



Elaine Gibson

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Kathryn Elaine Gibson passed from her earthly home on April 7, 2026, holding the hand of her faithful husband and the love of her life of nearly 66 years. Elaine was born in Dallas, Texas, to Walter and Eva Butler on August 2, 1938. She graduated from Sunset High School in 1955 and then attended Abilene Christian College.

At ACC, she majored in accounting, was a member of the GATA Social Club, and enjoyed a vibrant social life while still graduating magna cum laude. During their senior year, she and Richard fell in love, and following her graduation in 1959, they were married on April 23, 1960.

After they were married, Richard and Elaine moved to Dallas, where Elaine worked at Peat Marwick. They later moved to Big Spring, Texas, where they soon welcomed their daughter, Camille. In 1964, Richard and Elaine moved to Longview, where they welcomed their son, Glen, and later their daughter, Arlene, completing their family.

Elaine was a beloved spouse and devoted mother, but her most joyful role was being “GiGi” to her six grandchildren. She delighted in cheering them on in all their endeavors and made every holiday and birthday a special and cherished memory.

She and Richard were faithful members of Alpine Church of Christ for more than 60 years, where they formed many lifelong friendships while joyfully serving others. Her home was always open for special gatherings and fellowship, and she was a gracious and thoughtful hostess. A cherished friend to many, her loving servant’s heart was a blessing to so many lives.

Elaine was a wonderful wife, mother, and friend because of her deep love for her Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ, and her sincere desire to follow Him. Her faith was not only something she professed, but something she lived out each day—with kindness, patience, and a gentle spirit. She found strength in prayer, comfort in Scripture, and joy in serving others. Whether offering a



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listening ear, a word of encouragement, or quiet acts of care, Elaine reflected Christ's love in a way that touched everyone blessed to know her.

Elaine was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Allen Butler. She is lovingly remembered by her husband, Richard Gibson, and their three children: Camille Gibson; Glen Gibson and his wife, Liz; and Arlene Mayes and her husband, Shawn. She is also survived by her six grandchildren: Rachel Gibson, Laura Gibson, Mitchell Mayes, Riley Mayes, Kelcy Mayes, and Meredith Mayes, along with many nieces and nephews. Her family brought her immense joy and remained central to her life.

Elaine's enduring legacy of love and faith will continue to inspire all who knew her.

A casual, bright Celebration of Life will be held at the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview at 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 16, 2026. All who are present are welcome to join the family for a reception and a time of fellowship immediately following Elaine's Celebration of Life at the family lake house.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of the children's homes she and Richard faithfully supported: Arms of Hope (Kerrville, Texas); Children's Home of Lubbock; Sunny Glen Children's Home (Harlingen, Texas); Children's Home, Inc. (Paragould, Arkansas); Mountain States Children's Home (Longmont, Colorado); Christ's Haven Children's Home (Keller, Texas); or Orphan's Lifeline International (Kalispell, Montana), serving orphans in the developing world.



Events


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Funeral Service

 **Thursday**, April 16, 2026

 2:00 PM CT

 **Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview**
1617 Judson Road, Longview TX 75601





Tribute Wall

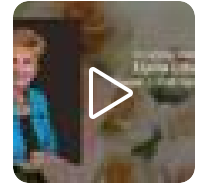
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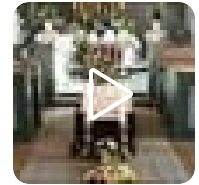
Rader Funeral Home shared a **Video**.

April 15 at 8:06 AM



Rader Funeral Home shared a **Webcast Video**.

April 16 at 11:44 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Gibson family.

April 16 at 9:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Gibson family.

April 15 at 10:00 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gibson family.

April 15 at 9:44 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Elaine.

April 15 at 9:44 AM





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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Gibson family.



April 15 at 8:41 AM



Anonymous sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Gibson family.



April 14 at 10:18 AM



Kevin & Suzanne Ward, Broken Arrow, Ok sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Gibson family.



April 13 at 8:45 PM



Sue Wilson posted:

Elaine is a beautiful soul! She was a good and kind woman. Extending sympathy to Richard and all the family. May God bless you. Sue Wilson

April 13 at 4:30 PM



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April 13 at 4:27 PM



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April 13 at 11:57 AM



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AC

Abide Class sent a Fairest of All to the Gibson family.

April 13 at 8:45 AM



SF

Sue Childress & Family sent an Arrive in Style to the Gibson family.

April 12 at 6:53 PM



AM

Amy, Jeremy, Charlotte And Ben Miles sent a Glorious Grace Bouquet to the Gibson family.

April 12 at 2:26 PM



ML

Michele Loomis posted:

Elaine was very special to me. She was so sweet to me when I was a little girl. When I moved to Arkansas to attend Harding University, I started calling her my Texas mom! I grew up with the Gibson's and went on many family trips with them. My favorite memories were the Florida trips. Elaine and my mom would always laugh and giggle the whole time! Such fun memories I'll always treasure! I will miss my Texas mom forever, but I know she is in heaven with Jesus and back to giggling and laughing with my mom!!

April 12 at 8:19 AM

EG

Elizabeth Gibson posted:

Everything that is beautiful in my life has come from Elaine . My love of my life . Every room I walk in , I see something from her . All the lovely dishes , paintings , furniture, she had such a gift for giving and making the world a better place .

April 11 at 7:31 PM



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RH

Renese Henderson shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

So many nights and trips with the Gibson family as we grew up with their daughter Arlene. Elaine Day, and Arlene were the sisters I never had. Mrs. Gibson- always with a smile - was the most gracious host. One of my favorite snacks were the GRAPES she would pick off and place in a bowl in the refrigerator! This family is an example of faith and love and I am so lucky they were part of my childhood and adolescence!!!! So much love to them all. - Renese



April 11 at 9:20 AM

AS

Anne Sinasac posted:

We will miss Elaine every day. She is a warm and treasured part of so many great memories over my life. I will always be so glad we took those family trips to Europe and the north eastern part of the US. Some of the best memories/vacations of my life. What a blessing it is that we all got to have Elaine in our lives. I love you all. Love, Anne, Craig, Emma and Sara Sinasac

April 10 at 9:47 PM

BR

Beverly Ray posted:

All the trips that we took to Colorado. Spending time with her always gave me joy. She was a precious friend and I will miss her! BEV RAY

April 10 at 2:02 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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