



## JAMES GIBSON

October 26, 2012

### Obituary of JAMES GIBSON

Mr. James L. Gibson, Sr., 81, of Umatilla passed away Friday, October 26, 2012. Born in Altoona, Florida, he has been a lifelong resident of Lake County. He was an educator and was a principal at Umatilla Elementary for 19 years. He was a U. S. Army Veteran of the Korean Conflict and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Altoona. He was a member of the Lake county Gator Club, a former member of the Umatilla Kiwanis Club, a member of the Lake County Retired Teachers, was a member of the Altoona Kids group, was a Mason and Past Worshipful Master of Umatilla Lodge. Survivors include his son: James Lee (Kiz) Gibson, Jr., Leesburg, FL; grandsons: Dillon Gibson, Umatilla, FL, Alex (Joanie) Hurst, Leesburg, FL; and sisters: Hazel Stoneking, Eustis, FL and Hattie Gibson, Gainesville, Florida.

### Visitation

The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at the Beyers Funeral Home, Umatilla.

## Services

Funeral services will be held 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at the Beyers Funeral Home with Reverend Carolyn Thomas, Reverend Ronald Holder and Reverend Walter Edwards officiating.

## Interment

Interment will follow services at Glendale Cemetery, Umatilla.

# Tribute Wall

GP

“ We are so saddened by Mr. Gibson's passing. He was a good friend. I could always count on him to check in with us during many different events here in Eustis. We will miss him...

George Warren @ Bay Pharmacy - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ I'll miss you Jim! It was an honor and a priveledge knowing you for as long as I did. You were a great man, and I'll never forget our friendship. God bless your family! Bart

The Bartberger Family - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WK

“ You will be missed Mr G. We will see you again someday when the lord calls us home. Rest in peace

Will and Jill Kroulik - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ My condolences to your family. I will miss talking to him, he was a very special man. Three Lakes has lost an icon.

Judy Eisnor - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ I met Mr. Gibson the first week I was hired at publix. He was there everyday and was considered family. He always went out of his way to make others happy and did anything he could for anyone, including fish fries and letting me come out to the farm to fish or just hang out with him. He was an amazing man and will be truly missed. We all love you Mr. G.

Brennan Bernasco - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PE

“ *Mr. Gibson, I will miss visiting with you at Publix. I've known you for many years, starting in High School. Rest in Peace my dear friend and thanks for the many good works you did during your life.*

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**Phyllis English** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ *Jimmy and family.....Just wanted you to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Your Dad was a special person and will be missed by many people. Our condolences to you . Love, Brad and Ann Clark (Scheunemann) and family*

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**Ann Clark** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *We will never eat brownies or an orange freeze without thinking of you. You will forever be in our hearts and greatly missed.*

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**Susan and Chance** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ The Fletcher family sends our deepest sympathies to family and friends of James Gibson, Sr. Mr. Gibson was a special man who we greatly respected. He became our friend early in my fire career with LCFR. His weekly visits to ST 14 in Altoona were always anticipated, as he would share stories from the early days in Altoona and Lake County. It was good to know that there were fellows still around to share some local history. We were also fortunate to have Mr. Gibson as a neighbor. I can count the times on one hand that I didnt talk to him during one of my bike rides through Three Lakes. Rarely a day went by that we didnt speak to him, or just wave to him driving around in his Ford or Chevy pickup to and from Altoona. Fortunately, he stayed busy with his daily routine and would always share a moment, no matter how brief in passing, to let you know he was thinking about the family. It is a priviledge to have known Mr. Gibson, as he will be deeply missed by us all. Have peace!

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**James Fletcher and Family** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ The crew at LCFR St 10 Astor wish to send our sincere condolences to the family and friends of James Gibson, Sr. Jim was a great friend to the fire department, and always shared a funny story from the past. He will be greatly missed.

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**LCFR St 10** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ I taught at Dabney Elementary when he was our principal. He made a lot of friends there and often came back to visit after he served at different locations in the school system.

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**Gail Burry** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ Florida Retired Educators Assoc. & Lake county REA, will certainly miss the smiling face of Jim Gibson. Jim served as State District 8 Director from 1991-1993 and currently was serving as President of his local Lake county REA unit. Our sincere condolences and prayers to all of the family. He will be missed..... Barbara at the FREA State office

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**Barbara Williams, Executive at the FL Retired Educ** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KP

“ My deepest sympathy to all the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Karen Palmer** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ To the Gibson family, my sincere condolences and prayers. Jim and I had some good times at several Lake County Gator Club functions. He will be truly missed.....May God Bless..... Bill

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**Bill Shumaker** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We feel a strong leader in our community has been lost. Mr. Gibson was a fine man who led by great example. We will miss our funny political conversations and the bare facts of life ! He was and always will be very beloved to our family. Our condolences to the family. With love, The Triplett Family

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**Dave and Alli Triplett and Family** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ Jimmy, We are so sorry to hear of your Dad's Death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Dale and Pamela Whitford** - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM