



## Robert "Junior" Gibson Jr.

January 10, 1938 - May 12, 2024

Robert (Junior) Gibson, Jr.

Robert was born January 10, 1938, to Robert Carl Gibson and Joy Elizabeth Gibson in Alanthus Hill area of Hancock County, Tennessee. He lived a blessed life and maintained good health until recently. After a recent decline in health, he went to be with his Lord and Savior on May 12, 2024. He graduated with a math degree from Lincoln Memorial University in 1959 and began teaching at Thomas Walker High School. Subsequently, he obtained a Masters in Chemistry from Western Kentucky University. He was a beloved Geometry and Chemistry teacher for 32 years, retiring in 1992. After retirement he continued farming and raising beef cattle finally giving up farming completely at age 84. Robert was involved in politics in Lee County for 60 years and was the classic grass roots organizer long before being a Republican was popular in Lee County. He was a faithful member of Ingles Chapel Methodist Church.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, infant brother, Glenn, and a special first cousin, Claude Cavin. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nancy Surber Gibson. In addition, Robert and Nancy together raised three children who survive him – Bruce (Diane) Gibson of Kingsport, Shannon (Barry) Bellamy of Rogersville, and Brian Gibson of Johnson City. He is also survived by eleven grandchildren: Caleb (Maggie) Gibson, Christa (Drew)

Wheeler, Nathan Gibson, Alyssa (Caleb) Rice, Malaya Adams, Abigail (Jordan) Daniels, Izzi (Brook) McKenzie, Jamar Adams, Will Adams, Aaron Adams, and Paezha McCartt, and three great-granddaughters, Ellie Gibson, Annie Gibson, and Caroline Daniels.

He is also survived by his only sister, Sue (Charles) Livesay, nephews Eric Livesay and Brad Livesay, sister-in-law Joy (Dennis) Fox, brother-in-law John (Barbara) Surber, brother-in-law Karl (Mary Lee) Surber, and special first cousin, Jimmy Cavin.

Visitation will be at Robinette Funeral Home, 208 Industrial Park Dr., Rose Hill, Virginia, on Monday, May 13, from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. The funeral service will follow at 7:00 to be conducted by special buddy and pastor, Norman Clark, and son, Bruce Gibson. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, at Lee Memorial Gardens Park West in Rose Hill. Those who wish to travel in procession are asked to meet at the funeral home by 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday to travel in procession to the cemetery.

Robert's nephew, Eric Livesay, son-in-law, Barry Bellamy, and grandsons Caleb Gibson, Nathan Gibson, Izzi McKenzie, Will Adams, and Aaron Adams are pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers are Ken Graham, Tevis Wilder, Doug Pillion, Dr. Adam Yeary, Sam Greer, Carmen Edds Muncy, and Lisa Pauley.

The family expresses its sincere appreciation to Dr. Adam Yeary and Caris Hospice for the great medical care each provided. Also, the family is grateful for the six God-chosen caregivers: Melissa, Makayla, Helen, Margaret, Kathy, and Amy. Their dependable care allowed Robert and Nancy to remain in their home together.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Ingles Chapel Benevolence Fund, 874 Four Mile Creek, Tazewell, Tennessee 37839.

Online condolences may be sent by visiting, [www.RobienneFuneralHomes.com](http://www.RobienneFuneralHomes.com). Robinette Funeral Home of Rose Hill is serving the Gibson family.

# Cemetery Details

## Lee Memorial Gardens Park West

Rose Hill, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 13.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Rose Hill)  
207 DeRoyal Industries Drive  
P.O. Box 388  
Rose Hill, VA 24281  
(276) 445-5101

## Funeral Service

**MAY 13.** 7:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Rose Hill)  
207 DeRoyal Industries Drive  
P.O. Box 388  
Rose Hill, VA 24281  
(276) 445-5101

## Graveside service

**MAY 14.** 11:00 AM (ET)

Lee Memorial Gardens Park West  
Rose Hill, VA



# Tribute Wall

SC

“ *Mr. Gibson was a favorite teacher of mine. Loved his humor and that twinkle in his eye. He was a great teacher and a great person. Prayers to the family.*

susan chipouras - May 15, 2024 at 01:55 PM

DG

“ *Debbie Garrett lit a candle in memory of Robert "Junior" Gibson Jr.*



Debbie Garrett - May 14, 2024 at 08:09 PM

JH

“ *Mr Gibson was my favorite teacher. He encouraged thinking. He was humble and enjoyed good-natured discourse. He was quick to laugh. I shall always treasure his memory.*

John Hines - May 14, 2024 at 07:11 AM

SW

“ *Prayers and love sent to the family* 🌹🌸🌺🙏

Shelby Wilder - May 14, 2024 at 02:27 AM

GC

“ *Junior will always be Mr. Gibson to me. He was my high school math teacher and challenged me in every class. I always looked forward to seeing him whenever I returned home. He will live on in my memory.*

Greg Chadwell - May 13, 2024 at 11:56 AM

CA

“ CRH Americas purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Robert "Junior" Gibson Jr..



CRH Americas - May 13, 2024 at 10:53 AM

JE

“ Jill Evans purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Robert "Junior" Gibson Jr..



Jill Evans - May 13, 2024 at 10:49 AM

JE

“ Jill Evans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert "Junior" Gibson Jr..

Jill Evans - May 13, 2024 at 10:49 AM

SL

“ Prayers for the family ❤️🙏



Shelby Long - May 13, 2024 at 09:15 AM