



James Henry Gibbs

June 7, 1936 - October 16, 2014

James Henry Gibbs, 78 of Springdale passed away Thursday, October 16, 2014 at his home. He was born June 7, 1936 in Glasgow, Missouri to John Rhea and Elinor Virginia Johnson Gibbs.

Jim was born and raised on the farm his family homesteaded in Glasgow. He spent his youth raising and showing cattle. Jim loved farm life. He attended The University of Missouri - Columbia where he was a member of FarmHouse Fraternity. He received his degree in Animal Husbandry and Economics in 1959. Jim worked with the judging teams for the American Royal, was a member of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association, President of the Lion's Club of Lenexa, Kansas and most recently volunteered at the Bread of Life in Springdale. These are just a few of the many volunteer activities throughout Jim's life.

Family was always first for Jim, he never missed a sporting event or activity for his children or grandchildren. He would travel across the country, no event was ever too far.

Jim truly enjoyed and was proud of his thirty year career with the Upjohn Company. While with the Upjohn Company, Jim received numerous awards including it's highest achievement award, The Upjohn Award.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Anne Gibbs; one son, James Christopher Gibbs and wife Tami of Fayetteville; one daughter, Tracey Rhea Gibbs and husband Richard Schwabenlander of Kingwood, Texas; two brothers, John David Gibbs and wife Joan of Liberty, Missouri and Joseph Dent Gibbs and wife Doris of Glasgow, Missouri; one sister, Mary Lou Grose of Oceanside, California; three grandchildren, Jackson Rhea Schwabenlander, Katherine Grace Gibbs and James Henry Gibbs II.

Memorial service will be Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at 10:00 at First United Methodist Church in Springdale with Rev. Judy VanHoose officiating.

Memorials may be made to Hope Cancer Resources, 5835 W. Sunset Ave., Springdale, Arkansas 72762 or Washington Regional Hospice, P.O. Box 356, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72702.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *James Henry Gibbs*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ *Anne and family,*

We were so saddened to hear of Jim's passing. We have so many wonderful memories of him. You were terrific neighbors and friends and Jim was always willing to lend a helping hand. Lexington was a great neighborhood for all of us to raise our families. We send our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Ed and Fran Skelly

Fran Skelly - October 29, 2014 at 11:28 PM



“ *Hank:*

I am so sorry for the loss of your grandfather. While I know his death is hard on you, he is in a better place. You are in my thoughts.

Anton Michna

Anton - October 22, 2014 at 07:58 PM



“ *Dear Hank,*

I am sorry for your loss. I'm thinking of you and your family.

*Your Friend,
Aidan*

Aidan Garrison - October 21, 2014 at 09:14 PM

ES

“ We are very sorry to hear about the loss of Uncle Jim. He was always such a positive person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Sorry we won't be able to attend the service but we will be thinking of all of you.

Ed & Sissy Stevinson

Ed Stevinson - October 21, 2014 at 01:01 PM

BR

“ We are sorry for your loss. Keeping you in our prayers.
Brockinton Family

Brockinton - October 20, 2014 at 09:39 PM

JA

“ Hank, I'm sorry about your grandfather. He always came to support us in our games. *Jaden*

Jaden - October 20, 2014 at 09:36 PM

SW

“ Hank, I am so sorry for the loss of your grandfather. Im sure he is in a better place and will look down on you and your family. I hope when you think of him, all you think are happy thoughts. Your friend *Sully*.

Sully Witte - October 20, 2014 at 09:34 PM

GH

“ Anne, We are saddened at this news, don't want to believe it! But we grieve for ourselves because Jim has been transferred to a place where we all hope to go eventually. We love you both and have always enjoyed your company. So many good memories of doing so many neat things. We will keep those tucked away in our hearts. Very special times with very special friends. That is what Jim and you have always been to us. You both always inspired us to enjoy life. Love you Anne,
Gayle Hendrickson

Gayle Hendrickson - October 20, 2014 at 03:10 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James Henry Gibbs.



October 20, 2014 at 01:39 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of James Henry Gibbs.



October 20, 2014 at 01:11 PM

KS

“ Anne, We were out of town and just now saw this. Please know you and your family will be in our prayers. You and Jim were wonderful friends to JoNell and Dennis and because of that Steve and I were able to be friends with you too. We are so very sad to hear this news and will be thinking of you and the family. Love to all, Steve and Kay Schroeder

Kay Schroeder - October 20, 2014 at 01:11 PM

CB

“ Anne and Family--

We were all saddened to learn of Jim's passing and pass our deepest condolences to you and your family. Jim was a great inspiration to our UPJOHN family and could always find a way to make difficult situations work out ! I will always remember his hearty laugh, huge smile and BBQ lunches that we shared in KC !!

RIP James Henry !!!

Regards

Chuck and Chris Barrier

Chuck Barrier - October 20, 2014 at 10:07 AM

TY

“ Anne: I am sorry to hear of Jim's death but that is the only way we can get to Heaven. I won't mention his help and experiences with TUC since they were all so very good.. I treasure him being a fellow Lion. If you are a dedicated Lion "You are a person of Service. Since he was a Past President of his club, I know he was that, not only in Lions but in every thing he did. What a man, I loved him Anne, and I would love to see you. Maybe we will see you before we die. Tom, Young

Tom Young - October 20, 2014 at 09:48 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Henry Gibbs.



October 20, 2014 at 08:34 AM

JC

“ Saddened to hear about Jim. A really nice guy.
Jason and Lee Cole

Jason & Lee Cole - October 20, 2014 at 08:34 AM

JB

“ Mrs Anne
I'm going to miss my visits with Mr. Jim. he was a great friend.
Gabi Buchanan

jim buchanan - October 19, 2014 at 07:02 PM

JB

“ *Anne, Tracy, Chris*
So many great memories of a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, neighbor, and just plain good friend. We always enjoyed our time together. He was a special man and will be missed by us.
Mary and Jim Buchanan

jim buchanan - October 19, 2014 at 06:59 PM

SB

Ruth Anne, Tracy, and Chris
We are so very sorry to hear of the passing of Jim. Your family has been in our family for a very long time. Our deepest condolences for your loss. He suffers no more and is with Cereda and Jim in the hands of our Lord. God be with your family. All our love forever. Shelley and Bill

Shelley and Bill - October 20, 2014 at 11:30 AM

ET

“ *Dear Anne & Family,*
Hilde and I were certainly saddened to learn about Jim's death. Jim was a great husband and family man, a dedicated Upjohn employee and a great friend. These are qualities that all of us can strive for and emulate. Those of us who worked with Jim have many fond memories of fun times as well as the great work Jim did that contributed to the success of Upjohn Animal Health.

Eli & Hilde Thomssen



Eli Thomssen - October 19, 2014 at 04:46 PM

DE

“ Anne so very sorry to hear about Jim. We had no idea that his cancer had advanced to this degree, a lesson for all of us that we should stay in closer contact with our friends. We have all lost a truly great friend and the democratic party has lost one of it's most ardent supporters. If you wanted to see an Irishman's face turn bright red just say something derogatory about his party. Kathy and I have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Darrell & Kathy Edwards

darrell edwards - October 19, 2014 at 01:14 PM

WS

“ Ruth Anne & Family, I was so saddened to hear of the loss of Jim. He was a true provider and loving husband and father. I always loved his southern accent and the way he always respected others. Remember the good times you and everyone shared. He was a very special man to many. He touched many peoples lifes, and I will always remember that he treated me as family also. God had better plans for Jim in a heaven where there is no pain and suffering. May God Bless you all and bring you comfort. Someday we will all be reunited together again. I will try to show my support by visiting Ceredas grave site soon. Love to you all ! William A. Suhart

william a. suhart - October 19, 2014 at 11:47 AM

KW

“ Dear Anne and family,
We are so saddened to hear about Jim's passing. I have fond memories of being associated with Jim through The Upjohn Company. Though I worked on the West Coast, there were numerous times I enjoyed time with Jim when attending various meetings in Kalamazoo.
Jim was a dedicated Upjohn employee and was a very good friend of mine. Though we haven't communicated in the past many years, since we both retired, I have thought of him frequently.
I will always have good memories spent with my good friend, Jim. He will truly be missed.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you Anne, and your family through these difficult times of mourning. May Jim rest in peace and may God be with you all.
Most sincerely, Ken and Adele Willmon

Ken Willmon - October 19, 2014 at 11:19 AM



“ Anne and family,
I was sad to hear of Jim's passing. We were raised in the same county and Jim knew my mom. I had the same sales territory that Jim had covered. Everyone loved James Henry. As a young sales rep, I could call into the distribution center with the worst problem and Jim could fix it with the stroke of his pen. I loved being able to go to the distribution center of south Troost where we would go have lunch at Smoke House BBQ. He was very proud of the Upjohn Award and very deserving of it.
He will be greatly missed,
Kevin and Sharon Yaeger

Kevin Yaeger - October 19, 2014 at 06:58 AM

RL

“ *Mr. Jim will be truly missed! We are so sorry for your loss! May God comfort you all! Love the Lucke family*

Rebecca Lucke - October 18, 2014 at 11:42 PM



“ *Garden Accent Stone - "Wherever a Beautiful Soul..." was purchased for the family of James Henry Gibbs.*



October 18, 2014 at 08:37 PM

DH

“ *Jim was a good guy and I enjoyed our time together in Kalamazoo/Portage, especially our NCAA Basketball Tournament wagers. Jim usually won Which resulted in free "burgers & fries" for Jim and Ann at the Corner Bar! Darcy and I offer our sincere sympathy to Ann and family at this difficult time. Dave & Darcy Harmsen*

Dave Harmsen - October 18, 2014 at 07:37 PM

DP

“ *The Gibbs's family has lost a husband, a Father, and a Grand Father, But the rest of the Upjohn family has lost a very dear friend as well. Personally, I knew Jim for nearly 55 years. And even before Upjohn as we had met at another work site. Jim was a very dear personal friend of our family and in the business world.*

So Good Bye dear friend, you will be missed but not forgotten. And that includes the Missouri Tigers and the Democratic Party and your reliable vote. You always knew where you stood on political and sports issues when Jim was around.

So to the Gibb's family, " Hang in There", All of us have lost a very special friend.

Judy and Dick Petrick

Dick petrick - October 18, 2014 at 04:54 PM

WC

“ *Dear Anne and Family, Twila and send our most sincere condolences at the news of Jim's Cancer overwhelming him. It was wonderful to see you both at the Upjohn reunion in Franklin Tn. As i noted in my comments there if anyone in a position of trying to find an individual to achieve success beyond all measures, they would be wise to try to find a person with the same attributes that Jim Gibbs has and has put to use in his personal and professional life. The positive impact he had on all of us was a joy to behold. He will be greatly missed by all whose lives were touched by him.*

Bill and Twila Compton

William Compton - October 18, 2014 at 02:16 PM

DP

“Gibbs Family -- While I only knew Jim for a few years, I always enjoyed my visits with him, whether it was while I coached Hank the one year in recreation ball or when we sat on the bleachers together watching the boys play tournament ball. If there was one certainty in this life, it was that he loved his family and he loved being there for all of you. I'll miss my visits with him. -- Danny Pugh

Danny Pugh - October 18, 2014 at 01:34 PM