



Marie Gibson

June 24, 1923 - September 2, 2008

Services for Marie Riviere Gibson, 85 of Tyler, are scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 2008 at 10:00 AM at Stewart Family Funeral Home chapel with Dr. Steven Simmons officiating. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. Marie was born on June 24, 1923 in Tyler, Texas, the daughter of Roy and Mary Riviere. Her grandfather was Dr. Robert Hill, a Presbyterian pastor for over 60 years. He served Westminster Church in Dallas for 17 years, First Presbyterian Church in Tyler for 33 years, and after he retired, he founded Moore Memorial Presbyterian Church which later became Fifth Street Presbyterian Church. Marie graduated from John Tyler High School when she was 17, and attended the University of Oklahoma. She was a published author, drawing from her life experiences and her love of God. She found great joy in travel, gardening, and especially spending time with her family. Marie had a great love of nature, and no matter where she was, on a vacation or in her own backyard, she could spend the afternoon enjoying the clouds, appreciating the water, admiring the sunset and in the evening watching the full moon rise. Everything in nature offered her peace and relaxation. The highlight of her last 30 years was being married to, loving and caring for her husband Richard. One of the delights of Marie's life was meeting new people, and no matter where she was she loved introducing herself and sharing the moment with those around her – in the cafeteria line, on a cruise ship, in the mall, on the street – perhaps sharing a joke, and whenever appropriate, moving the conversation to a place

where she could share a spiritual insight. Marie lived an exceptionally fulfilling 85 years. She is survived by her husband Richard and her brother Rev. Dr. Roy Riviere and wife Doris of Orlando, Florida. She was preceded in death by her daughter Mary Lou. She is survived by her children John Lochner of Irving, Lynn Lochner Viale and husband Andy of Gilroy, CA, Rick Gibson and wife Susan of Ft. Worth, TX, Gary Gibson and wife Della of Hot Springs, AR and Brad Gibson and wife Kathy of Sugarland, TX and former daughters-in-law Sherry Sigler of Texas City, TX and Valencia Gibson of Sugar Land, TX. Grandchildren are Drew Viale, Jeff Viale, Ken Viale, Emily Gibson, Abby Gibson, Ryan Gibson, Amanda Gibson, Kevin Gibson, Dustin Boitnott, Jared Willsey, Hannah Carrol, Bryan Donaho and Valarie Work. Her great-grandchildren are Kaden Viale, Jeremy Richard Willsey, Mason Gibson and twins Kyra and Neela Work. Richard and Marie's home was always the center for family gatherings, annual reunions and places for friends to gather. Her family appreciates the unconditional love, laughter, compassion and strong spiritual foundation that Marie so freely offered. Visitation is scheduled from 5:00-7:00 PM Friday, at Stewart Family Funeral Home 7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy., Tyler, Texas 75703. Memorials in honor of Marie Gibson may be made to the Dr. Robert Hill Fund of Compassion in care of Fifth Street Presbyterian Church 1616 E. Fifth Street, Tyler, Texas 75701.

Tribute Wall

WK

“ *Our prayers are with the family during this time. I know the Gibson Family is a family of faith; therefore, since you believe right you are able to grieve right.*

Psalms 116:15

Wayne Kniffen

Wayne Kniffen - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ *I feel so blessed for all of the years of love and lessons learned from this wonderful and extra special angel. I know she is enjoying her moments being face to face with our loving Lord and Savior. Our hearts are all very heavy, but yet we know she is right where she so looked forward to being. My love is with to all the family members and friends.*

Valencia Gibson - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *What a life our Marie had. I remember as a child going to Tyler and staying with Ses and Libba and Marie and Mom (Dot) having the best time catching up, telling stories, laughing, crying and loving family. Then through the years she and Richard would come visit us or Mom would go visit them. It was a gift to be able to remain connected to such a close family even from Charlotte, NC. She loves us here and she certainly loves her family and wonderful husband and I know that I selfishly wish she were still hear but I bet they are having the best family reunion in heaven I know they are pain free and singing praises and she will be there to greet each one of us when our day comes! Kenny Chesney sings a great song called "Everyone wants to go to heaven but nobody wants to go now". Mom and I talked about that song the other day as she was in the hospital and got tickled by its lyrics. But you know - I don't think that Marie would agree with those words! I know she never feared death and she would be honored to go to heaven when the time was right. So God bless each of you missing her so - but life here is short - try and move on in peace and remember she is with us all and loving being with our Maker! God's Peace to all and big Carolina Hugs - Kat, Norman, TJ and Alex Sykes and tender love and family blessings from Dot (Hill) Jefferis*

Kat Jefferis Sykes - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Marie will be greatly missed.*

Mike & Jennifer Freeman - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *The quality of the neighborhood where Marie is spending eternity has now gotten even better. We all will be there soon.*

Johnny and Lynn - you know my heart.

Don Houston - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Marie made such an impression in my life for the past 30+ years. She was a wonderful grandmother to all of my children. I will miss her. My prayers are with you Richard, and with Lynn and Johnnie.*

*All my love,
Sugar*

Sugar Sigler - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ *I only had the pleasure of meeting Ms. Gibson once. John spoke about her to me during a recent trip to Dallas. I am very sorry to hear of John's loss and I am thinking of him and praying for him. My best to all of Ms. Gibson's friends and family. With Love- Bob Stayton*

Bob Stayton - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ *John,*

Know that Lisa and my prayers are with you and your family.

Don & Lisa DeAngelo - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *The Light of God surrounds Marie and her family with love, protection and a deep abiding joy that is present even during the sadness of saying a temporary good-bye. I am so grateful for the opportunity of having Marie's wonderful son, which she gave to us, as a dear friend. Thank you Marie for all that you have contributed, shared and loved while here on this plane with us. You have left a great legacy. In the Love and Peace of Christ, Sue*

Sue Whiteside - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ *Marie was a delightful southern belle! While I didn't see her often, her smile was infectious and ever present. She will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Vicki Minerva - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ *Marie exemplified class, dignity, and beauty every time I was around her. Even when I attended her 85th birthday party, she was not "old" to me, but was as loving and sharp as always.*

Andy Johns - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ *I want to express my sympathy for the loss of your Mother. She was always so cordial and friendly to me, both while growing-up and later as an adult when I would see her in town. I am sure that the two of you have fond memories. I am so sorry that I was not able to attend the service, but I supported you anyway, and shall continue to hold you in my prayers. Much love to you both. Julia*

Julia McMurrey - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CV

“ John, I felt as if I knew your mother after getting your email and reading this tribute. She was a wonderful and loving individual, and your sweet and positive nature may be due in some part to hers. I am deeply sorry for your and your family's loss. My dad died from a similar situation, and it has taken my mom a long tome to "get over it and forgive." I pray that you all continue to support each other in God's love.

Caroline Vornberg - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ I've had the honor to meet Marie on a few occasions through her daughter Lynn Viale, who is married to my Uncle Andy. Though Lynn is technically my Aunt, she is first and foremost my dear friend. Through the years I've enjoyed chatting with Marie on those occasions when she visited in California. Most recently, and for the last time, at Drew Viale's (her grandson) wedding. She was always such a beautiful woman, who carried herself with poise and grace.

I've loved listening to Lynn about her mom, and stories of her visits back home to see her mom and visit family. I know she will truly be missed. And I send my prayers and love to her family and friends, and my love to Marie who now smiles upon us from heaven.

Cathy De Palma

Cathy De Palma - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Marie had a loving ,gentle wayabout. She will be missed and kept in our prayers

Carolyne McArthur - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Marie was a true southern "belle" who was beautiful, quick to laugh, and told a good story...always a good story. In addition to being a committed witness to the presence of Jesus, she could also tell some great bawdy jokes! We had some wonderful visits in California, and will miss her sparkling eyes and laughter. Marie also was the delightful and colorfully quirky "Mamma Goo" to Drew's friend (our son) Barry. Marie, we know you are conversin' with the Lord now...go easy on him (and keep the jokes clean!).
Love, Donna and Bruce

Donna and Bruce Rowlison - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ She was such a caring loving person. She was like a grandmother to me too. I loved so much visiting with her on her trips to Gilroy. I will miss her dearly but know she is with God now, watching over us laughing and having a great time. She always smiled and brought joy to all she was around. She is a great person and raised a fantastic family.

*I miss her so,
Love,
Barry*

Barry Duggan - September 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM