



## Perry Gibson

January 20, 1937 - December 16, 2019

Services for Perry Edward Gibson, 82, of Bullard, will be held on Saturday, December 21, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Kelly Cinereski officiating. A graveside service will be held at 3:00 p.m. at Funderburk Family Cemetery in Palestine with Rev. Scott Gorbett officiating under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

Mr. Gibson passed away December 16, 2019 in Bullard. He was born January 20, 1937 in Palestine to Perry Gibson and Della Collins.

After graduating high school, Perry served in the United States Army and was stationed in Japan. Upon returning home, he married Connie Jean Young in 1957. They moved to the Pasadena, Texas area, where they raised their two sons, Mark, born in 1958 and Rusty, born in 1961. Upon retiring from Oxy in 1992, Perry and Connie moved to their house that he built on Lake Palestine. Perry spent many wonderful years on the lake enjoying fishing and hosting many family gatherings. They joined County Line Baptist Church, where Perry served faithfully as a deacon for many years. He was most recently a member of Noonday Baptist Church. Perry spent the last 17 summers in Seward, Alaska, where he made many wonderful friends and attended Resurrection Bay Baptist Church there. He loved fishing in Alaska and entertaining many friends who came to visit. He truly loved his summers in Alaska. Perry was a wonderful person who never met a stranger. He was always willing to lend a

hand whenever he was needed. He was a strong Christian with unwavering faith and a tireless worker for the Lord.

Perry was preceded in death by his wife, Connie Gibson; his son, Mark Gibson; and his parents. He is survived by his loving family including his son, Rusty Gibson and wife Lissa; grandsons, Joshua Gibson and wife Ashley, and Shane Gibson; siblings, Nancy Neal and husband Conrad, Elyse Gibson, Mike Gibson, Terry Gibson and wife Kathy, and Ann Morton; sister-in-law, Sherry Kirkwood and husband James; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Perry completed his earthly journey on December 16, 2019. He will be celebrating Christmas in heaven with Connie and Mark in the presence of Jesus.

Pallbearers will be Joshua Gibson, Shane Gibson, Randy Porter, Jeff Porter, Shannon Blakeney, Tim Langston.

Visitation is scheduled from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 21, 2019 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway in Tyler.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 21. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Service

DEC 21. 1:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
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## Graveside Service

DEC 21. 3:00 PM (CT)

Funderburk Family Cemetery  
Palestine, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Perry Gibson



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 21, 2019 at 01:53 PM

ML

Thank you so much for sharing I loved him and will miss him but will see him again someday soon.

Mike & Lisa Little - December 27, 2019 at 02:14 AM



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Perry Gibson



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 21, 2019 at 09:51 AM


DH

“ I have fished many a day with Perry. I remember one time when i took him out to Montague Island in Prince William Sound, Alaska to one of my Hog Holes for Halibut. He was handing me rods to set up and one of the rods hooked another rod and as he picked it up I herd splosh, the other rod fell into the wader and down it went. I looked at him and asked where the other rod was and he went to reach for it and the look he gave me back was ...da its gone. The look on his face was something to behold. I had to smile at him. Looking forward to the River of Life with him. Get ready for I am coming.

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**Dee Jay Harvey** - December 24, 2019 at 01:14 AM

SW

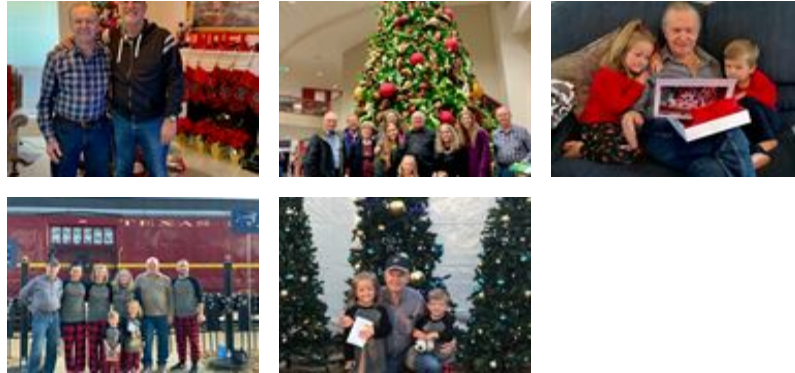
“ I've known Perry for 16 years ever since I purchased my place on the lake and can never think of a time when we were crossed with each other, his heart for others is something I try to follow every day  , if you needed help with something he would not only help but educate you on the matter!! He treated me like a son , I truly mean that and pops your going to be missed sir!!!!, as I wipe away the tears that are dropping..... Rest in Paradise until we meet again, love

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**Steve Williams** - December 21, 2019 at 11:04 AM



“ 62 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - December 21, 2019 at 09:52 AM

PR

“ Philip & Sharon Rawlins lit a candle in memory of Perry Gibson



Philip & Sharon Rawlins - December 21, 2019 at 06:47 AM

NC

“ I have so many great memories of the friendship Art and I had with Perry and Connie. Art looked on him as a brother and I know they have already seen each other in Heaven . Perry will have Christmas with Jesus and his family that is already there. His family here will miss him soooo much, but they know it is well with his soul. We will always remember the great times and be thankful for times we had together. Family please know you are in my prayers. Love Nial

Nial Catchings - December 20, 2019 at 07:50 PM

EM

“ I have known Perry Edward Gibson (Sonny) all my life, as he is a beloved cousin, whose family lived just down the street from where my family lived when I was born. His dad was a double first cousin of my mom and his mom had been friends with mine since they were kids. Because they were so close, it was only natural that the six kids in my family were close to the five kids in their family, with Perry being the oldest. Being older than me, I didn't know Perry as a child as much as I knew his younger sisters and little brothers, but he was so often around as he was close with my oldest brother. He and his siblings were like an extension to our family in those early years and we have remained close and especially since we have all gotten older. Hearing of Sonny's sudden passing this week was like losing one of my own siblings and has been so hard to accept. He was a beloved cousin and a very loving and giving man, whom I had never heard say an unkind word about anyone. He had a gentle spirit and a special kindness that is hard to find in people today. To say he will be missed is an understatement....he will be sorely missed by his immediate family, his siblings, and the many cousins he had - all of whom have loved him beyond words. We know he is with the Lord and together again with his beloved Connie and Mark and that he will love exploring Heaven; but oh how he will be missed here below. We will miss his presence, his gentle ways, his warm and loving smile and his graciousness....and oh how we will miss his fish fries every Fall after he returned from fishing in Alaska every Summer. God has taken him Home but we know we will see him again someday. My deepest condolences to his son, Rusty, his wife Lissi, their sons and grandchildren, as well as to his beloved siblings, Elise, Nancy, Michael, and Terry. I love you so much, dear cousins, and my heart breaks for you. I pray for the Lord's sweet peace and comfort for each of you.

Your cousin, Elaine (Langston) McManness

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**Elaine McManness** - December 20, 2019 at 04:12 PM

AD

“ *Ann & Andrea Morton, Amy Morton and Mike Dickover purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Perry Gibson.*



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**Ann & Andrea Morton, Amy Morton and Mike Dickover -**  
December 20, 2019 at 01:26 PM

Person icon

“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Perry Gibson.*



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December 20, 2019 at 06:48 AM

RS

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Rsuty -** December 20, 2019 at 01:12 AM

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“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



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**Rsuty -** December 20, 2019 at 01:09 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Perry Gibson.*



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December 19, 2019 at 08:22 PM



“ *O.D., Tim, Vanoy, Linda, & Elaine purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Perry Gibson.*



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**O.D., Tim, Vanoy, Linda, & Elaine** - December 19, 2019 at 07:34 PM