



Jere J. Gibson

May 18, 2023

Jere J. Gibson (“JJ”), 71, passed away peacefully at his home from a brief illness on Thursday, May 18, 2023 in Lancaster, PA. He was the loving husband of Sandra L. (Gauker/Buffington) Gibson. The couple celebrated 22 years of marriage on August 24, 2022.

Born in 1951 in Lancaster, PA, Jere was the son of the late Elwood W. and Thelma E. (Campbell) Gibson. He attended McCaskey High School and received his GED in the US Army.

He was a Vietnam War veteran, serving in the US Army from 1970 to 1972. He was in the US Army Reserves from 1972 to 1976 as a Lineman and as an Assault Helicopter Company Gunner in the 134th AHC. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. The discipline and patriotism he learned in the Army never left him, as friends and family will attest. After serving his country, he worked for Armstrong World Industries in Lancaster.

Jere is survived by his daughter, Renee S. Santiago and her husband Carlos J. of Marietta; his son, Chris J. Buffington of York; 5 grandchildren, Alanna Beats of Conestoga, Tara Beats, Emma Beats and Juan Santiago of Marietta and Landri Buffington of York; 2 great-grandchildren, Chandler and Kasey.

He is also survived by his sister, Trudy A. Booth and husband Ron L. of

Lancaster and his brother, Dale R. Gibson of Jamaica, VA. Jere will also be missed by his feline companion, Dallas, who lay by his side until his very last day.

Jere was a practical joker and a stranger to no one. A bit mischievous from the start, he would often find humor in picking on those around him. If he picked on you, it meant you were truly loved. He will be dearly missed by his numerous friends and family for all the fun times and stories he shared.

Jere had life memberships in numerous organizations which included the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1008, Veterans of Vietnam War, AMVETS Post 19 in Pennsylvania and Disabled American Veterans Post 80. He was a member of HOGS (Harley Owners Group) since 2004. In Delaware, he also had memberships with VFW Post 7234 and the Moose Lodge 2542.

His hobbies included collecting antiques and Native American memorabilia. He immensely loved spending all his free time at his 2nd house in Delaware. He repeatedly said that he needed to go “mow” at the beach, which we all knew was just an excuse to go to the beach house as much as possible! He loved watching NASCAR races and the History Channel.

He was preceded in death by his former wife Susan E. Gibson, who passed in 2016. He was also preceded in death by his beloved dog, Brutus.

A heartfelt thank you to the wonderful staff and caregivers at the Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute and Hospice & Community Care. We were so grateful for your compassion and kindness throughout his illness.

A funeral service will be held at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange Street, Lancaster, PA on Friday, May 26, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. with Minister Michael Nagy officiating. A visitation will take place from 10:00 a.m.

until the time of service. Interment will be in Millersville Mennonite Cemetery, Millersville, PA with full military honors by the Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard and Vet 21 Salute Honor Guard.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Jere's memory to the Vietnam Veterans of America <https://donate.voa.org> or Disabled Veterans of America <https://secure.dav.org> or the American Cancer Society <https://donate.cancer.org>

Cemetery Details

Millersville Mennonite Cemetery

Millersville , PA 17551

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Jere J. Gibson*



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - May 22, 2023 at 02:37 PM

SM

Sandi-so sorry for your loss. I'm sure Brutus was there to greet him and ready to walk among the clouds. Was glad to see kitty close by. Dr. Sue and all of the staff of Manor Animal were always happy to see you guys walk through the front door. Sue Morrison

Sue Morrison - May 22, 2023 at 03:47 PM

SS

What a wonderful tribute from all stages of his life. I graduated with Jere, but don't really remember him from school but I really got to know Jere where he was a member of Vietnam Post 30, My husband was a member their also. Jere was such a enjoyable guy to be with. We had many great times at events..

sue & ron stoutzenberger - May 25, 2023 at 12:41 PM

TA

Sandy, Deepest Sympathy to you and your family. So sorry for your loss. We was a one of a kind funny guy. What a nice tribute of Jere!! Love it. Sending love and huggs your way. David and Tammy

Tammy - May 25, 2023 at 01:15 PM

PE

So sorry for your loss sandy Jere was a great person 🙏 prayers for you 🙏

Peggy - May 29, 2023 at 05:33 PM



“ *Jere J. Gibson*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

RS

“ *What a wonderful tribute of Jere. Sandy sending you hugs and prayers. Love Ron and Sue Stoutzenberger.*

ron and sue stoutzenberger - May 25, 2023 at 07:23 AM

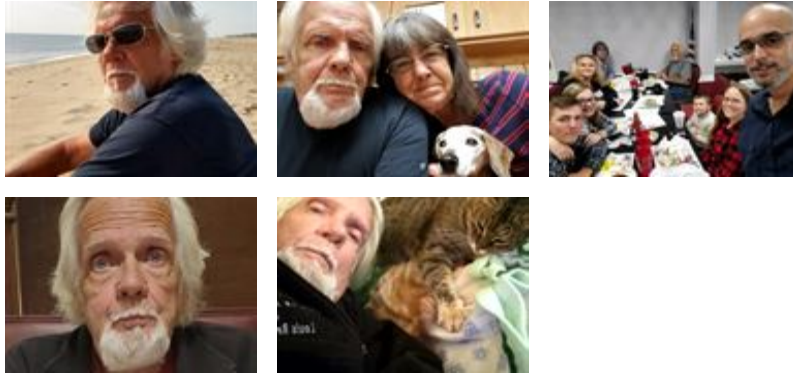
FS

“ *Our sincere sympathy from Canada cousin's . Sorry we can' t come to the funeral. I remember that he was always so friendly and gracious. He came to Aunt Thelma's to visit " to drop in to see us" and we went to see his house and family and met Renee on one of these visits too. May precious memories ease your loss. We will be thinking of you May 26.*

Frances Moriarty (Gingerich mother Susan - May 23, 2023 at 10:15 PM



“ 73 files added to the album Life Tributes



The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc - May 22, 2023 at 02:36 PM



“ Sandy, Randi and I just got home from Florida when we heard that Jere had passed. We are keeping you in our prayers as you deal with loss. Jere was a great man and will be missed by many. Condolences from both of us.

Mike and Randi Horn

Mike Horn - May 22, 2023 at 10:32 AM



“ Jere was a great man and was always nice to be around. He will be missed by all who knew him. Thinking of you Sandy through this difficult time. RIP my friend!

Terry Grinestaff - May 22, 2023 at 09:48 AM

JS

“ Jere was our neighbor for years, he was a good friend. I am sorry to hear he passed away. Our condolences to his wife and daughter.

John and Phyllis Shutter - May 21, 2023 at 04:00 PM



Elizabeth
Barr

“ Jere was so nice to me and everyone he met. I remember the first time I met him I had just gone into Corlon and he welcomed me. He had a sense of humor and he was quick to tell you what he thought. What a great guy. My heart goes out to all his family. RIP. Liz Barr

Elizabeth Barr - May 21, 2023 at 08:26 AM

CH

“ Jere was a great friend. I met him while working at Armstrong and the friendship remained after our retirements. I will miss his wit and just being a friend. May he rest in peace. Thinking of you and your family at this time Sandy. Cindy Herr

Cynthia J Herr - May 21, 2023 at 07:46 AM