



Gary L. "Hoot" Gibson Sr.

April 3, 1943 - May 13, 2021

Gary L. "Hoot" Gibson, Sr., 78 of Bluffton, passed away Thursday, May 13, 2021 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Hoot was born on April 3, 1943 in Fort Wayne to William & Lola (White) Gibson. He was a 1961 graduate of South Side High School. After graduation, he started at International Harvester as a journeyman machine repairman apprenticeship program and continued with the company until 1983, as a tool & die maker. He then worked from Simpson Industries as a Machine Repair Foreman until his retirement. After retirement, he delivered trucks for Nesco until his final retirement in January 2019.

Hoot spent most of his adult life on Coldwater Lake, where he taught his kids and many neighbor kids how to water ski. He enjoyed fishing and shared this love with his sons and grandsons.

On June 28, 1964, Hoot and Jayne E. "Sam" (Geisel) Gibson were married. Together they enjoyed spending their Springs in Fort Myers Beach, Florida with good friends for over 20 years.

Survivors include his wife, Sam of Bluffton, a daughter Julie (Dave) Penrod of Bluffton, Gary (Sue) Gibson, Jr. of Green Bay, WI and Chris (Michelle) Gibson of Roanoke, four grandchildren; Tiffany (Cody) Stanley, Jeremy (Allie) Penrod, Kyle Gibson and Madison Gibson, and four great-grandchildren; Caymen & Truett Stanley and Gunnar & Emersen Penrod.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, William Gibson.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at

the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton with Pastor Sherrie Drake and Jeff Lemler officiating.

Calling hours will be held from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Tuesday at the funeral home and for one hour prior to the service on Wednesday.

Memorial contributions can be made in his honor to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

The safety of the family and all visitors is our utmost priority. For everyone's safety, we ask that you practice social distancing. Masks are at your own discretion. We appreciate your cooperation and patience.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends can send online condolences to the family at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 18. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

MAY 19. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 19. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Gary L. "Hoot" Gibson Sr.*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - May 18, 2021 at 04:15 PM



“ *Gary L. "Hoot" Gibson Sr.*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gary L. "Hoot" Gibson Sr..*



May 18, 2021 at 10:28 AM



“ *I am so fortunate to have been on vacations with the Gibson's and the Ormistons. You spend the whole time laughing. Gibber was just a "go with the flow" guy that was great to spend time with. Sending love and hugs to Sam and the entire family.*

Sherri Kumfer - May 18, 2021 at 09:13 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gary L. "Hoot" Gibson Sr..



May 17, 2021 at 11:08 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary L. "Hoot" Gibson Sr..



May 17, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ 108 files added to the album Life Tributes



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - May 17, 2021 at 01:12 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Gary L. "Hoot" Gibson Sr..*



May 17, 2021 at 12:35 PM



“ *Julie and Family,*

So sorry to hear about your dad. May God keep you and your family in his arms of comfort and compassion. Payers to you and your family.

Jennifer Jesse

jennifer jesse - May 17, 2021 at 11:23 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Gary L. "Hoot" Gibson Sr..*



May 17, 2021 at 08:40 AM



“ *Julie and family -*

*So sorry for your loss. May God surround you with beautiful memories to bring you comfort and peace that passes all understanding. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Hugs!
Glennis (Schoeff) Henly*

Glennis Henly - May 16, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ Gary was a great guy . I will always cherish the conversations we had together. Gary will be missed. Ryan Eisenhut Nesco Logistics Coordinator.

Ryan Eisenhut - May 16, 2021 at 01:36 PM