

Dear Sweet Dad,

It's time for you to rest Superman! We will take care of mom, don't you worry. Your daughters will continue to make you proud. You've laid down the foundation and taught us how to be strong. Your wisdom and your values will forever be instilled in us. Show us the sunshine and then set us free, to be the brilliant ladies that you raised us to be. Rest peacefully in the arms of Jesus. Until we meet again....

-Felicia & Michelle

Acknowledgements

The family of the late Wayne Bernard Gibson would like to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to every single individual who have supported us during this period. Your expressions of care, love, and concern from your hearts have touched and comforted us in so many ways. All visits, calls, meals, prayers, and floral tributes have brought much sunshine to us. A special thank you goes to Dr. Sunil K. Sharma, MD and the many physicians and nurses of the Spencer Cancer Center. We sincerely thank you, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

~ The Gibson Family

In Memoriam

May we take this opportunity to express sincere and deep appreciation for allowing us to serve you during this most difficult period. It is our constant aim to afford to the people of this community a service completed in all details and faultlessly executed with sympathy and understanding.

Final Arrangements Entrusted to:



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Celebration Of Life for Our Beloved

SUNRISE
February 14, 1957

SUNSET
April 1, 2023

Wayne

BERNARD GIBSON

Saturday, April 8, 2023 - 11:00 a.m.

Flat Rock Missionary Baptist Church

4420 Oak Bowery Road
Opelika, Alabama 36801

Reverend L. W. Myers, Jr., Officiating



Order of Service

Processional and Final Farewell.....Clergy, Family and Friends

Musical Selection.....Brother Cardis Askew

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament.....Reverend Tommy Davis

New Testament.....Reverend Cornell Battle

Prayer of Comfort.....Reverend Horace Graham, Jr.

Musical Selection.....Flat Rock Church Choir

Obituary.....Read Silently

Deacon Tribute.....Deacon Robert Carlton

Expressions of Love.....Two Minutes Each Please

Solo.....Mrs. Natasha Staples-White

Eulogy.....Reverend L.W. Myers, Jr.

Recessional

Interment

Flat Rock Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery

Pallbearers

Cousins and Brothers-in-law

Floral Attendants

Nieces

Repast

Flat Rock Church Fellowship Hall



In Loving Memory of Dad

**He never looked for praises
He was never one to boast
He just went on quietly working
For the ones he loved the most.**

**His dreams were seldom spoken
His wants were very few
And most of the time his worries
Went unspoken too.**

**He was there... A firm foundation
Through all of our storms of life
A sturdy hand to hold on to
In times of stress and strife.**

**A true friend we could turn to
When times were good or bad
One of our greatest blessings
The man that we called Dad.**

Obituary

Mr. Wayne Bernard Gibson, son of the late Mr. Marcelliar Gibson, Sr. and Mrs. Ethel Mae Thornton Gibson, was born February 14, 1957 in Lee County, Alabama.

At an early age, he confessed and accepted Christ as his personal Savior and united with Flat Rock Missionary Baptist Church in Opelika, Alabama. He was a faithful member who proudly served his church as Chairman of the Deacon Board, Treasurer, and President of the Male Chorus.

Wayne was well known in the community due to his passion for laying bricks. He developed his own construction company, Wayne Gibson Masonry. His brickwork is present throughout all of Opelika and the surrounding areas. He worked hard and was determined to be successful.

Wayne was a dedicated family man, who was always there when you needed him. His passion was spending time with family, cooking on the grill, traveling, and Alabama football.

On June 28, 1980, he united in holy matrimony to Mattie Strickland. This union was blessed for forty-two years. Their love produced two beautiful children. Wayne and Mattie will forever remain as one.

On Saturday, April 1, 2023, the angels of heaven came down and lifted him to eternal rest. His work was completed here on earth. He is now resting in the loving arms of Jesus. Wayne was preceded in death by: his parents, Mr. Marcelliar and Mrs. Ethel Mae Gibson; one sister, Willie Pearl Gibson and two brothers, Marcelliar Gibson, Jr. and Joseph Hodge.

Surviving his departure with cherished memories are: his faithful and loving wife, Mattie Gibson; two daughters, Felicia (Zanman) Graham, Sr. of Louisville, KY and Michelle Gibson of Atlanta, GA; three grandchildren, Zanman Graham, Jr., Taylor Graham and Tristan Graham all of Louisville, KY; two sisters, Carolyn Finley and Alva McKenzie, both of Opelika, AL; two brothers, Eugene Gibson of Opelika, AL and Jacob (Janice) Hodge of Atlanta, GA; four aunts, Mary Ann Thornton of Atlanta, GA, Mary Lillie Thornton of Opelika, AL, Patricia McGuire of Decatur, GA, and Christine Thornton of Rex, GA; five brothers-in-law, Melvin Strickland of Dayton, OH, Bruce (Debra) Strickland of Deltona, FL, Sammie (Mary) Strickland, Wayne Strickland and Phil Strickland all of Waverly, AL; two sisters-in-law, Annie (Keith) Torbert of Opelika, AL and Tracie Strickland of Atlanta, GA; a special friend, Charles Finley of Auburn, AL; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A special recognition goes to a devoted niece and caregiver, Rachel Finley of Opelika, AL.





Dear Husband in Heaven

I sit here and ponder how very much
I'd like to talk with you today
There are so many things
That we didn't get to say.

I know how much you care for me
And how much I care for you,
And each time that I think of you
I know you'll miss me too.

An angel came and took you by the hand and said
Your place was ready in Heaven, far above...
And you had to leave behind, all those you dearly loved
You had so much to live for, you had so much to do...
It still seems impossible that God was taking you.

And though your life on Earth is past,
in heaven it starts anew
You'll live for eternity,
just as God has promised you.

And though you've walked through Heaven's gate
We are never far apart
For ever time I think of you,
You're right here, deep within my heart.