



Eddie Ray Gibson

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Eddie Ray Gibson of Longview, Texas, went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 18, 2021. He was born March 26, 1930 near Granbury, Texas and was the second of four boys born to Clifford and Virgie Gibson. He was preceded in death by his parents and brothers C.L. Gibson and Charlie Gibson. He is survived by his brother Howard Gibson of Weatherford, Texas.

Eddie graduated from Granbury High School and served in the U.S. Army during The Korean Conflict. He attended Odessa Jr. College and Hardin-Simmons University on the G.I. Bill. He was an employee of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company for almost 40 years, retiring in 1987. Eddie married Lanora Allen in 1950 and together they lovingly raised their five children until Lanora's death in 1976. He is survived by their children: Kathy Knight and husband Ron, David Gibson and his wife Beth, Karen Orren, Mark Gibson and his wife Heather, and Kim Williams. In 1977, Eddie married Doris (Sug) Woolley, the widow of the late John Woolley, and became stepfather to their four children who survive him: Deby Reeves and her husband Rick, Buddy Woolley and his wife Carol, Phyllis Gudgel and her husband John, and Gordon Woolley and his wife Pam.

One of Eddie's greatest delights was sharing music, stories, and God's Word and instruction with his 20 grandchildren and 20+ great-grandchildren. He adored them all, and they, in return, loved him deeply too. He was preceded in death by his grandson Nicholas Orren.

After retirement, Eddie enjoyed many years of interesting tasks such as working as a bicycle mechanic, car wash attendant, golf course construction and building maintenance supervisor. He also enjoyed pursuing hobbies that included golf, classic autos, motorcycles, gardening, and collecting vinyl records.

Eddie was a faithful member of Oakland Heights Baptist Church of Longview where he served for many years as both deacon and Bible teacher. There he worked with many wonderful people who were faithful in learning and doing the teachings of the Word of God. He was blessed with many long-lasting friendships that developed from a group of men who were devoted to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord.



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A private family service will be held at Oakland Heights Baptist Church of Longview. Interment will be at Acton Cemetery near Granbury, Texas beside his children's mother. He will be in state for any friends to come view and sign the book at the funeral home on Monday and Tuesday.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Oakland Heights Baptist Church of Longview, TX.



Tribute Wall

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Erica Facer posted:

So sad to hear of Mr. Gibson's passing. I enjoyed talking to him at the pharmacy in Target when he came in to shop. One time he came in on his scooter and beeped the horn at us with a big smile on his face. He will be missed very much. Wishing you peace and comfort during this hard time. Erica F.

February 23 at 4:58 PM



Connie Murdock lit a candle in honor of Eddie.



February 22 at 3:00 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gibson family.



February 22 at 7:12 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gibson family.



February 22 at 5:35 AM



Anonymous sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Gibson family.



February 21 at 6:28 PM



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LM

Linda Mckinney posted:

My sweetest memory is the love Eddie Ray had for his family. Seeing pictures of love and the smiles that were so contagious always warmed my heart. God blessed his family with a daddy of faith, honor, integrity and example. Eddie Ray's legacy will live on through his family and friends. To his family and friends, you can Rest In Peace knowing he is having the time of his life in the arms of Jesus!

February 21 at 7:54 AM

LF

Linda Fowler February 23 at 3:00 AM

Eddie had such a great smile. His smile made everyone around him smile too. He and Sug were such a big part of Oakland Heights and were so welcoming to us. He loved his family, he loved his church, he loved people, but most of all he loved God and served him through ministry wherever he was. I know that Eddie kept touching lives and sharing God's love throughout his journey because that is just the way he was. We loved him. Marion & Linda Fowler

JR

John Richardson February 22 at 4:50 PM

Eddie Ray Gibson was one of the most unique individuals I have ever known. I knew him through church and I was a member of his Sunday School class. He could crack a joke and poke fun at someone and make you laugh out loud at him or yourself. One of my favorite memories is when he planned a golf outing for four old guys including Eddie and myself. He furnished a set of clubs for everyone that he had bought at garage sales and brother were they old. We only made it about 8 holes before everyone was wore out. Eddie furnished carts, green fees, clubs and balls and a good time. He would not let anyone pay because it was entertainment for him to watch us. It was a great day and he is and always will be a great man and teacher.

MM

Marine M Moore February 22 at 10:46 AM

Oh my goodness! Eddie Ray Gibson was a hoot! His laughter was contagious. He loved his family and his friends, but he really loved his Lord Who welcomed him home last week. Will always be thankful for his and Sug's friendship.

CD

Cherie Davis February 21 at 8:46 AM

I will always remember hearing Eddie Ray singing in the garage as he was working on his car or boat. I also remember his sense of humor. He enjoyed poking fun at his kids about anything. I'm so sorry for your loss but I know he's in a much better place than we are. I'll be praying for all his family and friends.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eddie by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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