



Gabrielle Simpson Cerminaro

February 19, 1991 - August 18, 2011

Gabrielle Simpson Cerminaro, of Berwyn

On Sunday morning August 14th we received the worst possible news any parent could receive. Our dear daughter and sister, Gabrielle Cerminaro, was unconscious due to cardiac arrest upon returning from church. While we performed CPR and received the most unbelievable care from the Berwyn Fire Department and at the Paoli Memorial Hospital, she went home to be with the Lord on Thursday August 18th, 2011. Her contagious smile and laugh, the twinkle in her eyes, her warm hugs, her sharp intellect, her creativity and artistry, her fashion sense, her love of people, animals and most especially, children will live on in our memories. Gabrielle was someone that did not settle and pursued truth, justice and love for all! She truly wanted to know that she made a difference.

Well we can say with certainty that she has made a huge difference....not just for our immediate family and friends, but her spirit will continue to soar! We are quite confident she is smiling down from heaven with love and contentment knowing that her life has meaning and purpose. She has touched so many that it is too hard to fathom. Gabrielle was an organ donor (please consider today doing the same). Because of her generosity 7 or more people were directly affected with a better quality of life or life itself through the gifting of her organs. In fact the most exciting news was that a 13 year old boy within

days of dying received her liver and is now full of life.

She is the cherished daughter of Wendy Wolfinger Coleman(Tom) and Samuel P. Cerminaro Jr. She is also survived by her loving sister, Samantha; step brothers, Jeff and Dan Coleman; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Wolfinger(Elaine) and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel P. Cerminaro(Doris); step grandmother, Jane Coleman; great grandmother, Florence Wise; and many dear aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. A Celebration of Gabrielle's life will be held on Wed. Aug. 24th, 11am in the Chapel of St. David's Episcopal Church, 763 South Valley Forge Rd., Wayne, PA 19087. Burial will follow in the Churchyard. In lieu of flowers we have set up the Gabrielle S. Cerminaro Art Scholarship Foundation c/o The Haverford Trust Co. 3 Radnor Corp. Center Suite 450 Radnor, PA 19087 Attn: Eileen Chambers. These funds will go to help children in need to enjoy the creativity and therapy of art to express their innermost dreams, passions and struggles. What better way to remember Gabrielle than to give back to those in need. That is exactly the kind of person Gabrielle was all the time- always thinking of others before herself. Please join us in making a difference and giving generously to her Foundation.

Thank you again to everyone for your thoughts, hugs, tears, prayers and support through these difficult days. We cherish those times and it is good to know we have such a wonderful family and friends that not only upheld us but continue to make a difference for so many.

Previous Events

Service

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. David's Episcopal Church
763 South Valley Forge Road
Wayne, PA 19087

Tribute Wall



“ Sam, words cannot express how sorry I am for you and your family on this terrible loss. Take heart that she is in God's loving arms and will be waiting to reunite with you.##imported-begin##Sue McAndrew Snyder##imported-end##

August 23, 2011 at 08:20 PM



“ "When she shall die,
Take her and cut her out in little stars,
And she will make the face of heaven so fine
That all the world will be in love with night
And pay no worship to the garish sun."
— William Shakespeare (Romeo and Juliet)##imported-begin##Jim Wilson##imported-end##

August 23, 2011 at 09:40 AM



“ In sympathy##imported-begin##Jim Wilson##imported-end##

August 23, 2011 at 09:25 AM



“ Sam
Words can't express my sympathy for you and your families. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.
The Ackerman Family##imported-begin##Bill Ackerman##imported-end##

August 22, 2011 at 04:18 PM



“ *Your memory will be with me forever. I am so sorry to see you go.##imported-begin##Tracy Barnes##imported-end##*

August 22, 2011 at 08:41 AM



“ *A star has been added to the sky. Gabrielle was a light that will never be forgotten. Her smile brightened the room. Her spirit shone in all she did.
May she live on in all the lives she touched in her too short time.
All our prayers are sent to her family.
The Sparano Family##imported-begin##Celeste Sparano##imported-end##*

August 21, 2011 at 12:42 PM



“ *Gab,
You were an amazing girl with so many talents and a personality that shined above all. Your gift of being an outstanding artist was noticed by everybody and shows how much you cared and appreciated the greatness of art. You will always be remembered for your outgoing personality, loving heart, and warm character. You are in my heart forever and i love you. May God take you with open arms and welcome you into his extraordinary kingdom.*

*Love always and forever.
Courtney McKinney##imported-begin##Courtney McKinney##imported-end##*

August 20, 2011 at 06:00 PM



“ *i love and miss you so much gabrielle*##imported-begin##*Samantha Cerminaro* ##imported-end##

August 20, 2011 at 05:58 PM