



Ronald Eugene Gibbs

May 13, 1950 - December 20, 2020

Ronald Eugene Gibbs was born on May 13, 1950, in Salem, Missouri to Wilford “Elmo” and Erma Jean (Hampton) Gibbs and passed away on December 20, 2020 in Nixa, Missouri at the age of seventy years.

Ronald grew up in Salem and graduated from Salem High School with the Class of 1968. He was united in marriage to his sweetheart, Vickie L. Drury, on August 1, 1970 at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Salem. Ronald and Vickie together shared fifty years of memories and were blessed with two children, Melissa and Brent.

Ronald was a certified maintenance mechanic, starting his working career with Amax Aluminum Company, then working for McDonnell Douglas, and retiring from Norando Aluminum. He was a hard worker, worked hard to provide for his family, and taught his children the value of hard work. Ronald was proud of his children and treasured the moments spent with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ronald enjoyed working with his hands and woodworking, he was very talented and took great pride in his work. Some of his masterpieces were curtain rod shelves, wall shelves, and flower boxes to which his family and friends still cherish today. In his younger years, Ronald loved playing softball and coached several youth leagues. He was an avid Cardinals Baseball Fan.

Ronald was a strong man of faith and a great example of God's love which was evident to everyone he met. He surrendered to the calling and was ordained as a Deacon at the age of twenty-five while attending Oak Grove. Throughout the years, Ronald has also served at Friendship Baptist Church in Dexter and Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Springfield. Ronald had a gifted voice and sang bass with two Southern Gospel Quartets, "Glory Bound" and "Messengers". He faithfully served the Lord in many areas and provided love and support for many in the communities in which he served.

Ronald is survived by, loving wife of the home: Vickie Gibbs; children: Melissa Smith and husband Kevin of Springfield, MO and Brent Gibbs of Pocahontas, AR; brother: Mike Gibbs; sisters: Diane Gilmore and Marsha Williams and husband Jason; grandchildren: Austin Smith and wife Shelle, Steven Smith and wife Angel, Jakob Burns, Sarah Smith, Christian Gibbs, and Chyann Gibbs; great-grandchildren: Aubree and Elias; as well as many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Preceding him in death, parents: Elmo and Erma Gibbs.

Ronald was one of a kind and truly valued spending time with his family and friends. He will be forever missed by all who knew and loved him.

Graveside Services for Ronald Eugene Gibbs were held Thursday, December 24, 2020 at the Dry Fork Cemetery with Pastor Joe Hubbs officiating. Song selection played was "Victory In Jesus". Serving as Pallbearers were Bud Drury, Danny Drury, Kevin Drury, Keith Drury, Freddie Hill, and Kevin Smith. Arrangements were under the direction of Wilson Mortuary of Salem, Missouri.

Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Ronald Eugene Gibbs to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and left at Wilson Mortuary.

Online condolences may be entered at wilsonmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Dry Fork Cemetery

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 24. 11:00 AM.

Dry Fork Cemetery

Tribute Wall

BC

“ I will sorely miss my friend Ron Gibbs. A major contributor to our small group, Ron is loved by all in our class. Lord, will you touch the wounded hearts of Ron’s family.

Ron. We all will see you soon my friend. Have a wonderful time with you loved ones who have preceded you and an amazing time with your a lord and Savior!

Bob Coleman and the Mayberry Class

Bob Coleman - December 24, 2020 at 01:45 PM

LM

“ Vickie & Family: So very sorry for your loss! Ron was truly a special guy. He faithfully served the Lord as a deacon for many years here at Friendship, and oh, what a bass voice he had. It was a thrill to listen to him sing. We know that in the midst of his passing on to be with the Lord, the Lord will provide you with the grace and strength for

each day. May the Lord bless and keep you in His care!

Pastor Lonny & Church Family

Lonny Mittag - December 22, 2020 at 04:02 PM

BL

“ so sorry to hear of Ronnie's passing--My heart and prayers are with you Vickie... *Bernice Wethy Lea*

Bernice Lea - December 22, 2020 at 08:47 AM

BC

“ So sorry to hear of Ronald passing Prayers to the family *Bobby Camden*

Bobby Camden - December 21, 2020 at 10:13 PM

CO

“ *condolences for Vicky and family. May your memories heal your hearts. So sorry for your loss*

Connie - December 21, 2020 at 09:26 PM

LA

“ *We had a blast growing up together @ Oak Grove Baptist Church. Always enjoyed going home with Ron & Mike after church to see what we could get into. Fond memories were made, never be forgotten.*

Mike, both our little brothers are singing bass in the Heavenly Choir, along with the alto of our Mothers. Someday, we too will join that crew. What a joyous time that will be.

I can't sign off without letting Paul know the through the guidance of his Dad, Bro. Harry, he helped everyone of us grow as young Christians.



Vickie and Family, you all have our deepest sympathy & Prayers of comfort to you all.

May God watch over you all & keep you all safe.

Larry Farris

Larry - December 21, 2020 at 08:44 PM

RP

“ *Vickie and family, it was with sadness that I learned of Ron's death. I will keep you all in my prayers. God be with you at this time.*

Bob Paddock

St. Paul, MN

Robert Paddock - December 21, 2020 at 08:12 PM

CL

“ *Condolences to the family of Ron. So sorry to hear of his passing.
He was a highschool classmate of mine.* 🌺🌺🌺

Carol Ellerman Lacy - December 21, 2020 at 04:15 PM