



## Vittorio Gabrielli

January 21, 1949 - October 9, 2015

Gabrielli, Vittorio, October 9, 2015, Age 66 of Westland. Beloved husband of Betty Gabrielli. Loving father of Nathan (Christina) Gabrielli and Jonathan Gabrielli. Proud Grandfather of Elijah, Caleb, and Adalyn. Dear brother of Dominic (Laura) and Anna Marie. Visitation Friday 2-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Rd., (Btwn Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth. Funeral Service Saturday 10:30 AM. Interment Glenwood Cemetery, Wayne, MI. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

# Cemetery Details

## Glenwood Cemetery

33510 Glenwood Street  
Wayne, MI 48184

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 16. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth  
46401 Ann Arbor Road West  
Plymouth, MI 48170  
(734) 459-2250  
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## Funeral Service

OCT 17. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

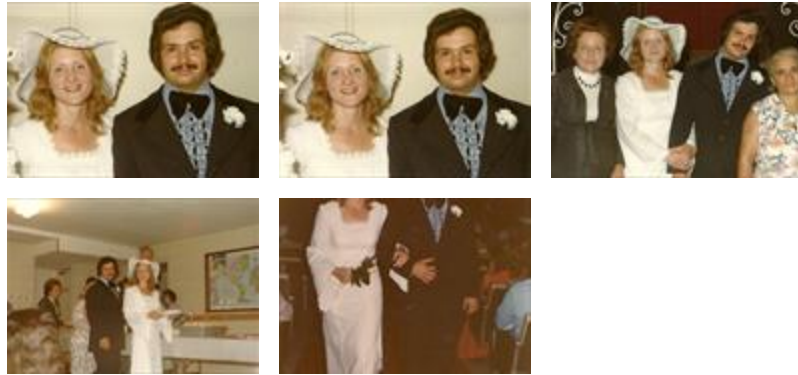


“ *Vittorio Gabrielli*

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**Nathan Gabrielli** - October 15, 2015 at 12:09 PM

“ Vic was the ultimate provider. From the age of 17 until retirement he was only unemployed for 2 weeks. He had a dependable and committed work ethic. Long hours kept him from doing many things he enjoyed, but he loved his family and his job and to him it was all worth it.

*He was a giving person and provided for those he cared about. Providing for Betty, Nathan, and Jonathan was a given; and he gave all of them all he could. But it did not just stop with his immediate family. After moving out of his childhood house, he called his mother every morning and evening and helped her financially until her death. He provided financially for his mother-in-law for over 30 years and was willing to share his life and house with her and his family for much of that time; something most men would never even consider. Even up to his death, he was uncomfortable that his baby sister lived alone so he called her daily just to make sure everything was alright.*

*He had a caring, kind soul, and never held a grudge against anyone.*

*In late 2014, his youngest son Jon started working with him at his store when it started to become difficult for him to do the necessary day-to-day physical labor. Jon took over the store while Vic went home to receive treatment for his cancer with the ultimate hope that he would be able to come back some day. Initially, Vic was hesitant and uncomfortable about leaving the business he built over 20 years. But in recent weeks, he spoke with great pride at how well his son was doing and was very pleased with the legacy he would leave behind.*

*Vic was old school, always honest and honoring the deal with a hand shake. He could barter for everything, from cars to a scratched microwave. He had it down to an art, getting a deal on everything he bought.*

*When he was young he loved to play golf and tennis. He loved country western music; Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard being his favorites. If the Three Tenors were on TV he was watching them. He liked Italian Opera, but he also liked Frank Sinatra and The Four Tops as well. His music interests were diverse and unique, just like him. He never had much to do with current TV (in this regard he was old school as well). His favorite station was Turner Classic Movies, and you could always find him enjoying the Andy Griffith Show, Matlock, Columbo, and The Three Stooges. You knew one of his shows was on by the booming chuckle coming from the living room. Only Vic could make a chuckle boom. Perhaps the only "modern" TV he enjoyed was Wrestling, Sports and Politics. These too got a reaction out of him, mostly shouts of disbelief. If you wanted to know what politician was doing a good job and why he was worth voting for, Vic was the person to ask.*

*Vic loved his family as well as his friends. He told Betty he loved her every Day and he told Nathan and Jonathan he loved them and was proud of them often. His grandchildren were the light of his life. At night he would often laugh with Betty at the things Eli and Caleb would do or say. He adored them. Even though he had been sick in recent weeks, he was able to get to know the newest member of the Gabrielli family, baby Adalyn. He thought she was a beautiful baby and was able to hold her and talk to her several times. He said, with a smile and his usual chuckle, "She smiled at me"*

*Vic made a profession of faith in 1975. For reassurance, he did it again in 1986. Just before his surgery, he reassured his family that even though he thought he had not always lived up to what a Christian should be, he accepted Christ as Savior and was a true believer. And now is his time to rest in the arms of Jesus.*

*John 14:1-3*

*Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have tol*

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**Nathan Gabrielli** - October 15, 2015 at 12:06 PM

“Vittorio Gabrielli was born in Supino, Italy, on January 21st, 1949. The firstborn son of refugee parents Luigi and Fiorina, he and his sister Anna arrived in America when Vic was 5 years old and settled in Detroit, Michigan. A younger brother, Domenico, was born a few years later completing the family.

Vic's father died of cancer in December 1967. Determined to provide for his family after his father's passing, he took over the family business (a Pizzeria) at age 17. Vic completed his education and obtained his high school diploma despite running the business full-time.

In 1971, Vic met Betty Smith. They casually dated but Betty was a full time college student and Vic was busy running a business so they had little time to spend with each other, eventually losing touch. In December 1973 while at work, a phone number popped into Vic's head, a number he had lost a year prior. He dialed and Betty answered. By that time she was a student teacher nearing graduation and had some free time to date. So after talking on the phone for a month they began to date again. By July 5th, 1974, they were engaged. They were married the following year, on July 5th, 1975 by Bro. Jim Bradley. Although Vic always insisted they were married on August 5 but that is another story all together. Eventually, they had two children: Nathan in 1981 and Jonathan in 1986.

For nearly 25 years Vic worked hard and was successful in the restaurant industry. In his 40's, his career took a drastic change as he left the restaurant industry to work for Kay and Kay Tile. He changed employers several times, landing a job with Color Tile and lastly working at Val-Tile. He discovered he had a gift for selling and quickly learned the ins-and-outs of the flooring business. He was so successful that after a few years of being assistant manager at Val-tile in Canton he became manager, soon thereafter buying the business outright. That store became Vic's Flooring in Canton, Michigan, where he worked for over 20 years.

*Soon after retiring in January of 2015, Vic was diagnosed with MDS, a deadly form of blood cancer. This was not the first time he was diagnosed with cancer and he was determined to fight. He was receiving treatment for the MDS when on September 25th 2015, he awoke with severe stomach pains. After some tests at the hospital he was told he would need an emergency surgery (unrelated to his cancer) and that due to his weakened state and the severity of the surgery he would likely not survive. Ever the fighter, he elected to have the surgery. He told the ER doctor who kept telling him he would not survive the surgery that he was an idiot and he would survive the surgery. That response ... was so Vic and he did survive the first surgery. Despite positive initial results, two weeks and three surgeries later his body began to shut down. On October 9th around 3 pm, his heart could no longer continue to support him. He went into cardiac arrest and passed away from this earth.*

*Vic died as he lived: Bravely, boldly, and with a fighters spirit.*

*To the best Husband, Brother, Father, and Grandfather we could ask for we say: We love you, we miss you, we'll never forget you, and we can't wait to see you again.*

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**Nathan Gabrielli** - October 15, 2015 at 12:05 PM



*Vic was truly great colleague and friend to our family and business for over 20 years. His memories will be cherished and remembered for years to follow. Our deepest condolences to the family, yours truly Peter Valente and family.*

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**Peter Valente** - October 16, 2015 at 04:38 PM

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*He was the love of my life. The only man I ever loved. I do not have words to express my sadness and loss.*

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**Betty Gabrielli** - October 19, 2015 at 11:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Vittorio Gabrielli.



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October 14, 2015 at 10:03 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of Vittorio Gabrielli.



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October 13, 2015 at 12:38 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray* was purchased for the family of Vittorio Gabrielli.



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October 13, 2015 at 09:22 AM