



# William Ralph Gibson

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**W**illiam R. Gibson, II, (Bill) also known affectionately as "mr. honey do", age 69, passed away peacefully March 4, 2013, with his family by his side at the Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, DE. after fighting a very honorable and courageous battle against lung cancer.

Bill was born on April 13th, 1943 in Poughkeepsie, New York, son of the late William and Irma Pyers Gibson. While attending Arlington High School, he met and later married the love of his life, Libby Lackman.

After high school, Bill worked for Jack Lucas construction for a short time before enlisting in the US Navy. He spent most of his four year tour aboard the USS Georgetown stationed out of Norfolk, VA. He then returned to Poughkeepsie after being honorably discharged from the Navy in 1966, and worked for DeLaval Separator Company. In 1968, Bill began his 25 year career in computer sales and management with NCR Corp. During the time he was employed by NCR, he and Libby lived in the Poughkeepsie area; Centerville, OH; and Irmo, SC. After retiring from NCR in 1994, they moved to Lewes, DE, and began his "retirement" of 19 years with his own general contracting business called "honey do".

Over the years Bill was a member of the Sea Scouts, a Boy Scout leader, a Rehoboth Beach member and president of Kiwanis, and most recently served as a HOA board member in Lewes, DE. For many years he enjoyed flying his remote controlled air planes as a member of the Lewes RC Club.

Bill was very honorable, courageous, and loving; the ultimate family man. He lived his life to the fullest each day, and had a family that adored him greatly. He will be sorely missed by not only his family but also by anyone that came in contact with him.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his infant son, William R. Gibson, III; Grandson, Baby Harp; and his parents-in-law, Rocky and Lorraine Lackman at Rehoboth Beach,



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Bill is survived by his wife of 48 years, Libby Lackman Gibson; a son Daniel and wife Jessica Gibson of Frederick, MD; two daughters, Lori and husband Sean O'Day of Herdon, VA and Katie and husband Jonathan Harp of Milton, DE; grandchildren, Jillian, Bryce, Ronan, Shennan, Megan, Morgan and Dylan; a brother Kevin and his wife Claire Gibson and their children Aislinn and Siobhan of Chelsea, NY; and his loving pets a Lab named Bob and cats named, Shadow, Baby and Little Bit.

A memorial service for Bill will be held at 11:00 am, March 16th, 2013, at All Saints Church, 18 Olive Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the very compassionate and caring Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963 or to a charity of your choice.

Please sign the online guest registry at this site.

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## Tribute Wall

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CM

**Cindi Mclean** posted:

Never met you but you raised one heck of a daughter!! She is my idol on how to cope with life's challenges.Say hi to Jesus for me:)

March 14 at 8:00 PM

PE

**Peake** posted:

Rest in Peace - You will be missed and I personally can only hope you took those cats with you :-) No worries I'll make Dan fix that Mustang before he turns 50 :-)... Always some good laughs with you Bill.. take care

March 10 at 8:00 PM

LC

**Linda Crittenden** posted:

To the Dear O'Day/Gibson family,I am so sorry to hear about your dad's passing. He leaves a legacy of beautiful children and very special grandchildren! Sending love and prayers your way. May God bless you always.Love, Linda

March 10 at 8:00 PM

DI

**Diz** posted:

I love you, Dad!

March 10 at 8:00 PM

QF

**Quinn Family** posted:

We send our sympathy and our thoughts are with you. May the O'Day family and all experiencing the lose of William, live in peace.

March 10 at 8:00 PM



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DG

**Dan Gibson** posted:

Dad, thank you to all you've given me, our family and our world. I will live each day with you in my heart and mind remembering the love you showed me. I learned to be a man from you and a can only strive to be half the man you were. I miss you but you will live on in my thoughts and you will be known if by spirit by my children and all those who come to know the Bill Gibson story. Thanks for ALWAYS being there for me Dad - I love & miss you! Love, Dan

March 9 at 8:00 PM

SR

**Stephanie Reger** posted:

Mr. Gibson (Bill): I was one of your Facebook Friends through your daughter, Lori O'Day. She gave us her detailed and tender thoughts as you fought your brave battle. We grew to know you and love you through this social media outlet. After reading your In Memoriam details, I saw that you were a Navy man, just like my Dad. I so related to the things Lori said as I had a similar relationship with my Dad who went to Heaven 6+ years ago (his name is Frank Cregger, so look for him there!). May you rest in Peace and find comfort in knowing that MANY people, from far and wide and places you didn't expect, cared for you and loved you! Many Regards, Stephanie C. Reger of Herndon, Virginia.

March 6 at 8:00 PM

BM

**Bette Lee Miller** posted:

Libby and family, please know that Carey's and my thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time. We are so thankful that we were able to meet Bill last June when we were in Lewes. I will always think of Bill and you, Libby, when eating soft shell crabs. God bless you all. Bette Lee Miller

March 6 at 8:00 PM

BL

**Bill, Mary, And Kt Lambert** posted:

Deepest condolences to the Gibson family.

March 5 at 8:00 PM



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JP

**Joyce And Mike Pyles** posted:

Libby and Family:We only had a short time together, which is a great loss for us, but we knew from the start what a terrific guy Bill was... a devoted husband, a loving father, father-in-law & grandfather, always ready to share that beautiful smile. Bill has left behind a treasure of memories to be cherished and shared by family and friends.A Favorite Verse:"To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die."Much Love, Joyce & Mike

March 5 at 8:00 PM

LO

**Lori Oday** posted:

Please take a moment to make a donation in my Dad's name. 100 percent of the donations you make through Stand Up 2 Cancer fund research and patient care![goo.gl/YqIO2](http://goo.gl/YqIO2)

March 5 at 8:00 PM

DI

**Diz** posted:

Dear Dad,My greatest wish, other than having you back, is that this horrible beast is slain for all eternity, and, nobody will have to go through what you went through. You fought hard and like the admirable man I have always known you to be.I will always miss you and be sad you aren't here with us any longer, but, I am also smiling because I love you, and, am thankful for everything you have given to my life.You did a real good job, Dad!! Like I keep telling everyone, I LOVE MY DAD!!!Love, Diz

March 5 at 8:00 PM

DD

**Debra Doucette** posted:

Libby,We know that there really are no words to ease the pain you and your family are feeling. Please know we are very sorry for your loss.Love Dave and Deb

March 5 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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