



## Samuel Gafencu

March 12, 1995 - June 28, 2025

Sam loved Jesus with all of his heart.

With his final breaths,

he praised God, singing,

"You are worthy of it all, You are worthy of it all!"

Although his life on earth was short, it was well-lived.

He was dearly loved by all who met him.

He was born to Cornel and Michelle Gafencu on March 12th, 1995 in Ypsilanti, MI.

He married his best friend and love of his life, Sara Gafencu. They were together for 8 and a half years, and married for over 6 years, marrying on March 16, 2019.

He is survived by his parents, Cornel and Michelle Gafencu, Calin and Daniela Derecichei. His siblings, Christine (David) Stamate, Sarah (Fineas), Anthony (Abby) Derecichei, Mathew (Jasmine) Derecichei.

Sam had many loves in life; first Jesus, then his wife Sara, and his family. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He had many passions, including; fishing, music, wood-working, traveling,

cooking, gardening, learning new skills, working on cars, and mission work.

In all that Sam pursued, he pursued it in excellence.

He completed his bachelors in business in May of 2017,  
and his doctorate of dental surgery in May of 2021.

He enjoyed serving others, and performing surgeries in his time as a Dentist,  
and traveling on dental mission trips.

In December 2024, Sam was diagnosed with AML. He faithfully fought his  
battle with cancer, believing that Jesus was with him through it all. Despite his  
suffering, he continued to love others, and tell them about the good news of  
Jesus.

Surrounded by his wife and family,

He went to be with Jesus on June 28th, 2025.

Although our hearts are heavy with his loss, we acknowledge that he is in the  
presence of his savior Jesus Christ, completely healed, and living forever.

We joyfully await the day when we can be reunited with him in heaven.

A Visitation for Samuel will be held on Monday, July 7, 2025 from 4:00 pm  
until time of Funeral Service at 6:00 pm at Alleluia Romanian Pentecostal  
Church of God, 46500 N. Territorial Rd., Plymouth, MI 48170. Samuel will be  
laid to rest on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 11:00 am at Michigan Memorial Park in  
Flat Rock, Michigan.

Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Michigan Memorial Park

32163 Huron River Drive  
Flat Rock, MI 48134

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Inactive - Alleluia Romanian Pentecostal Church of God  
46500 N. Territorial Rd.  
Plymouth, MI 48170

## Funeral Service

JUL 7. 6:00 PM (ET)

Inactive - Alleluia Romanian Pentecostal Church of God  
46500 N. Territorial Rd.  
Plymouth, MI 48170

## Burial

JUL 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Michigan Memorial Park  
32163 Huron River Drive  
Flat Rock, MI 48134



# Tribute Wall



“ *Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors created a Webcast in memory of Samuel Gafencu*



Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Directors - July 06, 2025 at 06:33 PM

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“ *Sincere Condoleante! Domnul sa va mingie inimile indurerate!*

Carmen & Daniel Bita - July 09, 2025 at 02:21 PM

EC

“ *Sincere condoleanțe și o îmbrățișare caldă va trimitem din România Luca și Estera Carbunescu 🕊️🕊️🕊️🕊️ nu te vom uita*

Estera Carbunescu - July 08, 2025 at 01:07 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Gafencu.*



July 07, 2025 at 12:13 PM



“ *Such a blessing to have known "Dr Sam"! Today our hearts are breaking... We met at a conference in March 2023. He passion and thirst for knowledge was evident right from the start. Anyone could tell he had a strong moral compass. It was such a happy day when he and Sara moved to Michigan to join our practice. Sam was such a wonderful man, so kind and compassionate. Many patients have reached out with beautiful memories.*



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**Sherry Regiani** - July 07, 2025 at 10:27 AM

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“ *There are some people who bring a light so bright to the world that even after they've gone their light remains. Dr. Sam is one of those people. His presence is missed every day.*



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**Kristan Spaulding** - July 07, 2025 at 10:14 AM