

Celebrating
- THE LIFE OF -



GABRIEL DUANE WITHEM

4/28/2003 ~ 4/25/2026

Des Moines Seventh-Day Adventist Church
2317 Watrous Ave
Des Moines, IA 50321

May 9, 2026 at 11:00 AM

OBITUARY

Gabriel Duane Withem

4/28/2003-4/25/2026

On April 28, 2003, a handsome baby boy named Gabriel was born to William Withem and Laura Nation. He lived only a short life, but it was a good life.

As a youth he liked to help others, making sure they were happy. Gabriel found humor in any situation. His love of cars began with Match Box cars, the VW bus and El Camino being his favorite. Gabriel fulfilled his dream of owning and restoring a Honda Del Sol. He worked diligently on his dream car.

He graduated from Oregon Illinois High School.

When Gabriel's little sister Estella was born, he fell in love with her. As a big brother, he was protective and very close to her.

Gabriel spent some time with Karen and Bruce and began attending Des Moines Seventh-day Adventist Church. In his Sabbath School class, he asked a lot of questions. He enjoyed helping Bruce deliver food with the Around Town Mobile Food Pantry. Gabriel and Bruce enjoyed reading the Sunday paper and a love of licorice. The family began hiding a licorice bear somewhere in the house. Don't ask where Gabriel hid the last one!

He was a dedicated employee, never missing a day of work. He had a few different jobs but was excited to work as a truck driver for Bison Transport. (or as he called it Buffalo Transport!)

Gabriel leaves to mourn:

Father – William Withem, Mother – Laura Nation

Sisters – Estella, Aurora, Allura

Grandparents – Jim Withem, Karen and Bruce Christensen

Aunts, Uncles, cousins and many friends.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to the Suicide Prevention/Awareness program of your choice.

If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text the Suicide & Crisis Lifeline at 988.

Order of Service

Processional

Pray of Comfort

Marvin Roberts

Scripture Reading

Piano Solo

Tracie Cameron

Remarks

Acknowledgements from family and friends

Piano Solo

Tracie Cameron

Obituary

Eulogy

Marvin Roberts

Family Response

Closing Song

Closing Prayer

Marvin Roberts

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