



Harry D. Gibson II

April 21, 1929 - April 4, 2016

Gibson, Harry D. II. Age 86. April 4, 2016.

Beloved husband of the late JoAnn. Loving father of Larry (Sally), John (Charlene), Nancy (Lance) Luce, Marilyn (Ted) Henry and Nancy Reichow. Proud grandfather of 10 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Predeceased by sisters, Ellouise Gibson and Zara Graham, and one great granddaughter. Mr. Gibson was born in Howell and raised in Brighton. He was a graduate of Brighton High School and attended Eastern Michigan University. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard from 1951-1954 and went on to graduate from Lawrence Technological University in 1958. Mr. Gibson was an executive at Grand Trunk Western Railroad and retired in 1991. He served on the Lamphere School Board for 22 years and was a member of St. Dennis from 1969 until its' closing in 2014. Visitation Monday, April 18 from 2-8 p.m. with a 7 p.m. scripture service at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd. (4 blocks E. of Woodward), Royal Oak. In-state Tuesday, April 19 from 9:30 a.m. until time of funeral Mass 10 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, Royal Oak. Memorial contributions to Seasons Hospice or Alzheimer's Association are appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1032 N. Main Street
(south of 12 Mile Road)
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 18. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak
705 W. Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067
(248) 541-7000
royal@sullivanfh.com
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Scripture Service

APR 18. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

APR **19**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church
730 S. Lafayette Avenue
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Tribute Wall

RC

“ So sorry to hear of Mr Gibson's loss. He was a dear friend of Marge Dunbar, who was like a second mother to me. We often saw him and his wife, then him at the litter dinner in the strip mall at 12 and Campbell. Marge often would have us stop as I was driving her down the street, and she often shared stories of their growing up together. He will be missed.

Ruth Copley - April 19, 2016 at 10:54 AM

JC

“ It was a pleasure meeting him a few years ago at BBQ with Derrick Schroff. I am sure Harry might start tradition up in heaven with my family and more friends that he will not know what he will do with. Harry you will be missed.
Jean Chatelain.



Jean Chatelain - April 18, 2016 at 03:39 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Harry D. Gibson II.



April 18, 2016 at 10:23 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Harry D. Gibson II.*



April 18, 2016 at 09:23 AM



“ *I knew Harry from American House in Troy...He was such a nice man...He had a wonderful sense of humor...He smiled and it was the highlight of my day....He held my grandson Richard and it seem to make his evening go better...He will be missed....*
Ruth Pisani

Ruth Pisani - April 18, 2016 at 09:18 AM



“ *Delicious Delights Basket was purchased for the family of Harry D. Gibson II.*



April 17, 2016 at 06:11 PM

HT

“ I first met Harry about 27 years ago. I instantly had a new friend. He was such an honest and sincere man. He was surrounded by a family that he deeply loved. I know his passing will not be easy on the Gibson family. However, he has left all of you with so many great memories. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great friend to many. My thoughts and prayers are with all of the Gibson's.

Hon. Robert J. Turner

Hon Robert J Turner - April 17, 2016 at 07:10 AM

BM

“ Harry was one of my closest co-workers toward the end of our careers at Grand Trunk Western Railroad. He was serious about his work, but upbeat and fun to be with as he did his job. Whether dealing with department heads, staff at all levels, Board members, or the President, Harry was a class act, and effective. In retirement he was a joy to share old stories and a meal with at Rail Traffic Association lunches in Royal Oak. He is missed, and will be fondly remembered.

Bill McKnight - April 16, 2016 at 09:34 AM



“ Dear Gibson Family...

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your family's journey. It all started 36 years ago when my sister, Charlene, married this awesome guy...John Paul. It's almost unfathomable to think of how many lives your Mom/Dad touched on their journey; and what a journey! They made every moment count!!

I know this is such a sad time for all of you, but I'm quite certain that your Dad has once again been reunited with the love of his life. Here's to your Dad, your folks!! I will cherish the happy times and never forget the joy they added to my life.

God Bless and Lots of Love,

Judy "Abrahamson" Sanders

Judy Walters-Sanders - April 15, 2016 at 09:52 AM



“ Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Harry D. Gibson II.



April 14, 2016 at 08:58 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Harry D. Gibson II.



April 12, 2016 at 11:29 PM

KH

“ Nancy, take comfort in all you did in taking such great care of your Father through such a long and difficult time. And we will all take comfort via the wonderful legacy he left us in you. Much strength to you & the whole family as you deal with all you feel.

Dolores H & Judith H & Kevin H

Kevin Hamera - April 12, 2016 at 08:38 AM

JO

“ To the many friends of Harry and Jody who may have left a message or not, please know that our family truly appreciates your kind words, thoughts and prayers. Your friendships have contributed more to making them who they were and in turn shaping our lives as family members than you will ever know. We celebrate their lives and give thanks to each of you for the many blessings you bestowed on them throughout their lives.

john - April 08, 2016 at 10:40 AM

NA

Beautifully said John. Thank you for speaking for all of us!

Nancy - April 08, 2016 at 09:33 PM

MT

“ My condolences to the family. May you draw close to God in prayer and he will sustain you.-Psalms 55:22

Ms. Tuffy - April 08, 2016 at 05:08 AM

JF

“ Harry was a big part of our family especially in our children's life when they went to Lamphere schools & the Special Education program. He made sure that children were taken care of & especially those with special needs who were not forgotten or lost in the system. He only wanted the best for everyone. He always had a very positive attitude & a smile & hug. You could always see him at the programs & events at school too. He was very special to our son Alex who was part of the Special Education program at Lamphere through all his school years. He later got a job at American House & was thrilled when he found out that Harry lived there & he could see him everyday. They quickly became very close & buddies. Harry always had a twinkle in his eyes & a smile to share who he gave to his children & grandchildren. It was a pleasure to know you Harry & may you have peace & happiness now that you are with your loving wife. Our thoughts & prayers are with you & and your whole family. God Bless.

Love, Jackie, Brian, Alex, & Olivia Jenkins

Jenkins Family - April 06, 2016 at 10:22 PM

GG

“ During our time together at the Troy American House, Harry and I had many talks about his life. He was very proud of his time in the Coast Guard. A kind and gentle man, he always had a smile and a handshake when we met in the dining room. I miss him. May God bless him and his family.

George Gormly

George Gormly - April 06, 2016 at 05:26 PM

DB

“ They will always be Mr. And Mrs. Gibson. They were the kindest people you would ever want to know and sincere in what they did. I remember all the meals they prepared for the Warming Center with the whole crew. Mr. Gibson always had a kind word about everyone and meant what he said. I will always remember him coming to mass at St.Dennis and then telling me he would buy two cups of coffee before he went to the cemetery to see Joanne. He said they would talk while he drank his coffee. When I asked where the other cup went, he said he poured it on the grave, so "they could share their coffee together while they talked."

Derek and Margaret Blount - April 06, 2016 at 03:44 PM

BD

“ Harry was a real gentleman in every sense of the world. A giving man to all he knew. The OPTIMST CREED has a line the reads "make all of your friends feel there is something in them". Harry always asked about us and our family. He did that. We go to know Harry in the " Frantic caper days at Lamphere high school. He and Jody were a lot of fun. He had great humor. More importantly he cared about the kids in Madison Heights serving on the School Board for many years. H was genuine, not just serving to be in the public eye. Harry, you did not deserve the fate of that horrible disease. It was a pleasure to know you. Bill and Kathy Deyo

Bill and Kathy Deyo - April 06, 2016 at 01:51 PM


JB

“ There is nothing sadder then losing a dad, especially one who has always been there for you, making life more special then you could imagine. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family of Harry Gibson. May you all find comfort in the memories he left in your hearts and the laughter he put in your life.



Joan Brown (D.T.O.S. Board member)

Joan Brown - April 06, 2016 at 11:54 AM

 Bert Messing

“ Dear Gibson Family,

We were deeply saddened by the news about the death of Harry. We have been next door neighbors for over forty years. He was the nicest guy on the block and he will be missed by everybody. We are so very sorry. This must be a very difficult time for you. Please remember that you are in our thoughts and our prayers.

Herb Messing and family

Bert Messing - April 05, 2016 at 07:49 PM

AJ

“ Hey harry u were a ausome guy and ive know u since day 1 and i really am glad u r not suffering anymore and u r having a lot of fun with your wife now r.i.p. buddy

Your friend

Alex jenkins

Alex jenkins - April 05, 2016 at 06:07 PM

DS

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



David & Sandra Smith - April 05, 2016 at 05:33 PM

DS

“ *la orana, Harry.*

Paradise awaits!

David & Sandra Smith



David & Sandra Smith - April 05, 2016 at 05:19 PM

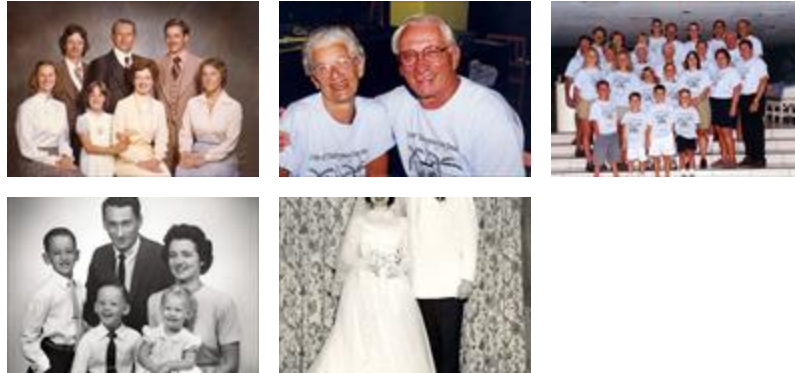
NC

“ *Rest in Peace Harry, I know you have never forgiven me for convincing you to run for the school board. What a wonderful friend, what wonderful memories. We loved you both (and all those Gibson kids) Nancy & Dave Chamberlain*

Nancy J. Chamberlain - April 05, 2016 at 01:55 PM

LL

“ 19 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Lance Luce - April 05, 2016 at 07:28 AM

JD

It was a pleasure working with you as a teacher, and teaching some of your children at Page. You are already in the next chapter of life. My condolences go to your survivors. Bless them all!

Jeannine Daly - April 05, 2016 at 08:49 PM

KC

“ *Gibson Family,
Harry was a special person that not only could talk the walk but could walk the talk. His love for his family and friends was an example for all of us to follow, to enjoy each day to the fullest and always reach out when someone needed a hand. He has given all of us so much, now it is our time to carry on what he is passed on, he will continue to live within our hearts and our thoughts. It was a privilege to play with you Harry, RIP my friend, catch up to you on the 19th. Kathie & Dennis*

Kathie & Dennis Cleary - April 05, 2016 at 07:11 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Harry D. Gibson II.*



April 04, 2016 at 08:13 PM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the Gibson family. So many great memories with Harry, Beer-B-Q weekends, Masters Golf Outtings, POA Dinners Dances. RIP Harry, you touched a lot of lives!*

Glenn and Nancy Fielder - April 04, 2016 at 07:28 PM



“ *This is the little box where I'm supposed to type something expressing what a blessing Dad was to me. Unfortunately this box isn't big enough to hold everything he did and meant to me. Dad and Mom were both amazing to me, the best in-laws anyone could ever have. I was blessed to have two wonderful "Dad's" in my life. He and Mom raised some fantastic kids, one of them is named Nancy. Wait, two of them are named Nancy. It's a long story. Thanks Dad! I love you and miss you already so much. Thanks for everything you did for so many people, you really were a wonderful man.*

Lance Luce - April 04, 2016 at 05:09 PM



“ *Always spit on your bait papa. You were with me when I got my first bass.*

Jason Brittany CarrieAnn Logan Addy Gabe - April 04, 2016 at 01:48 PM

VP

Harry was always true to his work and fellow workers. He was the best to work with. My wife and I spent many enjoyable dinners with him and Jody. We will miss him Vince Pompilius

Vincent Pompilius - April 18, 2016 at 01:01 PM