



Donald R. Gibbs

December 6, 1942 - February 3, 2016

DONALD R. GIBBS
NEW HARMONY, INDIANA

Donald R. Gibbs, 73, of New Harmony, Indiana, born December 6, 1942 to Leland and Annabelle (Willis) Gibbs, died February 3, 2016 at St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville, Indiana.

Don retired from GE after 24 years, was a member of the New Harmony Town Board for 16 years and was a current member. He was a member of the Stewartsville United Methodist Church and was one of the charter members of the New Harmony Jaycees club, where he served as president. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandpa.

One of his favorite things was playing Santa Claus, for the Town of New Harmony, during Christmas. He loved hunting and fishing, watching his grandchildren play sports. He loved to watch the Indiana Hoosiers play basketball and driving his golf cart around town.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years: Betty; his son: Terry (Jane) Gibbs of Poseyville, Indiana; his daughter: Tammy Gish (Keith) Goedde, of Wadesville, Indiana; his grandchildren: Isaac, Lauren & Nolan Gibbs, Mary (Carl) Seib, Ryan & Tim Gish and Jordan & Jacob Goedde; his sister: Marjorie Story and brothers: Tommy (Bonnie) Gibbs and Joe Gibbs.

Preceding Don in death were his parents and brothers: Bill Gibbs and Jerry Gibbs.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m., Saturday, February 6, 2016 at Werry Funeral Home in New Harmony, Indiana with burial in Bethsaida Cemetery near Stewartsville, Indiana.

Friends may call 3-7 p.m., Friday, February 5, 2016 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The American Cancer Society, 5250 Vogel Road, Evansville, Indiana 47715.

Cemetery Details

Bethsaida Cemetery

10002 Bethsaida Church Road
New Harmony, IN 47631

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 5. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. (New Harmony)
615 S Brewery
New Harmony, IN 47631
(812) 682-4261
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Service

FEB 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Werry Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Donald R. Gibbs*



Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. - February 04, 2016 at 03:54 PM

ER

This video was so beautiful. So many wonderful memories of Donnie and his beautiful family. I loved you very much and will see you one day soon.

Eve Reisinger - February 08, 2016 at 11:36 AM



“ *Donald R. Gibbs*

October 06, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *Don was a very good friend he mentored me in my younger years when I needed a friend going through mom and dad separating and divorce. Love ya man, James lindell.*

James lindell - February 13, 2016 at 10:58 AM

MM

“ I loved Uncle Donnie very much. I will greatly miss his Happy Heart and Huge Welcoming smiles every time I saw him. Even though the distance of your lives were great my heart was always there with my Uncle and family. He left a legacy of kindness and sincere, unchanging, and accepting love toward me. His loving kindness, and memories warms my heart today. Aunt Betty and Family I send my love and prayers though this sensitive time!!!

Love,
Melinda Benson Medici

melinda medici - February 07, 2016 at 09:45 PM

 Gina
Redwine

“ Betty, Terry, Tammy and Family,
We are very sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was such a kind, big-hearted man. Happy that we were able to see him a couple of summers ago when we were in NH for Kimberly's wedding. Keeping you all in our thought and prayers. Jim, Gina, Nicholas & Elyse Redwine

Gina Redwine - February 06, 2016 at 05:48 PM

BE

“ Betty and family,
Bud and I are so very sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was a special person giving much of himself to his family and community. He will be missed. May you find comfort in your many memories and honor his legacy. May the Lord Bless you and keep you and hold you in His arms during your time of grief.
Bud and Sandra Elpers



Bud & Sandra Elpers - February 05, 2016 at 09:22 PM

DD

“ Prayers and condolences for your family from the Hardy & Davis family.

Diana Hardy Davis - February 05, 2016 at 04:59 PM

NP

“ 1 file added to the album Life Tributes



Neil Pagano - February 05, 2016 at 12:28 PM

NP

“ I was saddened to hear the news of Don's passing. Although time has moved on since I lived in New Harmony, good friends and good memories will never be forgotten. I fondly recall the wonderful time Don, Betty and I shared when they visited NY in September 2005. Who could ever forget Don's great smile. Thoughts and prayers to the Gibbs family from Neil & Rosemary Pagano.

Neil Pagano - February 05, 2016 at 12:26 PM

VT

“ Vickie Turner lit a candle in memory of Donald R. Gibbs



vickie Turner - February 05, 2016 at 06:18 AM

SR

“ *Betty, i was so sorry to hear about Don. You have my deepest Sympathy and my prayers. Shari Rueger*

Shari Rueger - February 04, 2016 at 10:37 PM

KY

“ *Several years ago we had a family reunion and Donnie and Betty were in charge and did a wonderful job and lots of relatives showed up with loads of food. Donnie said they needed ice and he took Joe Yancey with him on his golf cart. Donnie gave Joe a tour of New Harmony. Joe told me on our way home that Donnie went out of his way to show him the city and told him a lot of its history. He really enjoyed the time the two of them had together that day.*

Kathy Yancey - February 04, 2016 at 08:45 PM



“ *34 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Werry Funeral Homes, Inc. - February 04, 2016 at 03:06 PM

ZP

“ *This guy was a pleasure to know ! Always making someone laugh -- at the Maine Cafe he would come around with the coffee pot and serve all of us giving the waitress a rough time. Will miss him when I visit at paint out for sure. Prayers to his family .*



zona Phelps - February 04, 2016 at 01:43 PM

BS

“ *May GOD bless Don and his family. Remembering growing up days. A neighbor when he lived on 6th st. in Mt.Vernon,In*

Bruce Smith & family

Bruce Smith - February 04, 2016 at 11:34 AM

JW

“ *Betty&Family, Sorry about the death of Don. He did a lot of good for the people of New Harmony. He will be missed by many. You are have my deepest sympathy. John Willis*

John Willis - February 04, 2016 at 08:58 AM

AG

“ I am so sorry Betty and children for your loss. I had heard that Donnie had cancer. I have been sick my self for awhile and down now with kidneys which means I won't be able to visit funeral home are funeral. He was my favorite cousin and I held him in high esteem and loved him. Only his sister Marjorie who is a little older than me are the oldest in the family. My prayers go out to all of you. He was a wonderful person and will be missed by all who knew him. Again my love and prayers and wish I could attend service but am home bound for awhile it seems. Love, to all ! And my prayers!

Cousin Al

Albert Gibbs - February 04, 2016 at 08:35 AM

BE

“ Betty and family. We are so very sorry to hear of Don's passing. He will be me issued. He was a very generous man of his time and talents. May you cherish your memories of him as memories are the legacy of love. May the Lord bless you and keep you and hold you in his arms. May he rest in peace.

Bud and Sandra Elpers. - February 04, 2016 at 07:01 AM

PW

“ Don we had so many good times, going to the Smoky Mts. was so much fun, lots of good memories, our thoughts and prayers go out to Betty and the rest of the family



Paul and Kathy Wiltshire - February 04, 2016 at 06:52 AM

ER

“ Just wanted to say we are praying for comfort for the family. I pray God wraps His arms around you and take all the pain of Donnie's leaving you away in Jesus Name. We have so many wonderful memories of Donnie. He will be missed so much. God said He would never leave or forsake us, so we know He going to get you and your family through this. He Said He would never give us more than we could bear, so we have to stand on His promises.i know I do not live close but if there is anything you need, just dial my number.

*Eve Reisinger
Melinda Medici*

Eve Reisinger - February 04, 2016 at 01:01 AM

ER

“ Donnie, mine and Melinda's heart are so sad knowing you have left to be with the Lord. We are happy you are not in pain but so sad to see you go. Just wanted to let you know we have always loved you, and pray to meet you again someday. Eve Reisinger and Melinda Medici

Eve Reisinger - February 04, 2016 at 12:47 AM

BR

“ My memory is how much he loved to hear Pasty Cline songs when we payed in the park. He was a fine man and I am so sorry for the family's loss. My prayers are with you.


Barbara Wiltshire, Eaton, Reynolds

Barbara Wiltshire, Eaton, Reynolds - February 03, 2016 at 09:43 PM

RO

“ It's hard to say goodbye to a fun-loving, joyful, and sweet guy like this. My Uncle Donnie loved his silly songs, country music, his town, New Harmony, Indiana, IU (just because he could harass my dad about U of I), hunting, fishing and especially his family. You never left his presence without hearing and knowing "I love you" and a big bear hug. I will miss your big smile and warm hug... And look forward to seeing you again one day!

Roberta - February 03, 2016 at 09:31 PM

 Laura Nicholson

“ What a dear man Don was. A champion of the good, hard working for our town, a sweet person with a jolly and kind word for everyone. How very much he will be missed.

Laura Nicholson - February 03, 2016 at 09:14 PM

SJ

“ Our sympathies to the Gibbs family.

steve Joos - February 03, 2016 at 06:37 PM

AW

“ Our love & prayers are with you Betty, Tammy, Terry and grandkids. He loved you all dearly that was clear, but Jesus saw his pain & sent angels to bring him home. Angie Woods

Angie Woods - February 03, 2016 at 06:31 PM

RP

“ Dear Betty so sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was always so nice to me and worked so hard for our town. I know I will miss him. My prayers are with you
Ruth Parker

Ruth Parker - February 03, 2016 at 06:28 PM

RR

“ He was a great guy! More than that, he was a caring steward of the community. New Harmony, over the next century will be protected from flooding, and in a number of other ways, because of his leadership and guidance.

Ryan Rapp - February 03, 2016 at 06:28 PM

RH

“ He was a great man with a huge heart. He adored and loved his children, grandchildren and Miss Betty. I'll miss all the long talks that he, Karla, and I had for the last fifteen years at the NH Town Hall.....Rebecca Mossberger Harvey

Rebecca Mossberger Harvey - February 03, 2016 at 06:00 PM



“ I remember Don as a dedicated family man and a devoted community leader. His passion and love for New Harmony will be missed. My sincerest condolences... Tim Rutherford

Tim Rutherford - February 03, 2016 at 04:18 PM