

LTC Patrick Donovan Gibson

May 22, 1945 - October 7, 2013

Lieutenant Colonel (US Army Retired) Patrick D. Gibson of Hartsville, passed away peacefully at the age of 68 on Monday, October 7, 2013.

LTC Gibson was a distinguished officer and veteran of the US Armed Forces. During his career, he served as a pilot in the US Air Force in Vietnam and the Assistant Air Attaché in India. After his retirement from the US Army National Guard in 1992, he enjoyed a life as a farmer and a JROTC instructor. Most recently he was employed at Darlington High School and enjoyed woodworking and shooting sports in his spare time.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Gibson, of Hartsville; his son, Peter Gibson, of Lafayette, IN; daughter Erin and her husband John Wagner, of Cleveland, OH; and daughter Colleen Gibson, of Charlotte, NC. Also surviving are his brother-in-law, Richard Nault, of Oxford, OH and four grandchildren, Nick and Emma Gibson, and JR and Nora Wagner.

A memorial service will be held at 4:30 PM on Thursday, October 10, 2013 at Wesley United Methodist Church in Hartsville with a reception following. Memorial donations can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

Previous Events

Service

OCT 10. 4:30 PM (ET)

Wesley United Methodist Church
145 E. College Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550

Visitation

OCT 10. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ Rip colonel Gibson you taught me so much through out the passed three years you was the cool teacher out them all rip my friend.



markee williams - January 06, 2015 at 06:15 PM

RO

“ It's been over a month and still cannot believe he's gone. He was well respectable and i was lucky to have him as a teacher my 10th grade yr. With deepest sympathy i hope his family is still pushing strong and keeping his memories alive.

Rolanda - November 17, 2013 at 05:30 PM

GO

“ Grady O'Neal lit a candle in memory of LTC Patrick Donavan Gibson



Grady O'Neal - October 13, 2013 at 11:25 PM

MS

“ I have really enjoyed shooting on the "Hartsville" team @ Shaw...we love Pat and will miss him terribly...he was always ready with a funny story... and willing to help those of us who were learning the sport...a true gentleman

Marilyn Salter - October 11, 2013 at 12:09 PM

JE

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jess - October 10, 2013 at 10:32 PM

DF

“ *To the family of Colonel, Gibson, it was a honor to have worked with Colonel Gibson, he was truly an Officer and a Gentleman , may God bless the family during this time of sorrow!!!!*

dean fullard - October 10, 2013 at 08:49 PM

RD

“ *We have had the pleasure of being neighbors and friends with Pat and Linda for 10 years. Things will not be the same. Linda I meant it when I said I will be here for you.*

robin duke - October 10, 2013 at 06:56 PM

JK

“ *Judy Norwood Knight lit a candle in memory of LTC Patrick Donovan Gibson*



Judy Norwood Knight - October 10, 2013 at 04:46 PM

JK

I have worked at the polls with Pat and Linda for several years. He was a really neat person to get to know, always so friendly and helpful. My condolences to Linda and the family. I was out of town and just read about this. I am so sorry.

Judy Norwood Knight - October 10, 2013 at 04:48 PM

CJ

“ *So sorry to hear about Pat. He was a dedicated soldier and a great man. It was a pleasure to serve with him in the Indiana Army National Guard. He will be sorely missed. My deepest condolences to his friends and family.*

COL (Ret) Michael James

COL (Ret) Michael James - October 10, 2013 at 12:46 PM



“ *I have many memories of LTC Gibson. Probably one of the most memorable was going to The US Army Service Championship at Camp Perry. By that time LTC Gibson had trained me to be an excellent shooter by the best of his abilities and resources available. I greatly appreciate all that he did, had it not been for shooting on the Rifle Team in high school I would have never been able to go as far as winning two NRA Air Rifle Club Championships with the Clemson University Rifle Team.*

I know many people have many great memories of LTC Gibson. I remember the first day I had LTC Gibson's class as a Cadet Staff Sergeant to the day I graduated as a Cadet Lt. Colonel. You were a teacher, mentor, coach, and most importantly a friend. You will be missed greatly.

Trey Jordan

Trey Jordan - October 10, 2013 at 12:39 PM

CI

“ LTC Pat Gibson was the finest soldier, leader, and man I ever knew. I am proud to have served with him in the Infantry, Recruiting Command, and General Staff. A true gentleman. God Bless his family.

Col. James Irwin

Col. James Irwin - October 10, 2013 at 12:27 PM



“ I first met, then Captain Gibson, at the Ft. Wayne Indiana Army National Guard Armory shortly after getting my commission as a Second Lieutenant. That was probably 1984. A few years later we crossed paths many times when he transferred to the Indiana National Guard Headquarters in Indianapolis at Stout Field. He was working in the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) Branch at that time and I think that is where he retired from. Always a kind man and just one of the many great personnel who crossed my path in life that I will always remember. My deepest condolences to the family. RIP.



Greg Raike - October 10, 2013 at 11:47 AM

CW

“ So sorry to hear about Pat. He was a great soldier and a friend of mine during my service in the Indiana National Guard. My condolences to the family.

COL (Ret) Robert Williams - October 10, 2013 at 11:19 AM



“ You taught me so much and molded me into the soldier I am now! Because of you, I learned to love this life. Learned how to shoot properly and kick the guys butts at the range. Can't tell you how many times I've bragged on having you as having taught me proper breathing techniques. All my love and condolences

Jessica Lamonds - October 09, 2013 at 09:49 PM



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Jessica Lamonds - October 09, 2013 at 09:49 PM



“ Colonel, I miss you. You were the funniest guy, and you were so wise...even though this is the first time I've had your class. I'm glad I got the chance to get to you...

BriShanna Davis - October 09, 2013 at 09:00 PM



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C/MSG Cory R. Buck - October 09, 2013 at 08:52 PM

MW

Rip colonel Gibson you will be miss

markee williams - January 06, 2015 at 06:07 PM

CB

“ LTC Gibson was a huge inspiration and still is to me. I'll never forget when he took me home from drill practice one day, how he talked to me as if i were a grandson. He told me that I should never doubt myself even when others do. He told me that it was cowardly to give up on things because they were hard. I'll never forget our last conversation, his voice, or words of wisdom that he spoke to all of us. He was such a great man and he left us all to soon. Gods got another angel on the land and in the heavens watching over us.. We all love and miss you Col. Gibson.



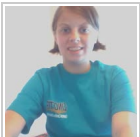
C/MSG Cory R. Buck

C/MSG Cory R. Buck - October 09, 2013 at 08:50 PM



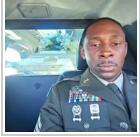
“ You were the toughest teacher I've ever had and also the very best. You've taught me so much and I thank you so much. Rest in peace sir the falcon battalion will forever miss you.

Melinie Able - October 09, 2013 at 08:42 PM



“ Colonel Gibson was always there to make people smile. To know colonel was to love him. It is so hard know that he isnt here anymore

Ilene Hill - October 09, 2013 at 08:39 PM



“ Thanks for all the things u taught me in and out of the classroom...you will forever have a lasting impression with me....rest easy Sir!

Cedric Wingate - October 09, 2013 at 08:36 PM

PB

“ LTC Gibson was all I knew you by and for that I apologize. You were truly a wonderful, funny and kind man full of wisdom. I had hoped to see you next year as a cadet ready for your guidance and knowledge but it seems that I shall see you in the next life, smiling as always. Colonel you will be missed by everyone whose lives you have graced with your appearance.



PFC Baines - October 09, 2013 at 04:55 PM

HR

“ This man was such an inspiration to all. He was always so kind. Every day when I arrived at school or the JROTC classroom he would smile and tell me good morning/afternoon. It's sad to see him go. You will be missed. My many thanks to you Colonel for serving in the U.S Military. Thanks!

Heather Rogers - October 09, 2013 at 03:19 PM

DH

“ You will be greatly missed Colonel you were a great mentor, teacher, men, and coach. You touched a lot of us kids at Darlington high school you will never be forgotten I still cant forgot seeing you every day and seeing you at Rifle team Practice we all will miss you. You and your family are in my prays.
Cadet Hayes, Darlington High school, Rifle team and JROTC

Dallas Hayes - October 09, 2013 at 03:12 PM

KN

“ Mrs. Gibson and family, we are so sorry to hear about Mr. Pat. He was a dear friend that will truly be missed. Mr. Pat took up so much time with our sons, Daniel and Bradley, and loved to watch them fly their remote control airplanes. He also loved woodworking through which he became like family to us because of our family history of building and workworking. I wish I could thank him again for his service to our great country to which he fought for. Mr. Pat will certainly be missed. You all are in our thoughts and prayers and please accept our deepest sympathy.
Dan and Kathy Newsome and family

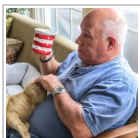
Kathy Newsome - October 09, 2013 at 01:39 PM

CT

“ Carol Todd lit a candle in memory of LTC
Patrick Donovan Gibson



Carol Todd - October 09, 2013 at 11:25 AM



“ Pat will be missed at the Shaw Rod and Gun Club. He was always there to help in any way possible, and was a fierce competitor in both the skeet and trap leagues. Our deepest sympathy at his passing.

Christine and Hal Gonzales

Hal Gonzales - October 09, 2013 at 07:35 AM

BC

“ Linda,
You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Pat was a good man who touched many lives in a positive way. He was a friend who will be greatly missed.

Bill & Viki Coughlin

Bill Coughlin - October 08, 2013 at 07:48 PM

JS

“ Linda, words cannot describe how heartbroken we are by Pat's death...JROTC was such an important part of our lives while Jamie was at DHS...and was so extremely fortunate to continue our friendship after he joined the Corps.. there was not a time at home or at work when we couldn't make a phone call to Col.Gibson that he didn't take the time to return it...he was a special man...a man that lived by his word and would do anything to help a friend...there is no doubt in our minds that our son...and many more young men and women...are the Marines and Soldiers they are today because of Pat...please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers..

Jimmy & Marsha Smith

jimmy and Marsha Smith - October 08, 2013 at 05:48 PM

SH

“ *Shelia Hodges lit a candle in memory of LTC
Patrick Donovan Gibson*



Shelia Hodges - October 08, 2013 at 02:49 PM

SH

Linda - You are in my thought and prayers!

Shelia Hodges - October 08, 2013 at 02:50 PM