with a light lunch after.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Crematory

2610 19th Ave NE
Minneapolis, MN 55418

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Dawn Valley Chapel
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438
(952) 941-7686
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Chapel Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Chapel
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Tribute Wall



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Gabor Joseph Gaug.*



October 03, 2019 at 03:55 PM



“ - *The Officers and Members of IAM Local 1833 purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Gabor Joseph Gaug.*



- The Officers and Members of IAM Local 1833 - October 02, 2019 at 02:33 PM

MW

“ My dad was a long time college friend of gabe's. When my family would go visit gabe and Maryanne he would always take my brother and I to a globe and point out all the places he had been. He would also quiz us even though we were just ankle biters. He was an avid cyclist and when we would take trips to itasca state park he would always pack his lunch to save time. I always wanted to eat out and little did I know he was teaching me how to be a saver at a very young age. He was a loving father and husband and always had a good attitude about his career. He had a work ethic that was unwavering and i always gave him so much credit working those early morning hours. He was a humble and kind man who has taught me how to treat people with respect and that is something I will carry with me for a lifetime. I pray for the gauge family during this time and hope they can find peace that Gabe is in a better place.

Love,
Mo Weber

Mo Weber - September 28, 2019 at 12:47 PM

MW

“ My dad was a long time college friend of gabe's. What I remember about him was how smart and humble he was as a person. Whenever my family would come to visit he would take my brother and I to a globe he had in the house and show us all the places he had traveled and quiz us even though we were just ankle biters at the time. He was a cycling fan and we took many trips with him and Mary Anne to itasca state park. He would always pack his lunch to save some money and I always wanted to go out to eat...little did I know at the time he was teaching me how to be a saver. He was a solid provider for his family and he proved that by working very early morning hours and always showing up for work. He had an unwavering work ethic and a passion for the airline industry. I will never forget the kindness he showed for me and the stories he shared about his travels. I pray for the gauge family during this time and wish them peace that he is in a better place. Love, Mo Weber

Mo Weber - September 28, 2019 at 12:34 PM

CR

“ We are sending our prayers and thoughts to Mary Ann and family. You have been so helpful through this journey, Mary Ann, and supportive to Gabe as he has endured this terrible memory loss. We did not know Gabe as well, but knew him as a good dad, husband and grandpa. In loving friendship, Carol and Bob Rathje

Carol Rathje - September 27, 2019 at 10:16 PM

MN

“ Mary Ann, I am so sorry for your loss. Joe was a quiet gentleman at United. I always enjoyed talking with him about the many trips he was taking. He will be in some of my fondest memories of working at MSP. He handled things with such dignity as he faced the medical challenges life brought to his door.

Mary Nieve - September 25, 2019 at 03:46 PM

RL

“ *My earliest memories of Gabe are of a very kind and loving man taking care of my best friend. He always made sure to take care of me, too. He would never let me carry my suitcase, always handed me a beer when I got to their house (whether I really wanted one or not — he wanted one as well!) and was ready and willing to debate the news of the day with me, though we didn’t always agree. Maybe ESPECIALLY when we didn’t agree! He and my husband became good friends and buddies in crime on many of our travels and we all shared lots of laughs. I will miss him.*

Reed-Wester Cheryl L - September 25, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Gabor Joseph Gaug.*



September 24, 2019 at 09:33 AM

JL

“ I met Gabe on September 6, 1965 at Wartburg College and have many wonderful and fond memories of the adventures we shared over nearly 55 years. Gabe had many roles throughout the years, son, brother, student, loving husband, devoted father, proud grandfather, co-worker, friend, and always "good guy". A humble man who loved sports and had a passion for travel, Gabe knew the name of about every international airport in the world. Gabe's smile and the bear hugs are with me forever. A terrible disease took Gabe long before he left us.

We send our thoughts and prayers to Mary Ann, Jamie, Heather, Ryan, Amy, and grandchildren.

Jim and Susan Loveridge

Jim Loveridge - September 23, 2019 at 09:56 PM

DR

I met him at Ryan and Amy's college graduation. The finest man I knew. 🙏🌸
Dick Ramsey

Dick Ramsey - September 29, 2019 at 08:19 PM

GW

“ When I 1st got hired at United Airlines Joe was The only one that supported me in my early days And gave me the strength and encouraged me To keep my job at United He was really a good friend that I could talk to when things would go wrong at work He will be missed by all who knew him and loved him

Gary Webster - September 23, 2019 at 08:02 PM