



## Gabriel Ryan Maness

April 13, 1982 - April 17, 2016

Gabriel Ryan Maness, 34, of Providence Forge, VA, formerly of St. Louis, Missouri went to be with the Lord Sunday, April 17, 2016.

He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Kristy Maness; a daughter, Brielle Olivia Maness, and his unborn daughter, Gracelyn Michelle Maness; and numerous family and friends.

A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, April 23rd at Vincent Funeral Home, 9923 Pocahontas Trail, Providence Forge, VA 23140. The family will receive friends 5 to 8 p.m. at Friday, also at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations for his family may be sent to P.O. Box 14291, Newport News, VA 23608.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel  
9923 Pocahontas Trail  
Providence Forge, VA 23140  
(804) 966-7075

## Service

APR **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

SL

“ I met Gabe he came to my home to fix my AC/heating unit...he was a nice,respectful,and awesome guy!! He remembered my mom and said he was the first one to install the unit here for my mom and told me how nice she was(she recently passed) but he remembered!! We talked for a while and he told me about his wife expecting!!! And how he braids his daughter hair..I couldn't believe it!! So he pulled out pictures and showed me...I could tell he was such a family man that was so excited about LIFE!! A great guy that I met for a hour and liked him instantly...I was devastated to hear about this senseless tragedy.....I pray for strength for his family through this difficult time!!! My condolences sincerely Sonia Lee

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**Sonia Lee** - April 25, 2016 at 09:04 PM

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**Mary Hankins** - April 25, 2016 at 07:40 AM

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**Mary Hankins** - April 25, 2016 at 07:34 AM

MH

*Gabe at work showing his wonderfully happy and crazy personality!  
Love and Miss You!*

Mary Hankins - April 25, 2016 at 07:36 AM

MF

*Miss him everyday and love him. Aunt Mary and uncle Bob*

Mary Fehlker - June 09, 2020 at 10:58 PM

JW

“ Jim & Connie,

*Our prayers are with you Gabe's family. My sister is a nun in Alabama and she has asked all the sisters in her retreat house to pray for you and Gabe. God Bless. Jack Wiltrakis*

Jack & Joyce Wiltrakis - April 24, 2016 at 11:45 PM

SL

*I have had the chance to meet Gabe....he came out to my home to fix my heat/AC unit!! A awesome guy!!! He remembered my mom and said he was the one that installed our unit from day one!! WE continued to talk for about a half hour and he was so happy about his wife having another baby and talked about how he braids his daughter hair!! I couldn't believe he braided his daughter hair and he showed me photos ....he was very nice,respectful and excited about life!! I was soooo sorry to hear about this senseless tragedy!! I really want to send my condolences out to his family!! Especially his wife and daughter, I just wanted to share this with the family. I am praying for healing in this difficult time!! Sincerely Sonia Lee!*

Sonia Lee - April 25, 2016 at 08:45 PM

JW

“ Gabe, I will always remember babysitting you and your sister and brothers. I always knew the rules because I just had to ask you! You are sweet, you are kind, you are loved. My family and I pray for peace and God's Grace die your beautiful family. They are in your watchful hands, always. Peace to you, love, Jen, Bryan and boys

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**Jen Warren** - April 23, 2016 at 10:58 PM

PT

“ To the many times we raced down Victory ave, and then down 17 to get to the shop early in the morning, and the thoughts shared before anyone got there.

*Miss my friend, my coworker, my mentor when needed.*

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**Paul Tarman** - April 23, 2016 at 06:12 PM

QW

“ so sad and feel just as lost as you do for such a senseless shooting.i am so sorry you will be deprived of the love of your life.god will provide for you and your children

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**quoVadis w wright** - April 23, 2016 at 09:59 AM

DH

“ In the Army, every soldier going through an IET scenario, has what is referred to as a "battle buddy." A person that you are attached to at the hip, and likewise they are attached to you. Maness was my battle buddy. We shared a room at AIT as we both completed our "Watercraft Engineer" training. He had the top bunk and I slept on the lower. Every day we awoke together at 4:30 to get ready and do PT. We were both a little on the chubby side, so it was a bit more rigorous for us than for most of our peers. The runs were particularly rough for us, but as we both forged on, occasionally offering each other encouragement, we developed a mutual respect and camaraderie. Eventually we forged a true friendship. After we both got crushed by our morning workout, we would go back upstairs and get ready to march to breakfast, and then the 1.5 mile march to school. During this march, our tight nit group of soldiers would give each other a hard time and poke fun at one another, as men in their youth tend to do. We would also share stories, stories about our lives and the places and people that we missed back home. Maness and I saw many parallels within our individual autobiographies, and out of this was born a mutual understanding, that I would like to think made both of us feel a little bit less alone as we lived completely under institutional rule. As the months carried on, boredom would sometimes get the best of us, and we would fight the boredom by inventing "activities." The most entertaining of these activities was a jousting match, in which one person would ride another like a horse, complete with a broom for a lance and a pillow for a shield. As Maness was a bit stockier than myself, it was determined that he would be my steed. As we repeatedly mounted up and challenged our opponents, we all realized that in that moment we were having more fun than we had experienced in quite some time. As the laughter of twenty young men filled the halls, I experienced an epiphany; I knew I would remember that moment for the rest of my life, and clearly I do. It sounds silly, but when you are stripped of almost everything, simple things that most would scoff at are some of the most memorable, and enjoyable experiences. No other event of my military career has stayed with me and had so deep of an impact. I still laugh thirteen years later, I smile at the

*memory even as I write this, and I'm honored to say that I was able to share that moment with a person as amazing as Gabe. Attempting to find a more benevolent individual is most certainly a fruitless task. The fact that he became such a devoted family man is of little surprise to me, in fact anything else would be quite shocking. As I shared my happiest memory in the military with Gabe, I also shared my saddest. Gabe was with me when I was informed that I would be out processed due to some trouble that I had gotten into. I was crushed, I cried all the way back to the barracks, and Gabe attempted to comfort me during the trip, it was clear that he took no pleasure in the suffering of other human beings, he wanted everyone around him to be comfortable and happy. I shared countless other experiences with this man, that are far to varied and complex to dive into any further, so I will close with this. During the past hour of writing this, I have smiled, I have laughed, I have cried and I have felt insufficient. These were all feelings that I was lucky enough to have shared with Gabe. My experience through a troubling time in my life was made much more bearable by the existence of this man. The world became a less amazing place this week, because it lost one of its most amazing souls.*

*Thank you for allowing me to share.*

*David Alex Holland*

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**David Alex Holland** - April 22, 2016 at 09:43 PM

LC

“ **LARRY AND ROXANNA CLORE** lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Ryan Maness



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**LARRY AND ROXANNA CLORE** - April 22, 2016 at 09:18 PM

FJ

“ *Kristy and Family,*

*We are so sorry for your loss. We did not really know Gabe other than as an acquaintance, but he seemed to be a great person.. We can understand something about how you must feel, since we just lost our own son within the last two weeks.*

*Please know that you and your family are being lifted in prayer.*

*Sincerely,*

*Frank and Jean Jurasek*

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**Frank and Jean** - April 22, 2016 at 07:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gabriel Ryan Maness.*



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April 22, 2016 at 04:46 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Gabriel Ryan Maness.*



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April 22, 2016 at 11:38 AM

CF

“ I can't begin to imagine the depth of your grief in this senseless tragedy. I am praying for your entire family. May the God who created Gabriel bring you comfort peace. I am so very sorry for your loss! Anonymous

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**Cindy Freeman** - April 22, 2016 at 07:36 AM

YM

“ Your friends at Learning Momentum purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gabriel Ryan Maness.



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**Your friends at Learning Momentum** - April 21, 2016 at 04:38 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gabriel Ryan Maness.



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April 21, 2016 at 03:46 PM



“ Gabe had a very bright and joyous disposition that was infectious. He was incredibly smart as well. He had helped myself, my classmates hunter, and Barbara and whoever else in accounting. I am thankful I got to know him in the short time that I had with him in school. There is nothing I can say that will make the grieving easier to bear, but know that he is always here; speaking Gabe's name should bring a smile to your face and light up your world as he had for so many others. Gabe, you're always loved and never forgotten.

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**Cailin Hammer** - April 21, 2016 at 10:56 AM



“ Love, your grandpa, Tot purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Gabriel Ryan Maness.



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**Love, your grandpa, Tot** - April 21, 2016 at 10:37 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gabriel Ryan Maness.



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April 21, 2016 at 09:44 AM

AB

“ Aunt Mary And Uncle Bob lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Ryan Maness



Aunt Mary and Uncle Bob - April 21, 2016 at 09:44 AM

AB

We love you, Gabe. We will miss you so very much. Kristy, Brielle, baby, and all of the families, words cannot express how very sorry that we are at the loss of our sweet, loving Gabe.  
Aunt Mary and Uncle Bob

Aunt Mary and Uncle Bob - April 21, 2016 at 09:51 AM

CS

“ Cole S. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Gabriel Ryan Maness.



Cole S. - April 20, 2016 at 10:40 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Gabriel Ryan Maness.



April 20, 2016 at 09:49 PM

HR

“ Gabe was in my accounting class at Thomas Nelson Community College last semester and sat right behind me. He was one of the nicest people I have ever met. He would help me and another friend with our challenges every week if we needed help. He would even stay longer than he had to once he had finished his challenge in order to help us finish ours. Sometimes I don't think I could have gotten through that class without his help! My thoughts and prayers are being sent to his family and friends. Gabe will be missed!

Hunter Rudolph - April 20, 2016 at 08:56 PM

DM

“ Gabe was my younger brother words cannot describe how wonderful he was in every aspect of life....a husband a daddy a son he was simply put an amazing gentle soul...we didnt always agree or see eye to eye but he will be forever missed...Kristy I am so sorry if theres ever ANYTHING. I can do Im just a phone call away...I love you girls...

Danielle Maness - April 20, 2016 at 08:39 PM

RF

“ Rick & Carol Engle & Family purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Gabriel Ryan Maness.



Rick & Carol Engle & Family - April 20, 2016 at 08:03 PM

SG

“ Stephen Gahr lit a candle in memory of Gabriel Ryan Maness



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Stephen Gahr - April 20, 2016 at 04:14 PM

SG

“ Kristy and family, I am sorry for your lose. Words cannot describe the sorrow I feel. He was one of the best human beings I have met. Always willing to lend a hand and most devoted husband and father. If you need anything just let me know.  
Sincerely,  
Stephen Gahr (neighbor)  
Noland Blvd

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Stephen Gahr - April 20, 2016 at 04:12 PM

MT

“ I never knew Gabriel. He is my cousin. My dad David Maness and Jim were brothers. I just want to say this breaks my heart. I will be lifting your family up in prayer constantly for peace that surpasses all understanding to rest on you.  
Love,  
Melissa (cousin) , Alvin, Kristen, Cody and Kylee Trusty

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melissa trusty - April 20, 2016 at 03:39 PM

TF

“ *The Green Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gabriel Ryan Maness.*



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**The Green Family** - April 20, 2016 at 03:37 PM

TS

“ *Deeply saddened for your family which will continue to remain in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Tony Saracelli** - April 20, 2016 at 10:27 AM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Gabriel Ryan Maness.*



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April 20, 2016 at 09:18 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gabriel Ryan Maness.*



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April 19, 2016 at 09:15 PM

CC

“*Kristy and the entire Maness Family... I am so sorry for your loss. Gabe was someone you can count on. He and Tommy were on my speed dial for any HVAC questions I had. My heart is heavy and Gabe will truly be missed. My family will pray for you and may GOD watch over you all. .... Carolyn Clement*

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**Carolyn Clement** - April 19, 2016 at 06:47 PM