



Fred Gibson

July 6, 2012

Fred Gibson Billy Fred Gibson passed away at home on July 3, 2012 after a brief illness. He went peacefully in the presence of his wife and daughter. He was born to the late William T. and Pauline Gibson on June 5, 1938 in Dallas. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years Marianne Rigby Gibson. They were blessed with one daughter, Dana Gibson of Huntsville. He graduated from North Dallas High School in May, 1956. After high school, he attended the University of Colorado before joining the U. S. Marines. He was honorably discharged from the Marines in March 1960. Fred was a certified Texas Peace Officer employed by the City of University Park Police Department. He played for the Dallas Texans as a middle linebacker while employed by the police department. After serving as a police officer, he went to work for State Farm Insurance, but remained a reserve office for the Richardson Police Department for numerous years. He worked for State Farm Insurance Companies for 38 years starting in the claims department and retired after many years as a special investigator for insurance fraud. After retirement, the family moved to Colorado where he, Marianne and Dana enjoyed time hiking, biking, fishing and skiing. He returned to Dallas after five years to care for his parents. He and Marianne lived for a couple of years in San Diego, California to provide support for their daughter when she served as President of National University. He consulted with various police departments during his retirement years. When he moved to Huntsville, he found his true home; he loved the community environment that exists here. He became an active member of

First United Methodist Church, a member of the Wesley Foundation Board and a vigorous supporter of Sam Houston State University. He realized a special connection with many students, but most especially the student athletes. He considered himself a Bearkat because of the unique bond with so many people in the community and university. Funeral services will be held Friday, July 6, 2012, 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, with Pastor and friend Scott Dornbush officiating. The family will be receiving friends at the church from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., on Friday, July, 6, 2012. He will be interred in Dallas in a private service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the following: Fred Gibson SHSU Football Endowment, Office of University Advancement, Attn: Darlene Andrews, SHSU Box 2537, Huntsville, Texas, 77341-2537. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Fred Gibson*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Although its been about 6 months since Fred's passing I just found out about it. Fred was my football coach in 1969 (The Steers). I was privileged to be chosen as the starting quarterback. It was a life-changing experience playing for Coach Gibson. We won the City of Richardson championship. He worked us very hard and we benefited so much from his dedication and leadership. I met with former teammates during our 10, 20, and 30 year high school reunion, and the subject of playing for Coach Gibson was discussed with great pride. We all agreed that the experience of playing for him was a defining moment in all of our lives. I loved him very much and to this day replay vivid scenes and images from our season together with love, joy, and pride.*

Jeff Jones - March 22, 2013 at 04:12 PM



“ *I am sorry for your loss and I send my sincere condolences to the family and friends.
When the enemy death strikes, our grief can be great. It is at times like this that we need comfort and support whether we are acquainted or not.
May you find comfort in Almighty God promise of the resurrection. (Acts 24:15).
All of God's promises will come true, for it is impossible for God to lie. (Hebrews 6:18).
Respectfully,*

Denise - August 02, 2012 at 06:39 PM

FH

“ Dear Marianne and Dana,
Maria and I were so sad we could not be with you these past few days and have thought of you often. Fred was a good friend to us. We loved his wonderful enthusiasm, his delightful wit and wisdom, and his boundless energy. We will miss seeing him at university events, most especially during the football season. We wish you God's peace, safe in the knowledge that Fred is in the loving arms of his Lord and Savior.

Frank Holmes - July 07, 2012 at 10:30 PM

DA

“ We are so truly saddened to hear of your loss, no words can be said, however, we know that you can be truly blessed by the many good times you got to spend with your father. As time passes you never forget those times.

Sincerely, Donna & Ray Matthews

Dana - July 07, 2012 at 12:31 PM

LK

“ We extend our deepest condolences to the Gibson Family on the untimely loss of their dear Fred. Although we did not know him well we knew him well enough to see the important role he played in the foundation of this very impressive and admired family. Our prayer is that over time the loss you are now experiencing will be replaced with warm and precious memories of the very full and engaged life that you all enjoyed together.

Len and Marlene Keeling

Len and Marlene Keeling - July 06, 2012 at 12:37 PM

KD

“ *President Gibson, we are so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Kelly Bielamowicz & Mandy Dunbar - July 06, 2012 at 09:57 AM

TB

“ *My condolences are with the Gibson family over the loss of Fred. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Tanya Brannon - July 06, 2012 at 09:48 AM

RK

“ *Dear Marianne and Dana, we are so sorry for your loss. Fred was such an enthusiastic supporter of SHSU and a true gentleman. Our lives were enriched by knowing him. You are both in our thoughts and prayers. May the love and support of your many friends, along with your wonderful memories, bring you peace and comfort. In sympathy, Ron & Donna*

Ron and Donna Koska - July 05, 2012 at 11:13 PM

GM

“ *Dearest Marianne and Dana, We are deeply saddened at the loss of your beloved husband and father and our dear friend, Fred. He made a significant contribution to our university and the Huntsville community in such a brief period of time. Fred will be sorely missed, not only as a vital participant in the life of our town and of the university campus, but as a friend. Please know that our prayers are with you and we stand ready to be of help in any way possible. Love, George and Beth Miles*

George & Beth Miles - July 05, 2012 at 06:48 PM

WF

“ Dearest Marianne and Dana, Our hearts are breaking with both of you in the loss of your sweet Fred. He was truly one of the finest people we have ever been blessed to know! He had a servant's heart and he was always looking for ways to champion others, whether it be at church, at SHSU events or, we're sure, at home as well. Fred was a mentor, a hero, and a dear friend to us, to the football staff and to the players. The championship rings will be worn with pride and will serve as a constant reminder of the generosity, love, and devotion of one of the finest Bearkats of all time...Fred Gibson.

Willie and Susan Fritz - July 05, 2012 at 05:49 PM

JJ

“ My family and I wish to send our sympathies to the Gibson family. All three of you set a wonderful example of family togetherness and it will be remembered always. Everyone is Thankful for having known Fred, and a life well lived.

Joseph Janczak - July 05, 2012 at 04:22 PM

ER

“ If I could have shared one more comment with Mr Gibson I would have said "You did a good job". Mrs Gibson and Dana, thanks for sharing your treasure with us....we will not forget...our prayers go out to you

ED/CARLA REYNA - July 05, 2012 at 04:01 PM

DM

“ President Gibson - All of us here in the College of Criminal Justice are saddened by the death of your father. You have our most sincere sympathy. Mr. Gibson was a true "Bearkat" and served as an example to all of us. His work with the University, especially the football team, will long be remembered. We offer our heartfelt sympathy during your time of sorrow.

Debra McCall - July 05, 2012 at 02:51 PM

TG

“ Dana and Marianne,
You have been in our daily prayers and we will miss Fred so much. He always brightened the room and lifted my spirits whenever he was close. He did not speak loud volumes or call attention to himself, but he was always gracious, and one fine gentleman. Let us know if you need anything and we will continue to pray for you both.
Theresa and John

Theresa & John Garvin - July 05, 2012 at 02:05 PM

JA

“ Dana and Marianne,
I am so sorry for your loss. Fred was a wonderful man and his heart was that of a true Bearkat! He will be greatly missed by all that knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Love, Jacel

Jacel Angel - July 05, 2012 at 01:19 PM

LR

“ We were so sorry to hear of Marianne and Dana's loss. Those of us fortunate enough to have experienced his enthusiasm for many things, but especially for SHSU and its fine athletes, will miss him. You will have wonderful memories of his life with you.
Linda and Charles Rushing

Linda and Charles Rushing - July 05, 2012 at 11:49 AM

AT

“ I don't think I have ever met a better person. Fred was a great man, a loving husband and father, a true BearKat and a good friend. We will miss him. Rest In Peace Fred.

Alan Tinsley - July 05, 2012 at 10:27 AM

SL

“ Dana and Marianne you have our sincere condolences at the loss of Fred. We will never forget his enthusiasm for SHSU football especially at the football banquet. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Susan and Ben Lenamon

Susan and Ben Lenamon - July 05, 2012 at 10:21 AM

DB

“ Our deepest sympathies are extended to the Gibson family over the loss of Fred.

Dan & Donna Beto - July 05, 2012 at 10:17 AM

JB

“ *Jon and I are very saddened by Fred's passing. We loved his quick humor and his passion for serving others. What a joy to have had the honor to work with him at Sam Houston. Marianne and Dana, our prayers are with you.*

Barbara and Jon Bright

Jon and Barbara Bright - July 05, 2012 at 09:54 AM

BC

“ *Dear Marianne and Dana,*

My heart goes out to you both right now. Fred was a great man, and he will be missed greatly. He was always such an avid supporter of SHSU and accomplished so much in his life. But more importantly he left behind an amazing wife and an awesome daughter, I know that you two truly were his proudest and most cherished things in life. I am thankful for the opportunity I had to know him and the time I was able to spend with him.

My Most Sincerest and Deepest Condolences,

Love, Brandon

Brandon Cooper - July 03, 2012 at 07:37 PM