



Don L Gibson

July 3, 1947 - May 4, 2024

Don L. Gibson, 76 of Springdale, AR passed away peacefully at his home Saturday, May 4, 2024.

He was born July 3, 1947, in Fayetteville, AR the son of Lee and Imogene Gibson.

Don (Donnie) spent his youth in Springdale around the rodeo circuit, horse showing and roping calves for 10 years. He attended Springdale High School and after graduation he attended the University of Arkansas majoring in Business Administration. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity where he served as president. He joined the ROTC program and entered the Army as a 2nd Lt. after graduation where he served 2 years active duty at Ft. Knox, Ky. In 1969 he married his high school sweetheart, Carol Lynn Camfield. They enjoyed 54 years of marriage. Don got his Masters of Business Administration at the U of A and immediately went to work for Willis Shaw Express trucking company where he worked as VP of Human Resources for 8 years.

In 1981 he went to work for First State Bank where he endured 4 buy outs in 24 years and served as Market Exec Private Bank Midwest and Arkansas State President for Bank of America. In 2005, he became a founding stockholder of Legacy National Bank serving on the Board of Directors and CEO for 19 years. He was currently serving part time as CEO Emeritus.

Don was very involved in charitable activities around his community and the state. He was a board member for Winthrop Rockefeller Research Center and executive committee chairman for University of Arkansas Foundation. He was a member of the Springdale Rotary Club where he served as President, the Springdale Public Facilities Board, the Springdale Water & Sewer, the Community Care Foundation and past president of the Springdale Chamber of Commerce. He was currently serving on the NWTI Foundation Board of Directors, the UAMS Foundation Board, and President of the Springdale Country Club Board of Directors.

Don was also co-founder of the Ryan Gibson Foundation, a charitable organization in memory of his oldest son, Ryan. He spent 10 years actively fundraising for leukemia research. The foundation was able to give over \$3 million dollars to hospital research grants as well as a contribution to Arkansas Children's Hospital Precision Medicine Leukemia Research Program.

Don was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Springdale. He served on the Board of Trustees, the Finance Committee, and the Church Council. He also enjoyed teaching Sunday School. Don received the Springdale Civic Service Person of the Year Award and the Springdale Education Foundation Person of the Year Award.

Donnie was an avid golfer and scuba diver and loved watching his granddaughter dance and his grandson play baseball. He also loved traveling with his family and friends.

Don was preceded in death by his son, Ryan Gibson and his parents, Lee and Imogene Gibson. He is survived by his wife, Carol Lynn Gibson and his son Derek Gibson and wife Jennifer of Springdale, two grandchildren, Dylan and Brookelyn Gibson, one sister, Pam Barrett and husband, Jerry of Overland

Park, KS.,one niece, Brittney Henderson, husband David and their 2 children, and one nephew, Bo Barrett, wife Kimberly and their 4 children.

A memorial service will be Thursday, May 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church in Springdale.

A memorial visitation will be Wednesday, May 8, 2024 from 5-7pm at Sisco Funeral Chapel of Springdale.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First United Methodist Church Foundation, 206 West Johnson Ave. Springdale, AR 72764 ,or Arkansas Children's Hospital Northwest, 2601 Gene George Blvd., Springdale, AR 72762.

The family would like to offer a special thanks for the outpouring of love, support and prayers they have received during this time of sadness and grief. We have so much appreciation and love for all of you.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAY 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 W Meadow Ave
Springdale, AR 72764

Memorial Service

MAY 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
206 W. Johnson Ave.
Springdale, AR 72764
info@firstchurchspringdale.org
<http://www.firstchurchspringdale.org>

Tribute Wall

CC

“ We are so sorry for the loss of a wonderful friend Donnie Gibson. Our hearts go out to the Gibson family. We are praying for all of you.

With Love from Cathy and Jim Crouch

Jim

cathy and Jim Crouch - May 29, 2024 at 09:19 AM

BS

“ I just learned of Don's passing. What an incredibly stellar husband, father, grandfather and friend. I am deeply saddened by this loss. Prayers for the entire family.

britt skarda - May 14, 2024 at 12:57 PM

SR

“ Sage R. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don L Gibson.

Sage R. - May 13, 2024 at 02:24 PM

TD

“ I always looked forward to a hug and a kind word from Donnie when I went to Legacy Bank to do business for my parents. What a wonderful man with such a big heart!

Teresa Turnbow Dombrowski - May 12, 2024 at 05:25 PM

LS

“ I remember meeting Don in his office at Legacy just a few months ago. I immediately felt his kindness and genuineness in that short interaction. We are deeply sorry to hear about the passing of Don. Please know that our thoughts are with you during this time. We value the partnership we have with Legacy and offer our condolences to everyone affected by this loss.

Luke Schafer and Teslar Software - May 09, 2024 at 12:12 PM

JT

“ My sincere condolences to Carol Lynn, Derek and the rest of the family. Don was a good man and a wonderful mentor. Tough but fair but I always enjoyed being around him. A man who could light up a room with his smile and his swagger. I'll always remember that he was a huge fan of Jimmy Buffet. He will be missed. May you find comfort in the many memories of your own and others as you grieve for the man many people loved.

Jeff Thames - May 09, 2024 at 09:46 AM

AR

“ Don made a profound impact as a leader and a gentleman. Sending heartfelt thoughts your way!

Ann Rosso - May 09, 2024 at 08:54 AM

KD

“ Kathy And Danny Dotson lit a candle in memory of Don L Gibson



Kathy and Danny Dotson - May 08, 2024 at 11:43 PM

K.

“ Kathy . planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don L Gibson.

Kathy . - May 08, 2024 at 11:30 PM

AJ

“ Sending my condolences to Carol Lynn and all of Donnie's family. A friend for almost 70 years. He will be missed and remembered by so many of his friends.

Al Jewell - May 08, 2024 at 08:17 PM

FM

“ My sincere condolences to Carol Lynn and Derek. Donnie was definitely one of the good ones. Always a smile on his face and willing to offer help to all. He will be missed by many. His legacy will leave on through all of his contributions to Springdale and beyond.

Frances Mayo - May 08, 2024 at 07:29 PM

KK

“ Katrina Osborne (and kids) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Don L Gibson.



Katrina Osborne (and kids) - May 08, 2024 at 06:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don L Gibson.*



May 08, 2024 at 05:22 PM



“ *Betty P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don L Gibson.*

Betty P. - May 08, 2024 at 04:37 PM



“ *Femi and Tyler Pendergraft purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Don L Gibson.*



Femi and Tyler Pendergraft - May 08, 2024 at 03:07 PM



“ *Femi and Tyler Pendergraft planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don L Gibson.*

Femi and Tyler Pendergraft - May 08, 2024 at 03:07 PM

GK

“ Carol Lynn, Derek, Jennifer, Pam, Jerry & family - We were so very sorry to hear of Donnie's passing. A very special person with numerous gifts & talents he generously shared. His spirit lives on with all of us. A good man, a wonderful family. Keeping you in our prayers. Gary & Trudy Karnes

Gary Karnes - May 08, 2024 at 02:41 PM

DH

“ David and Tressa Harris purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Don L Gibson.



David and Tressa Harris - May 08, 2024 at 02:27 PM

DH

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David and Tressa Harris - May 08, 2024 at 02:27 PM

LP

“ Love, Mark and Jessica Phillips purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Don L Gibson.



Love, Mark and Jessica Phillips - May 08, 2024 at 01:22 PM

LP

“ Love, Mark and Jessica Phillips planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don L Gibson.

Love, Mark and Jessica Phillips - May 08, 2024 at 01:22 PM

HM

“ I last saw Don Gibson walking the halls of NWTI on his way to a meeting. He was such a spirit of happiness and said hello to everyone he met. I will greatly miss the man I was able to get to know.

Heidi Migliori - May 08, 2024 at 11:13 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Don L Gibson.



May 08, 2024 at 10:40 AM

TF

“ The Mawby Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Don L Gibson.



The Mawby Family - May 08, 2024 at 10:09 AM

TF

“ The Mawby Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don L Gibson.

The Mawby Family - May 08, 2024 at 10:09 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don L Gibson.



May 08, 2024 at 08:46 AM

DM

“ Doug, Andrea and Clay McConnell purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Don L Gibson.



Doug, Andrea and Clay McConnell - May 08, 2024 at 07:34 AM

DM

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Doug, Andrea and Clay McConnell - May 08, 2024 at 07:34 AM

SS

“ I am still shocked and saddened by the news of Donnie passing. It is hard to believe that his family, friends and the community will no longer have Donnie with us. When I think of Donnie, I think of his beautiful smile and honest eyes. When Donnie spoke with you, you were the center of attention. You felt his kindness and gentleness. He served God everyday by serving others. He was always there for Mom and Dad. Dad planned his own funeral, because that was Bruce, and he only wanted Donnie to give the eulogy. And what a beautiful job he did. Both Donnie and Carol Lynn were there for Mom after Dad passed and helped her through a hard time. I appreciated all of their visits to see Mom. Donnie had such zest for life and it was hard to picture he was the age he was. His spirit will be with us all and hopefully we can take that spirit and continue to spread his love. Carol Lynn, Derek and Pam, my prayers are with you. Donnie is hugging Ryan and watching over his family.

Sandy Vaughan Simmons

Sandy Simmons - May 08, 2024 at 06:24 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Don L Gibson.



May 07, 2024 at 06:25 PM

TS

“ Tom, Don, Ken and Shelton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don L Gibson.

Tom, Don, Ken and Shelton - May 07, 2024 at 06:25 PM



“ I am sorry for your loss. Don was a great man. He was the Bulldog that everyone at Springdale High School wanted to emulate. He did the same at the University of Arkansas. I remember Don and Pam being raised to be horse people from an early age. I remember Lee’s store. I remember Christmas days from long ago at Mack and Alice’s house. I remember Don and Carol Lynn’s wedding. Don was always kind to my mother. Don was always kind to my father, and Don was the person my father trusted to do his eulogy, and he did a great job. He created a genuine “small-town culture” at Legacy Bank. It seems like saying that Don was a good man is an understatement, but being a truly good man is something to aspire to. I extend my sympathy to the family during this difficult time.

Michael Vaughan

Michael Vaughan - May 07, 2024 at 05:52 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Don L Gibson.



May 07, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ Joe and Kelly Henington planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don L Gibson.

Joe and Kelly Henington - May 07, 2024 at 05:30 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Don L Gibson.



May 07, 2024 at 04:26 PM



“ H.C. Schmieding Produce Company planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Don L Gibson.

H.C. Schmieding Produce Company - May 07, 2024 at 04:26 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Don L Gibson.



May 07, 2024 at 04:04 PM



“ I am so very sorry to hear about Donnie passing away. I have so many wonderful memories of all us rodeoing in high school. I always looked up to Pam, Carol Lynn, and Don. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
JoAnn McKim

JoAnn McKim - May 07, 2024 at 03:20 PM

SH

“ I remember all the times I fed our boys throughout school and going to games and seeing Donny who was always there! Prayers for peace and comfort for Carol Lyn and the rest of the family 🕊️.
Sandy Hardcastle

Sandy Hardcastle - May 07, 2024 at 02:42 PM

DM

“ Danny Marshall purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Don L Gibson.



Danny Marshall - May 07, 2024 at 02:33 PM

EH

“ We've been blessed to share cherished memories with the Gibson family for thirty years, experiencing moments of joy and sorrow together. Our hearts are broken, Donnie's presence will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Carol Lynn, Derek, Pam, and your families. May God envelop you in His comforting embrace, granting you strength and understanding during these difficult times.
Ernie and Janice Hinkle



Ernie and Janice Hinkle - May 07, 2024 at 01:54 PM

AF

“ Arkansas Children's Foundation purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Don L Gibson.



Arkansas Children's Foundation - May 07, 2024 at 01:39 PM

EF

“ I enjoyed my time working for Don @ Legacy Bank, he was kind, caring and took time to always ask how I was doing. He will be missed! My condolences to the Gibson family.

Edward Fillmore - May 07, 2024 at 12:45 PM

JM

“ Janice and Larry Manry purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Don L Gibson.



Janice and Larry Manry - May 07, 2024 at 11:27 AM

LM

“ Don was a great friend and in many ways was a mentor. He welcomed me to NWA and provided counsel in my banking career. He will be greatly missed.

Larry Manry - May 07, 2024 at 11:22 AM

JT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you, Carol Lynn, and your Family. We all first met when our sons, Ryan and Wyatt, were at SMU. Don was a valuable mentor to me, when I needed it most. Hugs to you-
Jo Ann Pettus Thetford

Jo Ann Pettus Thetford - May 07, 2024 at 11:00 AM

JL

“ Thoughts and prayers are with the family as you enter this new journey. Was saddened to hear of Donnie's passing, but know he has a new home. May you hold his memories close to your heart, and he will always be with you. Memories are eternal. May God give you all peace and comfort in your time of need. Donnie was a special person, always caring and helping. Rest in peace my friend. Your classmate and friend forever.
Janet Sue Gibbs-Lager

Janet Gibbs - Lager - May 06, 2024 at 10:25 PM

SV

Donnie has done so much for our town, he will be greatly missed. Prayers and blessings for Carol Lynn and the family.

susan Verser - May 07, 2024 at 10:37 AM

BZ

“ My heartfelt condolences to Carol Lynn & family for your loss of Donnie. He and I went back all the way. Both Donnie & Pam always were @ all my birthday parties in our early years. My parents recorded them all in color home movies; since restored to DVD. I last visited Donnie in 2012 @ the Legacy Bank to catch-up on what was going on in our lives. I shall miss him very much.
Very Respectfully Sent.... Bill Zeltner

Bill Zeltner - May 06, 2024 at 09:06 PM

ES

“ We look forward to the days ahead when our reflections of Donnie brings smiles to our faces instead of tears to our eyes. We enjoyed so many decades of trips, meals, parties, family joys. Our smiles will come when we reflect upon his outstanding contributions to our medical, civic, educational and communities of faith. We will smile when we think of his phenomenal relational with Carol Lynn, his amazing partner in life. We shared sorrows with love and courage, knowing God was always with us. We send our deepest sympathies to Carol Lynn, his surviving son Derek, his sister Pam, and all their families, of whom he was so proud. With love & admiration,
Dennis & Evelyn Shaw

Evelyn Shaw - May 06, 2024 at 08:58 PM

EC

At the 10 year reunion of Springdale high school he was voted most handsome. Always a smile on his face, always a good heart.

Ellen Cato - May 07, 2024 at 02:10 PM

JL

“ So sorry to hear of Don's passing. May you find comfort in knowing that he is in a better place. Jim Long

Jim & June Long - May 06, 2024 at 08:46 PM

C'

“ Carol Lynn and Derek I am sorry for the loss of Donnie. He was a great guy.
He will be miss by so many people.
May God bring you comfort now in your time of need.
Cindy(Poling)Strawser

Cindy(Poling)Strawser class of '63 - May 06, 2024 at 08:43 PM

LW

“ Carol Lynn, Lynda (Brown) Freeman and Woody here. Seems only a moment since
our time at Fort Knox after college. U of A, Tri Delta sisters, ROTC, times of camaraderie. Lovely families and years since then.
Thankful for our times together. Love you and Donnie and family.
May you receive strength to go forward every day as Donnie is in Heaven!❤️🙏🏻✝️

Lynda (Brown) Freeman and Woody - May 06, 2024 at 08:32 PM

SB

“ Many fun times with Carol Lynn and Donnie. Lots of giggles on the golf course. So thankful for each and every memory made with them. We will miss Donnie much and will see him again when we make it Home.
Prayers for Carol Lynn and the family. The mixer golf group loves you all.



Sean and Lisa Barrows - May 06, 2024 at 08:23 PM

RA

“ Carol Lynn and Derek I am sorry for your loss. I held Donnie in my highest regard! I knew he was special the first time I met him at the Pike House and enjoyed getting to visit him through the years at different functions. Don was one of the real good ones and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. I will keep you in my prayers as Y'all work through this difficult time. Stump (Roger Atkins)

Roger Atkins - May 06, 2024 at 07:48 PM



“ Carol Lynn, A wonderful tribute to you and Donnie. I only knew him while we in college but always admired you two as a couple. Some of us want to see you soon. Peace, love and prayers, Anne McCarley

Anne McCarley - May 06, 2024 at 06:14 PM



“ Donnie was always ready with a smile and a helping hand. He took his friendships seriously, and believed with his heart and with his hands that giving back to his community in Springdale was a duty and an honor. He loved Carol Lynn deeply, and the two of them often spoke of the other as best friend. I have known them both since high school, and have always been inspired by their devotion to one another and their enduring delight in their family. Also by their courage in light of Ryan's passing so many years ago, and their active determination to make something constructive of it. To write of them both at Donnie's passing seems very natural, as they were one.- Jeanne Walker

Jean Walker - May 06, 2024 at 05:42 PM

BP

“ I have know Donnie and Carol Lynn all through my days in Springdale. I was honored to work with him the last 19 years at Legacy. He was a well respected man in his professional life but also in his personal life. Carol Lynn, Derke and family my heartfelt prayers go out to you all as you morn Donnie. May God give you his Grace each and every day to accept your loss. RIP my friend 🙏🙏
Betty Phillips

Betty Phillips - May 06, 2024 at 05:41 PM

KD

“ Words can't describe the sadness of losing Don, I would love to just see him one more time. He was so precious to me and a wonderful mentor during my banking career. I don't know of a better man than Don. And I know he is with our Lord.

Kai Dare - May 06, 2024 at 05:34 PM

BM

“ Our hearts go out to the Gibson family as we grieve the passing of Don. May God bring comfort and peace to you in this difficult time. We cherish the memories of his friendship, his great sense of humor as our “ Billy Don” and his kindness. May he RIP.

Bill & Sara McBee - May 06, 2024 at 05:27 PM