



C. Howard Gibbs

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C. Howard Gibbs, 85, passed away on Sunday, April 19, 2015, with his loving family by his side.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at Watson - Hunt Funeral Home. Visitation will take place from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. at Watson-Hunt prior to the service.

An additional service will be held at 3:00 p.m. at Kramer Baptist Church in Wilcox County with interment at Pleasant Grove Cemetery with military honors. The family will greet family and friends from 2:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Kramer Church. The family suggests contributions to the American Cancer Society or the Donor's favorite charity.

Howard was born in Owensboro, Georgia, and was the son of the late John Henry and Annie Othella Major Gibbs. A graduate of Miami Senior High School, in Miami, Florida, he excelled in track and field and set many records. He retired from the United State Postal Service after 36 years (four years in the U.S. Navy).

Howard was the pastor for 25 years at the Kramer Baptist Church in Wilcox County. An avid hunter and fisherman all of his life, he also enjoyed golf. Memberships included Masonic Lodge, American Legion, and the NRA. He also had a love of scouting and was the scoutmaster in Wilcox County.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 36 years, Melissa Helm Gibbs of Perry; children, Lora Ann Averyt (Ken) of Fitzgerald, John Curtiss Gibbs (Shannon) of Davidson, North Carolina, and Deanne Williamson of Perry; grandchildren, Jay Wall, Autumn Wall Wilbanks, and Maura Williamson; great-grandchildren, Ali Wilbanks, Six Wall, and Ray Wall.

Condolences for the family may be left in the online guestbook at www.watsonhunt.com.



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LM

Linda McMullen posted:

Please accept our deepest sympathy! LOVE, LINDA KINSEY MCMULLEN AND BRANDI

April 23 at 8:00 PM

GB

Gayle, Frank And Brandon Borah posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Gayle, Frank and Brandon Borah Byron, Ga

April 23 at 8:00 PM

BL

Bobby And Leelee Lewis posted:

Melissa, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

April 22 at 8:00 PM

AM

Andy Mckenzie posted:

Curtis, So sorry to hear about your Dad. My thoughts and prayers for you and your family.

April 22 at 8:00 PM

CM

Charles Major posted:

To Melissa, Lora Ann, and John Curtis - my deepest sympathies go out to you at this time of loss and each is in my thoughts. Howard was blessed to have you all in his life and he knew this. I always admired and respected Howard as a man who was at peace with himself loving and living life as only such a man could. Although I did not see him often enough, I thought of him frequently and would wonder how he was and what sort of activity he might be enjoying at that moment. As he and I loosely kept in touch over the years from afar by phone, I especially enjoyed his laugh when we exchanged lighthearted craziness during those calls. Life cannot be explained - only lived and then left by all. So rest now my friend and cousin, and know that you lived life to its fullest, enjoyed its riches, and triumphed over its adversities, troubles, obstacles, and sufferings. Love, Charlie

April 21 at 8:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Lora Ann, so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He is in many memories of our youth in Abbeville. Praying for comfort during this time. Dale Boney Clemons

April 21 at 8:00 PM



Doster Fitzgerald posted:

well I started leading music for Howard in 1966, played golf one time with him and Tommy Ritter never played together again Ritter didn't have but one ball we looked for it 2 hours, led his music at Kramer, it hurts when your Buddy goes, this ole world just can't hold us when he's ready I love the man very much we just went in different directions Doster Fitz

April 20 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our love and sympathy go out to you, Melissa, and all the family members. You are in our prayers. George and Joyce Smith Perry, Georgia

April 20 at 8:00 PM



Carolyn Willingham Gibbs posted:

Many happy memories fill my mind of you over the years when you were in Abbeville and served at Kramer. Even though we were Methodist, you were one of our favorite pastors and a very dear friend to all my family. You helped do my Daddy's funeral. Thankful for having you as a dear friend. Go Rest High on the Mountain. You have earned your reward. You will be missed.

April 20 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

You were a wonderful pastor. He was our favorite pastor when we were growing up and attended Kramer Baptist Church. Please know your family in our prayers. Patricia Dalton Brown Kathleen, Georgia

April 20 at 8:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Patricia Dalton Brown Gene T. Brown Sr.

April 20 at 8:00 PM



Faye Willingham posted:

You were a wonderful pastor, and I always think of you and Kramer Baptist with warm thoughts.

April 20 at 8:00 PM



Jane Rutherford posted:

We will always remember Howard with love. He was our favorite pastor when we were growing up and attended Kramer Baptist church. Rest In Peace Howard!!

April 20 at 8:00 PM



Connie Marshall posted:

Please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Homer was truly one of a kind; he was friendly and a gentleman all the time. I know you find comfort in God and good memories.

April 20 at 8:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Howard was like a dear brother to me. While in Iceland he was know for receiving a bed full of shoes every morning for snoring all night, he never forgot that. We will miss Howard and will remember all the good times we shared together. We are praying for God to give Melissa,John Curtis,Lora Ann and family members peace and comfort needed during this time of sorrow .Love Buddy& Janie May

April 20 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring C. by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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