



James Keith Gibson, Sr

July 15, 1930 - May 30, 2016

.Memorial services for JAMES KEITH GIBSON SR, 85, will be held at 3pm Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at Community Presbyterian Church in Lingle, Wyoming. Jim died May 30, 2016 at Skyview at Bridgeport in Bridgeport, Nebraska and cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the Lingle Volunteer Fire Department. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at www.colyerfuneralhome.com.

Born to parents Claude and Jimmie Gibson on July 15, 1930 in Quitman, Texas James "Jim" attended school in Sunrise, Wyoming and graduated from Lingle, Wyoming where he met his high school sweetheart Merne Jones, who he later married. After graduation Jim joined the Air Force and graduated from Officer's Candidate School in San Antonio, Texas where he met his lifetime friend Floyd Hoover. Jim spent thirty years in the service which included jet pilot, flight instructor, a tour of Okinawa where he flew C130 Cargo aircrafts, Chief Test Pilot for the Air Force C141 project, a tour of Vietnam as a Forward Air Controller, where he was one of the most highly decorated Air Force Officers. After returning from Vietnam he was awarded the Air Force Cross by Vice President Hubert Humphrey. He was then stationed at the University of Colorado in Boulder, where he served as the ROTC Commander. Jim was then stationed in Ottawa, Canada as the military liaison between the US Air Force and the Canadian Government. Jim's last tour of duty was the one that

he most highly desired at the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming as the Commander of the United States Air Force ROTC program. After retiring in 1977 Jim and his family returned to Lingle, Wyoming where he had a successful career in real estate, insurance, financial advising, and auctioneering. He was also involved with Economic Development where he was actively involved with such projects as the Nursing Home, Rendevous Center at the fairgrounds as well as numerous other projects that benefitted and still do benefit Goshen County. He also spent four years as a Goshen County Commissioner.

Jim is survived by his wife of sixty-eight years Merne Gibson of Lingle, Wyoming; five children James Keith Gibson Jr, Jack Gibson and Tracie Patrick all of Lingle, Tarrie Goddard of Sturgis, South Dakota, and Jerry Gibson of Cibilo, Texas; eight grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; as well as his brother Ernest Lee Gibson of Medina, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 8. 3:00 PM (MT)

Community Presbyterian Church
Lingle, WY 82223

Tribute Wall

LI

“ Loren And Shirley Isbell lit a candle in memory of James Keith Gibson, Sr



Loren and Shirley Isbell - June 10, 2016 at 04:42 PM

SH

“ Scherri Hacker lit a candle in memory of James Keith Gibson, Sr



Scherri Hacker - June 06, 2016 at 12:29 PM

BR

“ From the early days in the Air Force, I have known Jim Gibson for over 61 years. Since that time we have maintained contact as good friends usually do. "What you see is what you get." describes him well...along with the words "Leader , Patriot, Warrior, and Exceptional". Jim Gibson served his country well, with distinction, gallantry, and sacrifice. He will be missed.

Kay and I send our love and blessings to Merne and the family.

Bob Reed

Bob Reed - June 04, 2016 at 10:32 AM

GL

“ We are sorry to hear of Jim's passing. We have thought about Jim so often. Jim and Glenn were buddies that enlisted in the Air Force together.



Glenn and Vivian Lillie - June 03, 2016 at 06:11 PM

DM

“ Merne and family we were so sorry to hear about Jim, he was a very special man, so loving and so funny. We will all miss him!!

Dianne Rick McCoy - June 03, 2016 at 11:40 AM

BH

*“ I will always remember Jim's stories and his joking around with everyone at our Gibson family reunions. He loved us all getting together and he led the family sing-a-longs so we could all gather around and enjoy each other's company. He will be missed.
Brenda (Frazier) Hardy*

Brenda Hardy - June 03, 2016 at 11:37 AM

KW

“ Over the years Jim has been a special friend and influence in my life. His family probably has no idea of what he meant to me. His contributions to his nation and Goshen County in particular are significant and meaningful to us all. I extend my friendship and sincere sympathies to his entire family.



Keith Whitney - June 03, 2016 at 10:52 AM

TR

“ *Theil Ryan lit a candle in memory of James Keith Gibson, Sr*



Theil Ryan - June 02, 2016 at 06:39 PM

CP

“ *Carol Peterson lit a candle in memory of James Keith Gibson, Sr*



Carol Peterson - June 02, 2016 at 05:45 PM