



Gary Gene Gibson

December 12, 1948 - August 11, 2021

Gary Gene Gibson, age 72, passed away in the early hours of August 11, 2021, in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

Gary was born on December 12, 1948 to parents Fred and Willetta Gibson in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He moved with his family to Atlanta where he attended 2nd through 9th grades. The family returned to the area in 1964 settling in Bartlesville, OK. During this time he met the love of his life, Nancy Sas, whom he married on August 7, 1970.

He and Nancy moved to Springfield, MO where he attended Evangel College graduating in 1971. It was during his time in college that he found the second love of his life...photography. This passion led him down a path that would ultimately lead him around the world using his talents to share the Gospel.

They returned to Bartlesville in 1973 where they raised two children. During his career he worked as a photographer at Winston's, as an artist in the graphics department at Phillips, as a missionary for the Assemblies of God, and finished up as the owner of his own graphic design business, Ampersand Graphics.

While Gary was never officially retired he did profess to be "self-unemployed." He spent his later years taking photos, making art and connecting with the

community he so deeply loved.

Gary is survived by his wife, Nancy; sister, Cecelia Harness; two children and their spouses, Jennifer and Travis Keener and Peter and Rebekah Gibson; and his grandchildren Anastasia, Hailey, Sadie, John, Virginia, Zoe and Jack.

Gary's family will receive friends at the Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory – Walker Brown Chapel, 918-333-7665, 4201 Nowata Rd., Bartlesville, on Sunday, August 15, from 3-5 p.m. Visitation will also be held Sunday from noon to 5 p.m.

A memorial service will be held at Spirit Church on Monday, August 16 at 2 p.m. Interment will follow in the Memorial Park Cemetery.

Gary's motto in life was to "pay it forward." Many have been blessed to be on the receiving end of his generous heart. In the days and weeks to come, we ask that in lieu of flowers, let your heart be open to opportunities to do the same in your own lives.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery Bartlesville

4200 Nowata Road
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Previous Events

ALL DAY VISITATION

AUG 15. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home & Crematory - Walker Brown Chapel
4201 Nowata Rd
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-7665
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Family and Friends Gathering

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Funeral Service

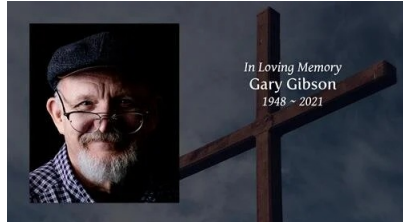
AUG 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

Spirit Church
2121 S Madison Ave
Bartlesville, OK 74006

Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary Gene Gibson*



Davis Family Funeral Home - August 13, 2021 at 01:19 PM

KA

What a beautiful tribute to Gary. Rest in Peace. Nancy are thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sending Love ...Karen & Fred

Karen Sas Arnold - August 14, 2021 at 02:32 PM

RB

Beautiful and touching review of an exceptional life!

Rod Bailey - August 14, 2021 at 02:38 PM

JL

Gary was such a great guy! Gary was there for me at a time in my life when I was in tight financial straits. He allowed me to live in one of his houses for just \$100.00 per month. And I also know of numerous others whom Gary had also done great favors for. I will so miss Gary! My prayers go out to all of his loved ones.

Joseph S Lancaster - August 14, 2021 at 07:58 PM

JH

Gary was my friend just as he was a friend to many many people. He always said that the people he met was his greatest pleasure of being in business. "Self Unemployed" as he called it. Gary was a spiritual man that always had a good word for everyone without being pushy. His kindness was obvious and his willingness to "play it forward" truly demonstrated the his depth of his character. I know that Gary has made heaven a better place and just like on earth God will use him in a special way. Gary we do miss you and look forward to seeing you again.

Jim Herndon - August 15, 2021 at 07:08 PM



This was such a beautiful tribute to Gary, Nancy, and his family. Gary gave joy to all around him. He was such a talent and his art will be loved and enjoyed by many. But his God and his family were his legacies.

Peggy Van Auken

Peggy Van Auken - August 17, 2021 at 07:46 PM

JA

“ My personal condolences to Gary's family. I only had a few encounters with Gary over the past 15 years and I believe they were all on the phone when I was hunting down older OKMozart graphics, or fishing for photos of Ron Adams and other local characters I was writing about. Gary was always gracious and kind enough to help a near stranger out, spending his own time to find images that captured their essence and helped tell their story. But I always felt like he wasn't a stranger because I saw and admired his work all over town, from local art displays to prints at Moxie on 2nd.

Jacqi - August 17, 2021 at 12:20 AM

JD

Jacqi Davis

Jacqi Davis - August 17, 2021 at 12:21 AM

MJ

“ Gary always was an inspiration to me for his artistic and photographic skill, as well as his dedication to the Lord and His work. My early attempts at doing multi-projector slide presentations (before computers) for our church choir musicals were modeled after what I saw Gary do. We enjoyed his presentations for A/G missions when he was promoting that around the country - he visited our church once in late 80s or early 90s and gave a great presentation and message. Gary also photographed our wedding 40 years ago! What a great man - surely will be missed but heaven is his reward! Condolences to Nancy and the family.

Mike Johnson - August 16, 2021 at 02:59 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Gene Gibson.



August 15, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary Gene Gibson.



August 15, 2021 at 02:34 PM

RT

“ Gary was a wonderful friend and a great person. We had a lot of laughs together . Rest In Peace Gary. Ray Tingler

Ray Tingler - August 15, 2021 at 02:33 PM

RK

“ So sorry to hear of Gary’s passing. Have many good memories of him and Nancy in my years in Bartlesville. My dad always spoke highly of Gary as did we all. Nancy is a childhood friend and has my most sincere condolences. RIP Gary.

Ron King - August 15, 2021 at 02:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary Gene Gibson.



August 15, 2021 at 12:07 PM

TH

“ Gary was so awesome! We first met him when he took our wedding photos 43 years ago. Then I had the pleasure of working with him in the photography studio at Phillips Petroleum. So many laughs and fun times. Then thru the years we would see him and stop and visit to catch up. Never a bad word ever left his mouth. Always positive and loving. He encouraged me in photography giving pointers and more. I will always remember that smile and everything about him. I know he’s rejoicing in heaven with Jesus and knowing that gives me such happiness. Gods blessings to the family and prayers for all.

Terri Hester - August 15, 2021 at 12:08 AM

LK

“ Linda & Jon Keller purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Gary Gene Gibson.



Linda & Jon Keller - August 14, 2021 at 07:12 PM

LK

“ So many special memories of Gary. Where do I begin? He was my "go to guy" when I was at OKMozart and needed special graphics. In spite of that cluttered, not especially clean place he called his office, he could be counted on to produce incredibly magnificent work! Every time! Along with it he would share some amazingly thoughtful insights to life. Gary was a good friend. He gave me one of the "first offs" of the silver open heart cross necklace he designed now being produced and sold in various forms at McCoys Jewelers- a gift that will be especially treasured now that he's gone. Thank the good Lord he is finally at home and free of pain. God knows he suffered. Rest in peace my friend.

Linda Keller - August 14, 2021 at 07:01 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Gary Gene Gibson.




August 14, 2021 at 02:43 PM

RB

“ *Behind that mischievous smile was a heart of gold, always a friend, always a missionary. I count myself incredibly blessed to know Gary Gibson!*

Rod Bailey - August 14, 2021 at 02:42 PM


Vanessa
Drummond

“ *Beautifully done. Gary, you will be missed!* ❤️

Vanessa Drummond - August 14, 2021 at 02:10 PM

MM

“ I was so saddened to hear of Gary’s passing. When I moved to Bartlesville I met Gary through my work as a photographer, living history interpreter, and volunteer work at Woolaroc. His sense of humor was infectious and his smile lit up the room. No matter how difficult life could get Gary always had a way to make you smile, laugh, and feel grateful to be alive. We has so many conversations about art, photography, history, travel, and life and I consider myself lucky to have known him and even more fortunate that he called me a friend. When I moved to NM and then AZ I always looked forward to meeting Gary at Starbucks for coffee and lively conversation. He was so supportive and helpful as I navigated graduate school and he always told me no matter how far I may end up away from Oklahoma that Bartlesville would always be my home. Gary made my adopted hometown feel like home. I want to extend my deepest condolences to Gary’s family. He always spoke about them with such love and admiration. Gary leaves behind a legacy of kindness, caring, compassion, art, and humor that his family and friends will always remember. I am so sorry that I will not see Gary’s smiling face the next time I am home, or hear his stories, or be on the receiving end of his witty online banter and jokes. Thank you Gary for being such a humble, kind, and loving human being who made the world a better place. You are so missed. May Gary’s memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved him until we see him again.

Michelle Martin (former Bartian in Mesa, AZ)

Michelle Martin - August 13, 2021 at 12:55 AM