



## Stephen E. Gabrielse

September 19, 2016

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Age 83, passed away on September 19, 2016, at his home in Visalia, CA. Stephen is survived by his wife Sylvia, of 61 years; daughter Julie (Tom) Dykstra; son Jim (Amy) Gabrielse; brother Maurice (Marilyn) Gabrielse; sister Irene (John) Navis; eight grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his son Steve, and his parents Peter and Dorothy Gabrielse. Stephen "Steve" was born in Grand Rapids, MI on March 9, 1933. He attended Calvin College and graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in mechanical engineering. He went on to get his Masters at the University of Pittsburgh and began a 36 year career with Westinghouse. Steve was part of the Analytical Mechanics group and later became a manager in the Mechanics and Tribology department. During their retirement years, Steve and Sylvia went to the island of Dominica for three years to manage The Voice of Life, a Christian radio station associated with the Back to God Hour. They also volunteered on at least ten disaster response trips with the Christian Reformed World Relief Committee, all within the US. Steve was known as a kind, loving, generous and patient man who did everything out of his love for his Lord Jesus. He was a devoted husband, a loving parent and grandparent, loyal to and respected by his fellow workers, and had a heart for people in difficult circumstances. He and Sylvia were a great team, providing acts of service, hospitality, and care to all whom God placed in their path. Steve served as an elder in his church for many years. He was also involved with Meals on Wheels and Toastmasters, and served on the local board of Bethany Christian Services. Steve loved camping, golf, travel, walking, photography, and white water rafting. Sylvia, his children, and his grandchildren have many fond memories of sharing in these activities with him. His family and friends will greatly miss his words of encouragement, yearly birthday letters to grandchildren, witty humor, and gentle spirit. Above all, we treasure his godly example as a faithful and humble follower of Jesus. Friends will be received on Thursday, September 29 from 5-8 pm at the GENE H. CORL INC. FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). A Memorial Service is scheduled for Friday, September 30 at 11:00 at New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Monroeville



# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc.  
4335 Northern Pike  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
(412) 372-2100  
ghcorl@comcast.net  
<https://corlfuneralchapel.com>

## Service

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

New Covenant Presbyterian Church  
2225 Grandview Ave  
Monroeville, PA 15146

# Tribute Wall

EG

“ Learned about Steve's passing from Irene a few weeks ago. You have our deepest sympathy. I am working on an update of the Gabrielse family tree. Today I was typing the description of our 1984 family reunion. It mentioned your direction of the choir. As one of the choir members, I remember it well. I also remember Steve as one of seven Steve's at the reunion. What wonderful memories.

*Ed Gabrielse*

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**Edward Gabrielse** - December 16, 2016 at 07:03 PM

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“ Sharon Palmer lit a candle in memory of Stephen E. Gabrielse



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**Sharon Palmer** - October 12, 2016 at 05:10 PM

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“ Dear Sylvia and family,  
We were very much taken aback by this unfortunately sad news about Steve's passing. Steve has always been a very special person to us and we will forever keep him close to our hearts.  
I met Steve in Dominica in the mid-90's when he and Sylvia were missionaries to the island, working at Voice of Life Radio. I was the secretary there and loved their warmth and caring hearts for those who were less fortunate and everyone who visited the station.  
I will always remember Steve's warm smile and giving heart, always willing to share and to make others' lives better. I even gave me the opportunity to be part of the Voice of Life team and this was a great change in my life then, which I am forever grateful for.  
I am extremely sorry and heartbroken by the news. I would like to extend my deepest sympathy to Sister Sylvia and the rest of the family & friends.  
May God richly bless you all and I pray that His strength and comfort will carry you all through this great time of loss.  
Do keep strong knowing that our Lord will keep you in the shadow of His wings.  
Many blessings,  
Sharon  
(Living in London, UK)

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**Sharon** - October 12, 2016 at 04:28 PM