



Leslie M. Gibson Jr.

May 22, 1930 - May 28, 2017

Dateline: Alton

Leslie M. “Gibby” Gibson Jr., 87, died at 9:38 a.m. Sunday, May 28, 2017 at his home in Alton after a brief illness. Born May 22, 1930 in Alton, he was the only son of Leslie Gibson Sr. and Mary (Beck) Gibson. Gibby graduated from Alton High School in 1948 and was very active in sports. During his childhood Gibby enjoyed hunting and fishing with his father on Calhoun Point. They also participated in archaeological efforts resulting in an arrowhead collection which now resides in Tulsa, OK at the Gilcrease Museum containing the “Gibson Point” arrowhead. There is also “Gibson Mound” located in Kampsville, IL which was named after Gibby and his father. During his lifetime, Gibby was always involved in sports. He was a Boy Scout Leader, he managed and coached a Little League team and participated in fast-pitch softball and baseball. He enjoyed bowling and watching his favorite baseball, football and basketball teams with his wife, Betty. Until recently he headed out three mornings a week to work out at his favorite local fitness center to stay strong and active. Gibby married Betty Townsley on May 27, 1950 at 12th Street Presbyterian Church in Alton. Their 67-year marriage was blessed with three children; daughter, Penny Sue, and sons, Leslie and Steven. Gibby and Betty enjoyed vacations, traveling to many foreign countries, including Australia, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden and especially, Tahiti, among other. Gibby worked for 42 years as a Toolmaker and Machinist at Hutchinson

Foundry in Alton. Gibby will be greatly missed by his family, all his many friends and everyone who knew and loved him. Along with his wife he is survived by his son Steve Gibson (Liz) of Alton, 10 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and one sister, Mae Mottaz. He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Penny Sue Fay, a son, Leslie M. Gibson, and two sisters, Lillian Heyen and Mary Eleanor Wolfe. Visitation will be from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2017 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton where funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. Friday, June 2, 2017. Reverend Adrian Das will officiate. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Online guestbook and information may be found at www.gentfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memorial Park

Godfrey, IL 62035

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Gent Funeral Home Inc
2409 State Street
Alton, IL 62002
(618) 466-5544
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Funeral

JUN 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Leslie M. Gibson Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Leslie M. Gibson Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Dorothy, Cathy, Jay, and Alicia Cameron purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Leslie M. Gibson Jr..*



Dorothy, Cathy, Jay, and Alicia Cameron - June 01, 2017 at 09:52 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about "Gibby". He was very dear to so many people. Our deepest sympathy and condolences go out to his family and friends. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May the fond memories and the love you shared bring you much comfort at this time.*

Cara & Marty Armstead - May 31, 2017 at 02:06 PM



So sorry about your loss. We are sending prayers for all. Will miss his big smile. Donna & Bobby Aszman

Donna Aszman - May 31, 2017 at 05:28 PM

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Love you Uncle Gibby!! Aunt Betty I am keeping you all in my Prayers!!

Annie - May 31, 2017 at 06:48 PM