



## John M. Gibson

August 26, 1956 - March 22, 2021

John M. Gibson, 64, of Fort Wayne, IN passed away at 5:00 am Monday, March 22, 2021 at Lutheran Hospital, Ft. Wayne, IN.

John was born on August 26, 1956 in Huntington, IN the son of John Gibson and Patricia (Coffman) Gibson. He was a 1974 graduate of Huntington North High School and he earned his bachelor's degree from Ball State University. John was a proud member of the United States Army National Guard and he worked in various Factories and Warehouses managing merchandise. He loved animals, nature, and being in the outdoors. He also enjoyed going to the movies and spending time with his Grandchildren.

Survivors include his Son, Zachary L. (Ashley) Gibson of Fort Wayne, IN; Brother, Jeff (Karen) Gibson of Ft. Wayne, IN; Three Grandsons, Grayson Gibson of Ft. Wayne, IN, Lincoln Gibson of Ft. Wayne, IN, Paxton Gibson of Ft. Wayne, IN; Granddaughter, Evelyn Gibson of Ft. Wayne, IN; Two Nieces, Natalie Gibson of OH, Kelley Gibson of CA; Nephew, Russell Gibson of Ft. Wayne, IN. He is preceded in death by his Father, John Gibson, Mother, Patricia Gibson.

Visitation will be from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Friday, March 26, 2021 at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 7:00 pm Friday, March 26, 2021 at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Per

Guldbeck officiating and Military Honors provided by VFW Post #2689.

Due to the current Executive Order, masks and social distancing are required at all events.

Preferred memorials to the Wounded Warrior Project, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of John M. Gibson.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
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## Service

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# Tribute Wall

BL

“ Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this Video Tribute in memory of John.



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - March 25, 2021 at 12:44 PM

MS

“ John and I became friends through the school band. We both played the trombone. John was a great guy and always “high energy”! I have many good memories of the times we spent together. Unfortunately, I hadn’t seen John in many years. Looking at the tribute video, it appears that John had a good life surrounded by family and friends. My condolences to all.

*Mark Smith*

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**Mark Smith** - March 27, 2021 at 11:30 PM

BM

“ John and I were classmates from the first day of kindergarten to the day we graduated from Huntington North. I have lots of good memories from our early days of playing football, basketball and whiffle ball with John, as well as riding bikes and just being kids in the neighborhood. My sincere condolences to his family, and may he rest in peace.

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**Brian Miller** - March 26, 2021 at 03:37 PM

BT

“ *John was the first best friend I ever had. I've missed him for a very long time.*

*-Barney Thompson*

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**Barney Thompson** - March 26, 2021 at 01:00 PM

RK

“ *My heartfelt sympathies to all.*

*I was in John's 6th grade class at Central Elementary downtown with teacher Rollo Williams, where I'm sure Gibby honed his love for nature.*

*We remained close friends throughout junior high and high school.*

*At Ball State we roomed together at Whitcraft Hall in Studebaker Complex. Such wonderful memories of great buddies and awesome weekend experiences when brother Jeff visited the campus, which was often!*

*Regretfully, Gibs and I lost track of one another in the 1980s when careers and life happened, but oh my, what memories!*

*It's very tough to lose a loved one, but we can rejoice in being with John again in the future in our Heavenly Home.*

*Gibby was a Believer and a student of the Gospel even in college and I point to him as an influencer in my life to bring me into the security of My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

*I'm pretty sure John and Jeff attended more than a few Petra concerts back in the day . . . plus many, many of our beloved rock concerts.*

*Rock on, Gibby! Love ya, man!*

*Rick Kreps*

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**Rick Kreps** - March 26, 2021 at 07:01 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Johns passing. I went through school with john and he was always such a nice guy..prayers for his family kathy LeCount Harper*



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**Kathy Harper** - March 26, 2021 at 03:40 AM

RB

“ *I'm so sorry for you loss, I worked with Pat at the old Crestview & love working with her. Zack bought my saxophone years ago too! I'll be keeping you all in my prayers in the days ahead.*

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**Ramonda Bickel** - March 25, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of John M. Gibson.*



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March 25, 2021 at 06:24 AM

DL

“ My childhood & early teen years would not have been the same or as enjoyable without his companionship. It was difficult enough having to move away from across the street when I was 6 & now this. He shared the same birthday as my only sibling, a sister, who was born on his fifth birthday--our parents made a trip to Pokagon State Park with us all in tow the following year on their birthdays in 1961 & that would be our last Summer together as neighbors, but never as friends. We managed to not let life separate us too soon & managed to hang in there at least thru high school & a crazy night of mischief on Devil's Backbone Road which was a couple minutes walk from my 3rd home after leaving the town for the country. I'd just learned of Patricia's passing within the past year after the fact & that was devastating enough to me--none of us needed or wanted this on top of everything else. Not this. I recall him being petrified of dogs way, way back when & couldn't help but smile learning how, later on, he learned to love animals so much. So amny memories I've retained & must abstain from sharing due to time & space & propriety. This news has just caught me off guard & so difficult to process--so difficult.

My thoughts & prayers & condolences extend to his family & brother Jeffrey. I shared a photo of the two of us when we were about to enter the morning Kindergarten class that we also shared together--we were both put in the corner together of the very first day by Mrs. Vater for talking to one another during her instruction. That's friends.

*"And each one there  
Has one thing shared:  
They have sweated beneath the same sun;  
Looked up in wonder at the same moon;  
And wept when it was all done  
For bein' done too soon...  
For bein' done too soon."*

*--Neil Diamond--*

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Dorman Larr - March 25, 2021 at 02:18 AM

DL

*My sister was born on his 4th birthday in 1960--not 5th as I mistakenly stated. It was on his 5th birthday we went to Pokagon together.*

Dorman Larr - March 25, 2021 at 12:05 PM

DL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Dorman Larr - March 25, 2021 at 01:41 AM

DL

*Another possible correction here after sharing a few memories, including the date on this photo, earlier this morning when news of the loss turned lives, minds & hearts upside-down & inside-out. I believe this was after Kindergarten had been completed & my actual last few days of living across the street from him which was the reason for the obvious attempt at some formal posing w/ us. I recall my mom taking the photo & because of that reason now that I've had some sleep & a chance to regain some composure. That would place the time in June 1962. We had to say goodbye, at least as close neighbors, almost as soon as our initial run in public education had completed & I do believe this was that time frame since we both appear a bit more grown after our Kindergarten photos were taken--but every bit as ornery.*

Dorman Larr - March 25, 2021 at 03:27 PM