



## Jack D. Gibson

September 10, 1950 - June 26, 2021

Memorial services for JACK D. GIBSON, 70, will be held at 1pm Saturday, July 3, 2021 at the First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church with Eric Anderson officiating. Jack left this life to begin his next journey on June 26, 2021. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the Lingle Fire and Rescue Units. Arrangements are by the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com).

Jack was born September 10, 1950 in Wichita Falls, Texas to parents Col. James K. Gibson Sr and Merne Joan Gibson. Being born into a military family he had the opportunity to live in many different places. As a child, he loved baseball and he played everywhere the family was stationed. Jack's passion for photography, that would become his lifelong profession and legacy, began at a very early age. At ten years old his family moved to Okinawa, Japan when his father was stationed there as a pilot. His father was always snapping photos and it was there that Jack first picked up a camera and experienced the magic of a dark room. He also discovered a passion for scuba diving and was lucky enough at the age of ten, for he and his brother Jim to be trained to dive by his father's friends and team mates; Seal Team, Green Beret and Pathfinder Special Ops troops. It was also here that Jack fell in love with the tropical island life. I would daresay his iconic affinity for flip flops and Hawaiian shirts started there as well.

Jack attended the University of Colorado from 1968 to 1970 when he joined the US Navy. He spent time aboard a WWII Class Destroyer the USS De Haven (DD-727). Aboard the USS De Haven Jack was deployed to Vietnam for ten months. He reminisced in true Jack fashion about the dichotomy of watching the movie Woodstock and hear peace and love, then look to the left and see a gun mount. After returning to San Diego, CA in 1971 he applied to the US Navy School of Photography in Pensacola, FL to become a Navy photographer. Between acceptance to photography school and it's start he was assigned to the USS Kitty Hawk where he worked in the photo lab. After graduating, he was stationed a Norfolk Naval Air Station in Virginia. While working the studio, Jack and his colleagues photographed (as well as processed the photos) of Navy Officers, Admirals, award recipients and other armed forces members. In 1974 Jack left the Navy and turned his love of photography into a profession. He began his career as a professional photographer in Lingle, WY. After a year he moved his business to Torrington, WY and had the building built (and stills stands today) that housed Gibson Studios from 1975 until 2020 when after forty-five years of business, the studio was closed for the final time. In addition to building his photography business serving the citizens of Goshen County and beyond, Jack joined the Navy Reserves in 1977 to continue to serve his country. He eventually moved to the Wyoming Army National Guard for three years and then the Wyoming Air National Guard for fourteen years. He retired with a combined total of twenty-three years.

During is time as a professional photographer, Jack received state, regional and national recognition as an award-winning photographer. He was President of the Wyoming Professional Photographers Association at least one year and a board member for approximately four years. He received Wyoming's Photographer of the Year Award more than once as well. He was beloved by his community and took great pride in his work. His goal when photographing any subject was to create a photograph that showed each person in his or her

best light (literally and figuratively). He captured moments, personalities, feelings, and events with an eye for the important details, the special details. His wry sense of humor and patience brought out the best in all of his subjects. "Chin up" could be heard being said patiently by him from the first time he said it to the 45th time he said it. Jack has been a pillar in the Goshen County Community since 1975. "One, Two, Three, and eyes right here. Jack only had one passion deeper than his passion for photography and that was for his wife Debbie Gibson, who he always described as the best thing that ever happened to him. His abiding love for her will no doubt continue beyond the boundaries of death.

Jack is survived by his wife Debbie Gibson; brother Jim Gibson Jr; sister Tracie (Doug) Patrick; brother Jerry (Beth) Gibson; children Olivia (Mike) Gallegos; and Mark Harris; as well as three grandchildren; and four great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his beloved sister Tarrie Goddard and his parents.

Attachments area

# Previous Events

## Memorial services

JUL 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

First Wyoming United Presbyterian Church  
2972 Main St  
Torrington, WY 82240

# Tribute Wall

JR

“ *Jane Rock lit a candle in memory of Jack D. Gibson*



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**Jane Rock** - August 17, 2021 at 05:32 PM

TS

“ *Hi Debbie, we just go back from a family reunion last night and got your phone message. Jack was a true and talented photographer and touched many lives with all the memories he created with his camera. Our thoughts go out to you as he will be missed. Tom and Betty.*

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**Tom and Betty Skillman** - July 12, 2021 at 08:30 PM

MI

“ *Our hearts go out to Debbie and the children. Jack was a true blessing to all that got to encounter him and his beautiful wife Debbie. Truly sad to see this.*

*The Petersens  
Mindy & Bryan  
Henry, Nebraska*

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**mindycress@yahoo.com** - July 09, 2021 at 11:22 AM

CR

“ Carol Riley lit a candle in memory of Jack D. Gibson



Carol Riley - July 08, 2021 at 09:56 PM

DO

“ Our deepest condolences to Debbie and family. We will miss our friend Jack.  
Sandy and Donna Jankewicz

Donna - July 07, 2021 at 01:15 PM

Jody Nipps

“ Debbie, you have my deepest condolences. Heartfelt thoughts go out to you in this time of sorrow.

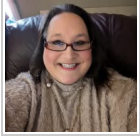
Jody Nipps - July 02, 2021 at 10:34 PM

LL

“ Lisa Kelly Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Jack D. Gibson



Lisa Kelly Lawrence - July 01, 2021 at 11:38 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Jack Gibson Memories*



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**Angie Brill** - July 01, 2021 at 08:30 PM



“ *With love and prayers, Sherry Schlager & family purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Jack D. Gibson.*



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**With love and prayers, Sherry Schlager & family** - July 01, 2021 at 11:45 AM



“ 1 file added to the album *Jack Gibson Memories*



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**Angie Brill** - July 01, 2021 at 11:33 AM

KE

“ Jack took our three boys graduation photos & son Tom’s military photos. Plus family photos. We all were privileged to have known him and held him in high regard.  
We send our sincere condolences to Debbie & all family members.  
Howard & Karin Eisenhauer



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**Karin Eisenhauer** - June 30, 2021 at 08:58 PM

JE

“ I always enjoyed when the two of you came to Glendo to do school and sports pictures. Some of the best pictures of my girls were taken by Jack and I also loved visiting with you. I’m so sorry for your loss, he was a great guy and the two of you were so compassionate to others. Big hugs and prayers.

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**Jennifer Eller** - June 30, 2021 at 01:32 PM

BO

“ Debbie and family, Jack is gone but will always be remembered, such a good friend.



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**Bob Otero** - June 30, 2021 at 09:21 AM

MG

“ Felt like Jack was a member of our family, weddings, holidays, homecomings. I’ll always have Gibson family in my heart ❤️

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**mariann greenwald** - June 29, 2021 at 08:16 PM

SR

“ So very sorry to Deb & family. Jack did both of my kids senior pictures plus all their school pics! He was such a great guy, we loved talking with him! He will definitely be missed 😭



Sandie Rageth - June 29, 2021 at 05:20 PM

RO

“ Rip Jack you going to miss so much my boyfriend Chad going to miss you so much you are like a dad to him and i will stay with Chad forever Rip Jake

Robin - June 29, 2021 at 05:12 PM

RO

“ I am going to miss you Jake i know my boyfriend look up to you like you was his and you are going to be miss and don't worry i am going to take care of Chad for you and i will never chad for noone else you going to be miss buddy RIP Jake

Robin - June 29, 2021 at 05:08 PM

DW

“ Debi Weickum lit a candle in memory of Jack D. Gibson



Debi Weickum - June 29, 2021 at 11:59 AM

DB

“ I got to know Jack through WY Professional Photographer's about 1984. His signature Hawaiian shirt and flip flops are something I'll always remember. His photography was the best - he always kept photo judges on their toes with his unique photos. My sincere condolences to his wife Debbie and family...(from Dave Black)

Dave Black - June 29, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jack D. Gibson.



June 29, 2021 at 10:47 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Jack D. Gibson.



June 29, 2021 at 10:38 AM

BB

“ Jack and I were roommates at my very first photography conference in Utah some 47 years ago. We became friends instantly and enjoyed many conversations about cameras and photographic technics. I have always admired his abilities and drive . Rest in Peace in peace my friend.

Bill Blake - June 29, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jack D. Gibson.*



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June 29, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ *So sad to hear of the passing of Jack. Met him when he first started doing school pictures here at Lusk. Always enjoyed visiting with him and Debbie.*

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**Willy Wilcox** - June 29, 2021 at 10:00 AM



“ *Sue Moore Davis lit a candle in memory of Jack D. Gibson*



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**Sue Moore Davis** - June 29, 2021 at 09:38 AM



“ *Royce & Carolyn Nelson lit a candle in memory of Jack D. Gibson*



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**Royce & Carolyn Nelson** - June 29, 2021 at 01:05 AM

WB

“ *Debbie and family, Jack’s legacy is shared all over the community and State and most likely the World. Our family treasures the photos he took through the decades. We send our sincere condolences.*  
*Wayne and Ronnie Kay Brown*



wayne brown - June 29, 2021 at 12:24 AM

SM

“ *My condolences. Jack was a great boss and taught me much in the photography business. I always enjoyed our conversations.*



Sena McCoy - June 29, 2021 at 12:18 AM



“ *Stand down sailor. Your mission is complete. We will have the watch. RIP hero*

Steve Heaton - June 28, 2021 at 10:39 PM

EA

“ *Jack was cherished and loved by many. Glad to have him photograph all my school events. Rest in paradise Jack ☐ thoughts and prayers to Debbie and the family*



Ericka Avila - June 28, 2021 at 09:53 PM

BY

“ *Bob And Bev Yeik lit a candle in memory of Jack D. Gibson*



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**Bob and Bev Yeik** - June 28, 2021 at 09:52 PM

DE

“ *He was a true artist of photography. He was my photographer for senior pictures. He captured drill team pictures and after the birth of my children in the 80's he did glamore shots to make me feel beautiful and fresh again. He captured so many fond memories and I will always remember him for that. Sorry to the family who lost such a great person, friend, father, husband and artist.*

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**Denise** - June 28, 2021 at 09:18 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Martin lit a candle in memory of Jack D. Gibson*



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**Brenda Martin** - June 28, 2021 at 09:08 PM

AC

“ *Angie Chavez lit a candle in memory of Jack D. Gibson*



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**Angie Chavez** - June 28, 2021 at 09:03 PM

CP

“ *Carol Peterson lit a candle in memory of Jack D. Gibson*



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**Carol Peterson** - June 28, 2021 at 07:40 PM

RB

“ *I used to work for Jack. He was very good at what he did. He will be missed.  
DEB your are in my thoughts daily sweet lady*

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**Roni Bennett** - June 28, 2021 at 07:18 PM

TR

“ *Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of Jack D. Gibson*



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**Theil Ryan** - June 28, 2021 at 03:21 PM