



Donald Gibbs

December 31, 1945 - February 21, 2006

Donald "Donnie" Ray Gibbs, born Dec. 31, 1945 in Tyler, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006 in Pennsylvania. Donnie grew up in Tyler and was a graduate of Robert E. Lee High School. Donnie attended Texas Christian University where he played football and was a member of Phi Delta Theta. He received the Troy V. Post Award for Outstanding Young Texan of the Year while at TCU. He had a short semipro and professional football career including playing with the New Orleans Saints. He was in sales for many years in Texas, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania. He continued to be active in community sports as both a player and referee throughout his life. Donnie was a loving father who will be greatly missed. Donnie is survived by his daughter, Dr. Courtney Gibbs Walters and husband Alex of Grapevine; daughter, Kimberly Gibbs Jeffrey and husband John and son Travis of Houston; daughter, Taylor Ryan Gibbs of Huntingdon, Penn.; son, Trey Scott Gibbs of Huntingdon, Penn.; brother, Pat Gibbs of Spring; and many extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Frances Gibbs, and a brother, Rick Gibbs. Memorial services for Donald "Donnie" Ray Gibbs are scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Saturday, Mar. 11, 2006 at Stewart Family Funeral Chapel, 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy, south Tyler 75703. Private family burial will be in Rose Hill Cemetery. A memorial service was previously held in Pennsylvania.

Tribute Wall

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“ I REMEMBER IN JUNIOR HIGH, FOLLOWING DONNIE'S ALMOST STELLAR FOOTBALL YEARS AT REL. I KNOW THAT HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM

BETTY KEYS LEWIS - February 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ I regret that our paths only crossed a few times since high school. Donnie was a true leader on and off the field, and I have many cherished memories of our playing days together. Those WERE the good old days.

Jimmy Graham - February 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ My daddy and Clyde were great friends. Donnie and I were at REL together and even though he was the football hero and I was a little whoever, we both found ourselves at TCU together as well. He was a great big brother to me there. He use carry me to Tyler on the holidays. He had a car and I didn't and it didn't matter what "stuff" I was hauling, he always found room. He was a great guy and made me feel very special.

Lynda - February 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ Donnie used to be a neighbor of ours in Tyler. Our children used to play together and though we have not seen him in several years, we will miss him. God bless his family and watch over them at this time of sorrow.

Ben & Peggy Lewis - February 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I will remember Donnie as a shining star and athlete. He was the BMOC and everyone looked up to him, as almost a hero*

elaine fleming - February 21, 2006 at 12:00 AM