



## Richard Arlen Gibson Sr.

June 27, 1930 - April 27, 2017

Richard Arlen Gibson, Sr. professional engineer and avid Sooner fan, will be remembered at a memorial service at 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2017, in the Chapel at Marvin United Methodist Church, the Rev. Gerry Giles, officiating. The family will receive friends in the church Parlor after the service. A private burial at Rose Hill Cemetery will take place before the service.

A Tau Beta Pi honor student, Richard graduated from the University of Oklahoma in Norman in 1952 with a degree in physics. After serving in the Air Force on a top secret project during the Korean War, he was immediately hired by what is now ExxonMobil to develop new uses for petrochemicals. In college, he was a member of Phi Eta Sigma fraternity, Sigma Pi Sigma national physics honor society and ROTC.

One of his favorite pastimes was following the Sooner football games and players with his brother Doug.

Richard delighted in showing his grandchildren his 30-page passport filled with the names of exotic places in Arabia, South America, South Africa and Europe. While with Exxon, he had offices in Belgium, Houston, San Francisco and Rockefeller Center in New York City. After his retirement, he started his own company – LubriSource, Inc. – to distribute petrochemical products he had developed.

He was born June 27, 1930, to Ernest Ray Gibson and Arlie Beatrice Baker Gibson in Shawnee, OK, and died April 27, 2017 at Hospice of East Texas. Survivors include his best friend and companion, Barbara Sjerven; sons

Richard Gibson, Jr. and wife Susan, and Brad Gibson and wife Cathy; and brother, Doug Gibson and wife Shelia. Also two step-children – Lynn Viale and husband Andy, and John Lochner - six grandchildren and five nieces as well as many friends at the Meadow Lake Senior Living Community in Tyler, TX. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Mercy Ships at P.O. Box 2020, Garden Valley, TX 75771, to Bethesda Health Clinic, 409 W. Ferguson, Tyler, TX 75702, Marvin UMC Music Dept., 300 W. Erwin St., Tyler, TX, 75702 or the charity of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

**Rose Hill Cemetery**

Tyler, TX

# Tribute Wall

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“ I am comforted knowing that you are with your beloved son Gary Lamar Gibson, and great grandson Jackson Lamar Morris. You will be truly missed by your granddaughters, Emily Dell Gibson and Abby Lamar Gibson, and great grandsons Mason Robertson and Jaden Cross. We will hold you in our hearts until we meet again.

*Sugar Gibson-Sigler*

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**Sugar Gibson-Sigler** - April 30, 2017 at 09:37 PM

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“ Sugar lit a candle in memory of Richard Arlen Gibson Sr.



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**Sugar** - April 29, 2017 at 10:27 AM

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“ Valencia Gibson lit a candle in memory of Richard Arlen Gibson Sr.



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**Valencia Gibson** - April 29, 2017 at 09:45 AM

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“ *The Book Club purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard Arlen Gibson Sr..*



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**The Book Club** - April 28, 2017 at 10:55 AM