



Melvin F. Gabler

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Melvin F. "Mel" Gabler

Funeral services for Melvin F. "Mel" Gabler, 89, of Longview, will be 2 PM Wednesday, December 22, 2004 at Mobberly Baptist Church, 625 East Loop 281 with Dr. Gregg Zackary officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Park Cemetery under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 PM Tuesday, December 21, 2004 at the funeral home, 1617 Judson Road.

Mr. Gabler died Sunday afternoon at Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler.

Mel was born January 5, 1915 in Houston, TX to Otto and Matilda Gabler.

He had retired from Exxon after 39 years of service and was co-founder with his wife of 62 years, Norma, and President of Educational Research Analyst, a non-profit organization. Mel served his country in the U. S. Army Air Force as staff sergeant and was a member of the Mobberly Baptist Church.

Mr. Gabler was preceded in death by a son, Don Allen Gabler; and brothers, Milton and Norman Gabler.

He is survived by his loving wife, Norma Elizabeth Gabler; sons, James Melvin Gabler of Phoenix, AZ and Paul Richard Gabler of Houston.

He is also survived by a brother, Harold W. Gabler of Belen, NM.; six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Memorial contributions may be made in honor of Mr. Gabler to: Educational Research Analyst, PO BOX 7518, Longview, Texas 75607.



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Anonymous posted:

My dear, dear friend and co-worker with Christ, My mother Inez Payne sent me Mel's obit from the Houston Chronicle and my first thought was of you and your deep love for Mel. You have been my inspiration and mentor in education and life. I love you as if you were my own mother and miss fellowshipping with you at SBOE. All I could think when I heard Mel is gone is that Heaven is richer but what a rich legacy he left us! Jan Pierce##imported-begin##Jan Payne Pierce##imported-end##

December 27 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Gabler, I did not know your husband personally, but had heard of his dedication to Christain education through my co-worker, Bobby Davis, who thought and spoke very highly of Mr. Gabler. I am sorry for your loss and pray God will give you peace knowing Mr. Gabler stands by His side in Heaven. Love and prayers from an unknown sister in Christ. God Bless you through the holidays and throughout the coming year.##imported-begin##Pat Wood##imported-end##

December 22 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I am moved to write this note to all that view this memorial to a great man. I was privileged to interview Mr. Gabler 2 years ago for our program on Christian Evidences. During the interview we covered his and Norma's work through the years ??struggling alone for the most part. He had help from a few and one worth mentioning is Richard Gibson who is the owner of Drug Emporiums around the country. Mel was so complementary to Richard's many contributions through the years. Mel's work has so changed the course and history of our nation by the content of our children's textbooks. The impact will never be completely known for generations. During the interview I asked him, "Where were the ministers, preachers, and community leaders through your many struggles?" and "Who spoke out in support when the liberal newspapers and press castigated you from their imperious public forum???" He hesitated for a moment reflecting in thought and wiped a tear from his eye and with his voice quavering said, "I guess they were afraid of division in their churches and controversy!?" I have had many hours to reflect on his statement. A church divided on whether evolution is fact or fiction, and whether man evolved by natural processes over billions of years is already divided. The ministers of God who fail to see these attacks on our faith as the reason the church in general has lost its salt and light in a dark world are blinded by the desire for "scientific" acceptance and increasing membership which equates to cash. Many churches have degenerated into "hug and howdy, sing and be happy" social gatherings with little impact on today's society. We will miss men such as Mr. Mel Gabler who have stood in the gap and not waiver in the face of public criticism. Men who stand on their Christian principals and apply them in the public forum and make a difference are my heroes. Mel Gabler is a hero to so many and will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Bobby Davis##imported-end##

December 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mel Gabler was a rare American who saw a problem and set out to put it straight. He was an icon that all of us can repair to and be of assistance to our fellow man in the most important part of our lives, learning. He will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Glenn Canfield, Jr.##imported-end##

December 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Norma, Like Paul, Mel has fought a good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith. Since we first met in Wauwatosa so many years ago I have heard and read about your work and taken pleasure in hearing of your many accomplishments. Thank you for all you and Mel have done and thank you now for preparing others to carry on. You are loved and appreciated. Erica Carle##imported-begin##Erica Carle Janet Peter##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Norma and Family,I've just recently learned of Mel's work in education through a cyber friend of mine Donna Garner and although I never met or corresponded with you or Mel, I sensed a remarkable individual that spent many hours trying to help the least among us and know He has a special place for Mel. People like Mel that gave so much, to help so many, were not driven by earthly goals, but were bridge builders for a better future. May the Comforter bring comfort and peace to you and your family in this time of sorrow. God Bless you and your family!
The Bridge Builder
An old man going down a lone highway
Came in the evening cold and gray
To a chasm vast and deep and wide
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
That swollen stream held no fear for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.
"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You are wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the ending day;
You never again must pass this way;
You have crossed the chasm deep and wide?"
Why build this bridge at eventide?
The builder lifted his old gray head.
"Good friend in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
This swollen stream which was naught to me
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be;
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."
###imported-begin###
Tom Reese###imported-end###

December 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

NORMA,MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU. WHILE MY HEART IS SO VERY HEAVY WITH SORROW I KNOW MEL IS REJOICING WITH JESUS AND DON. IF I CAN HELP IN ANY WAY, PLEASE CALL ME AT 425-828-3683.I KNOW GOD IS HOLDING YOU CLOSE. MY LOVE FOR BOTH OF YOU FOR OVER 27 YEARS GOES OUT TO YOU.GOD BLESS YOU.LOVE,ANITA###imported-begin###ANITA MAXWELL###imported-end###

December 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Norma, I very sorry about Mel. He is with God now. I am sure that He has very important work for Mel to do. God bless you Norma.###imported-begin###Charles & Polly Maxwell###imported-end###

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Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Gabler,I am on of the guys associated with the Christian evidences program on channel 10 on Longview Cable TX. We interviewed you and your husband 2 years ago and it is one of the proudest days of my life. My condolences go out to you and your family but I know God will be waiting at the gates of heaven with open arms and say "Well Done my good and faithful servant!"Much Love!His!Bobby Davis Please call if you ever need anything! 972-820-0052 or bobby-davis@att.net##imported-begin##Bobby Davis##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Norma,I will miss Mel so much. I have known you two most of my life! What a pleasure it was to have known him. I know he is singing with the angels and sitting at the table with our Lord. I will look forward to seeing him again. I pray God gives you strength and lots of loving people around at this time. I will remember Mel with a great smile when I go to Snoqualmie Falls and to Leavenworth. We have had such fun with your visits.Thank you for coming in to our lives and know that Mel made a difference in ours. Thanks for being such a great friend to mom as well.Please call if you need anything at all. I would be happy to help.425-867-1459##imported-begin##Krissy and Spencer Corpuz##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Mrs Gabler I only heard of Mel's remarkable and marvelous work,from my son Bobby, but I'm so impressed by his dedication to helping our young to know the truth and defending them from the text book errors of evolution.We all will miss a great soldier,may God bless and comfort you.Bake Davis##imported-begin##Bake Davis##imported-end##

December 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Norma, Our prayers are with you and the family during this difficult time. Duane and Connie##imported-begin##Duane and Connie Burcham##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Norma, Jim and Paul, We send our prayers and deepest sympathy for your and our loss of such a fine person, Mel. Our friendship goes back a long time, to the 60s, and our memories of those times will never leave us. May God be with you and comfort you all. Love, Chet & Ginny, and 4 children and 16 grandchildren##imported-begin##Chet & Ginny Baker##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

A long time inspiration in the field of education. His effort in the area of text book screening will be sorely missed by all of us on the education loop.##imported-begin##Randy Harris##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Gabler: You and your beloved husband, good and faithful Baptists I am sure, have been an inspiration and example to me a retired teacher and ordinary Catholic and to thousands of others.##imported-begin##Richard Sweeny##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Norma and family, Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the death of your beloved husband Mel, one of America's great patriots and hero to so many of the country's education researchers. May he rest forever in the Arms of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Sincerely, Joan Masters Guardians of Traditional Education, Bowie, Maryland##imported-begin##Joan Masters##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

The Gablers have been such an inspiration for me and such a great help in my research on education issues. May God have a special job for him in Heaven.##imported-begin##Betty Freauf##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

May God bless you along with your family and all the friends of Mel. The children of Texas and the world have been blessed by the important work that Mel and Norma started so many years ago. May that work continue for many years in memory of Mel. I have been blessed by knowing you and Mel and being privileged to share with you as the work progressed. Love from Eileen Vanderlee##imported-begin##Eileen Vanderlee##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Gabler,I wanted to send my love and prayers to you during this time of sorrow. I know Mr. Gabler is in a wonderful place and enjoying visiting with Don. I pray that an overwhelming feeling of peace will comfort you during this time and in the days and months ahead.Love,Mandy "Young" Hensell##imported-begin##Mandy Young-Hensell##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

May you find comfort in the thoughts and prayers of those whose lives you have touched through your work.##imported-begin##Lynn M Stuter##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I was very sad and disturbed to hear of Mr. Gabler's passing. I've known of the Gabler's work for a very long time and always believed that their work was sorely needed. God bless their family.##imported-begin##Charlene Sanders##imported-end##

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We are very disappointed that we cannot be at the funeral because we would love to praise the Lord with you as you celebrate the fact that Mel is in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are spending Christmas with my 94-year old mother who is in a nursing home in Colorado. Norma, you are much loved and appreciated; and we will continue to pray for your personal needs as well as the needs of the textbook ministry. May God hold you even in the still of the night and give you His comfort as only He can do. Love in Christ, Donna and Wayne Garner###imported-begin##Donna and Wayne Garner##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Few people do as much in their lives for others and for their country as Melvin Gabler did. He made a real and lasting positive difference.###imported-begin##Geraldine E. Rodgers##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

I never had the pleasure of meeting the Gablers but I had the greatest respect for them and what they gave their time and efforts to. They were Christians and it showed. May God bless them and may the God of all Comforters be very near now as he has reached his Reward. May your happy Memories be a source of comfort now and always.###imported-begin##Milie Harper##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Norma and Family, A precious and humble saint has gone home for Christmas. We will miss Mel's steadfast example of a life lived before the Lord and faithfulness to His call. Even our most recent victories concerning the Health textbooks on the SBOE are in large part because of Mel and Norma's tireless efforts. I'm so thankful that the Lord allowed Mel tarry with us a little while longer to see his efforts on the Health textbooks come to fruition. His often quiet work was done in the midst of great personal and financial sacrifice. Mel will have many crowns to cast at his Lord and Savior's feet. Mel and his sweet wife Norma are respected by friend and foe alike. That respect comes from years of unwavering commitment and diligence in ensuring textbook accuracy. Because of Mel and Norma our children, grandchildren and all children across the US, were protected from a steady textbook diet of such things as factual errors, humanism, political correctness, whole language, evolution taught as fact and taught uncritically, multiculturalism, socialism, values clarification, comprehensive sex education, and political bias. It has been a privilege and a great help to have known this precious couple. thank you to this great and humble soldier. Terri LeoState Board of Education District #623516 Twin Oaks Drive Spring, Texas 77389###imported-begin##Terri Leo###imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Dear Norma,Mel's and your work in educational research is legendary and has had a profound impact. You and your family are in my prayers. May God bless you and comfort you.Karen Hayes Concerned Women for America of Illinois###imported-begin##Karen Hayes###imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

We share in the loss of this godly man who has helped so many parents to understand the changes in education. The dedication of this lovely couple will remain in our hearts. We will be praying for you, Norma, during this time, that the God of all comfort will hold you close and provide for all your needs as you adjust, knowing Mel is reaping the rewards Jesus has stored up for him.###imported-begin##Cris Shardelman###imported-end##

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