



Donald A. Gibson, Jr.

November 7, 1935 - October 8, 2015

DONALD A. GIBSON JR., nicknamed "Hoot Gibson", 79, passed away on October 8, 2015. He was the only son of the late Donald A. Gibson Sr. and the late Beulah Eason Gibson. He was born on November 7, 1935, and was a Roman Catholic. He was a conservative Republican, and very proud of his loving family and of having many friends throughout his long lifetime.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 51 years, Georgia Vasicek Gibson; by his son, Michael David Gibson and wife Ana Collado; by his daughter Joan Gay and husband Landrum G. Gay III. He is also survived by his three grandchildren, Chase Ryan Gay, Connor Riley Gay, and Sofia Rachel Gibson, whom he loved dearly.

Don was a former resident of Southern California, Houston's Woodland Heights where he grew up, also Bellaire, TX, and Richmond, TX where he resided at the time of his death. He attended Houston schools and universities in Texas. He proudly served in the U.S. Marine Corps, and also was a long-time member of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve after that.

Don was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Richmond, TX. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a Sir Knight in Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree. He was a life member of the Houston Police Officers Association now HPOU, a member of the Houston Police Retired

Officers Association, a life member of the First Marine Division Association, and also a member of the American Legion.

He served 24 years in the Houston Police Department, retiring in 1984 with the rank of lieutenant. He also served 10 years as an investigator with the Harris County District Attorney's Office, retiring in 1995. He later worked at Toshiba International Corporation before retiring altogether.

Don was an avid reader, a former football and baseball player and coach, and played golf in his younger years. He was a lifetime sports fan, mostly of the University of Texas, the University of Notre Dame, the Houston Texans, and the Houston Astros. His loving wife and family, sports, and the military were of utmost importance to him, as well as his love for his Lord Jesus Christ, and his Catholic faith.

Friends are invited to the visitation on October 11, 2015 between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., rosary at 5:00 p.m., at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home. Mass of Christian burial will be held on October 12, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 507 South Fourth St., Richmond, TX, with a graveside service following mass at Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in Rosenberg, Texas. Reception to follow the burial at the Family Life Center, Sacred Heart Church.

To leave condolences for the family, please visit www.hpdretired.com. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the 100 Club in Don's name.

Tribute Wall

GP

“ Joan,

I am so sorry for your loss. My family and I will keep you in our prayers.

Gregg Pearson - October 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ God Bless you and all your loved ones at your time of loss and in the coming days. Don, Hoot-as I knew him from our days at HPD, Will be missed by all. We pray for you during this time of loss. God Bless You!

Respectfully: Reuben & Gladys Grebe

Reuben & Gladys Grebe - October 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

EV

“ Dear Georgia, Joan, Michael and family,
You have our prayers during this very difficult time. We will miss Don. Sorry that we couldn't be there but Emil has his medical issues. Know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers.
Love Emil & Cecilia

Emil & Cecilia Vasicek - October 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Dear Aunt Georgie, Joan, Michael & family, We were are so sorry to hear about Uncle Don's passing. Please know y'all are in our thoughts & prayers during this difficult time.

David, Tracey, & Elaine Schneider - October 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Goodbye ole friend. We will miss you and your candid thoughts on current events and your experiences in law enforcement. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

Ron and Carol

Ron and Carol Beard - October 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM