



David Ramey Gibbs

January 1, 1953 - June 28, 2012

David Ramey Gibbs, 64, of Bedford, passed away Thursday June 28, 2012, at Bloomington Hospital surrounded by his family. He was born July 9, 1947, in Terre Haute, Indiana to Maver J. Gibbs and Vanita M. Gibbs.

David was a graduate of Garfield High School in 1965. He earned his B.S. in Technology, in 1976, from Indiana State University and worked for General Motors Powertrain, in Bedford, Indiana, for 33 years. David was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. Friends and family alike will recall David's ability to light up a room with his vibrant personality and humor.

David is survived by his mother Vanita M. Gibbs, his wife Virginia Roelke Gibbs, two daughters, Elizabeth A. Richardson and her husband Jason of Clermont, FL, and Catherine M. Reeves and her husband Alexander of Bloomington, In.; and three grandchildren, Olivia, Cooper, and Sophie Richardson. His father precedes him in death.

There will be a private gravesite interment at Roselawn Memorial Park in Terre Haute, Indiana. The family requests that in lieu of flowers that contribution be made in memory of David R. Gibbs to the National Kidney Foundation of Indiana, 911 East 86th St. Suite 100, Indianapolis, Ind., 46240 or via website at www.kidneyindiana.org. Allen Funeral Home 4155

South Old Highway 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.

Tribute Wall

FW

“*Mrs. Gibbs, I came upon this news about your son quite by accident this morning and am indeed saddened to learn of his passing. Though time and location have separated us, your place in our hearts remains and always will. Please know that we share your loss and that we care.*

Fred and Wilhelmena Sapp - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

KW

“*To Dave's family....I'm sorry to hear about your loss. I worked with and for Dave at GM Bedford for 21 years before transferring to another plant. I always liked talking to him. He was an interesting man. He was always very nice and pleasant to be around and made coming to work in a dirty ole plant so much better. I hadn't see him since 1998. But all my friends have crossed my mind so many times. I too had cancer. Mine was breast. But I no doubt believe that Central Foundry/GM played a big role in the many friends that have succumbed to cancer. I'm really sorry for you all and I know he will be greatly missed.*

Kay Williams - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

TH

“*I am so sorry for your loss Ginny. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*

Thelma Silvers - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

JH

“ Dear Ginny, Vanita and family, I am so upset and saddened by Daves early passing. I have just recently lost two other good friend in the past few months to cancer.

I talked with Dave about 3-4 years ago and we had a great talk, He told me how he had lost a lot of weight was trimmed done, how great for him

Karyn and I moved out here about 20 years ago after closing our business in TH. I took a job as HR Director for Merillat Cabinets Manufacturing plant and was soon over seeing HR operations in all 8 SW location. Best Job I ever had.

When I called David I gave him my bad news of being diagnosed with Squamous Cell Carcinoma. I found a lump in my right neck while shaving one morning. Called my PCP and I was in the Nevada Cancer Ctr and undergoing a Right Neck Radical within two weeks.

They removed 24 lymph nodes., One the size of a ping pong ball. It has metastasized into my neck and a large portion of my neck was also removed (7.5hrs surgery). and underwent 8 weeks of daily Radiation and weekly Chemo (4hr drip) The combination was BAD.

Went back to work after a couple of weeks, and would occasionally throw up in my office water basket. My six month PETScan showed three more tumors in the same area so they took them out along with 5 more lymph nodes all malignant. This type of Cancer is very common in men with a 95% recovery rate. I could see I was leaning in the 5% group. Followed by Increased Radiation Levels for 8 weeks daily and increased Chemo (5.5hrs)

and still working Some shorter hour I trudged along to three Docs per month. Within a year the PETScan showed three tumors on My left neck. Yep Now they do a Left Radical (7hrs.) I am now having swallowing problems because of the collateral damage from the Radiation. I have lost Saliva glands (dry Mouth) I take water everywhere, no taste buds. I have undergone four Throat dilations to stretch my throat and can have no more. Last Jan. PETScan showed two Tumors behind my right ear in a marble size in my left lung. Had them removed and am now on Chemo with PETScan showing multiple tumors in both lungs AND below sternum.

I am getting everything ready for Karyn and the kids. I have Pic/Slide show prepared for the services at Roselayn and I believe there is a pix of David, me and Dr. Fauber in the show. Karyn and I have plots at Roselyan as well. In fact you dont even have to get out of your car our feet are just a few feet from the rd way. Just slow down and say hi. HA, HA, HA

Although I had not seen david many years I can remember our antics at Uion like it was

yesterday, and who could forget our infamous deer hunting trips.

We really did go deer huntin

Please give my sincerest to all and if Dave and I played our cards right I will most likely be joining him shortly.

Love to all...Jim

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Jim, and Karyn Abbinett, Josie Harrid - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

GC

“ Liz,
So sorry for your loss. I know it is a difficult time, our prayers are with you. Hug your mother and hold her close.
Love, Charlie and Gay

Gaynell & Charles Love - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

BC

“ *We are so very sorry to hear of David's passing. Even though we haven't seen this part of our family much through the years, we will always hold our family close in our hearts. God bless you all! He will be a great comfort for you during the coming weeks and months.*

Brian & Cindy Gibbs - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

CI

“ Vanita, I am saddened to read of your loss. I know how much your family means to you, and I can't imagine how difficult this is for you and David's wife and children. Please know that everyone is thinking of you.

Cindy Rider - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

JJ

“ Vanita... I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that you are in the thoughts of your many friends and past colleagues.

Jim Higgins - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

MA

“ Sorry for your loss! Thinking of your family!

Maria S - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

CA

“ Ginny,
So very sorry for your loss, praying for you and your girls. If there's anything I can do for you, please don't hesitate to ask.
Carol Crane

Carol Crane - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

NF

“ I am so sorry to hear about David. My prayers and thoughts go out to his entire family. Vanita, I have so many good memories of growing up with David at Barbour Ave. Please know what a great person he was and all the lives he touched. It truly seems like yesterday that we were at Garfield. Vanita, you, David, and Maver are certainly part of my fond memories. Take care.

Nancy Lashbrook Fleck - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

KA

“ Ginny, Elizabeth, and Catherine,
You are in my thoughts. I am so sorry for your loss.

Kathy Oliver - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

AN

“ Ginny,

Sigh, what to say at a moment like this. My prayers are with you and your family during your time of loss. Your work family is close if you need anything.

*With love and care,
Angie*

Angie Timan - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

AN

“ Ginny,

My prayers are with you and your family during this time of loss. May you know that you have work family available to help as you need.

*With love and care,
Angie*

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CH

“ Thinking of you Mrs. Gibbs

Chelsie Hearth - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM

ST

“ *Ginny, Catherine and Elizabeth-*

My heart goes out to all of you!

Stephanie Evans - October 26, 2015 at 04:17 PM