



James Patrick Gibbons

May 29, 1932 - March 11, 2017

Patrick Gibbons, after 84 years, has completed his journey to return to his Heavenly Father. Patrick died of complications of COPD in the presence of his family on Saturday, March 11, 2017. He leaves his loving wife Cynthia and his daughters: Carrie Porterfield (Allan), Patti Barry (Steve), and Kate Klein (Larry). He also leaves his grandchildren, Beth Porterfield Bryan (Kirby) and great grandson Jackson; Suzy Porterfield; Chris Barry (Amanda) and great granddaughters Evelyn and Eleanor; Aaron Barry (Tamara) and great grandsons Seth and Jeremiah; Peter Klein and Mark Klein. In addition, he leaves his brother John and sister-in-law Maria Clara and his loving caregiver Dinia Asencio. He is preceded in death by his father and mother, Marty and Reba Gibbons. Special thanks go to Silverado hospice.

Dr. Gibbons worked for Fort Bend ISD for 16 years as a math and science teacher and 16 years as director of secondary schools curriculum and special projects. He was a spiritual director and staff member at the Cenacle Retreat House. He also volunteered with the Boy Scouts, AIDS Ministry, and Prison Chaplaincy.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be said for Patrick on Thursday, March 16th at 10:30AM at St John Vianney Catholic Church Parish Activity Center in the west end of the campus, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail at Memorial Drive, followed by a private Rite of Commitment and burial in the Garden of

Gethsemane at Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery.

There will be a reception at the Eagle's Trace Retirement Center Living Room, 14703 Eagle Vista Drive at Hwy 6 on Friday, March 17th from 1:00 PM until 2 PM.

Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive near Kirkwood is in charge of services.

In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution in Pat's memory to the charity of your choice.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

MAR 16. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079

Reception

MAR 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Eagle's Trace
14702 Eagle Vista Drive
Houston, TX 77077

Tribute Wall



“ *James Patrick Gibbons* ”

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *James Patrick Gibbons* ”

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *James Patrick Gibbons* ”

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *James Patrick Gibbons* ”

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Vicki Benson Schutter lit a candle in memory of James Patrick Gibbons* ”



Vicki Benson Schutter - July 11, 2017 at 08:56 AM

TL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Thomas Laird - April 02, 2017 at 03:19 PM

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Thomas Laird - April 02, 2017 at 03:05 PM

 Brenda
Miles

“ *Mr. Gibbons was the sweetest and kindest teacher I had in all of my math classes. (he was very patient in trig and physics. I also worked as his student helper to help keep his office area in order I know that you will miss him.! He had such a wonderful sense of humor. He put up with a lot from the class of 1966 with so many class clowns. we just celebrated out 50 year reunion and everyone asked about him.. He was loved and respected.*

Brenda Albers Miles (1966)

Brenda Miles - April 02, 2017 at 12:21 PM

JF

“ Dr. Gibbons was a good teacher and most of all a sweet man. I took physics and trigonometry from him, and enjoyed his classes. Physics was one of my favorite subjects in high school because it showed a new way of looking at the world. He did a great job of making it seem simple. I know he will be greatly missed for his abilities and his kind personality.

Jody Frierson

Jody Elaine Frierson - March 27, 2017 at 04:01 PM

JH

“ In late 1962, Dr. Gibbons (Mr Gibbons in those days) agreed to pursue, with the Administration of FBISD, the proposal of a small group of us "to be" seniors to add advanced Math and Advanced Physics classes to the Dulles' curriculum. He was successful in his negotiations and the 7 of us in the class received tremendous life and educational benefits. As a result, those 7 students yielded 2 PhDs in Chemistry, one MD, one senior Vice President of the world's 3rd largest private oil and gas company, two long-term high school teachers, and the founder and owner of a technical import company. Thanks to Dr Gibbons for providing the inspiration, the educational boost to help advance our educational needs, and for helping us set high moral standards for our future lives as citizens of the world.

Dr Gibbons will be missed as one of our most loved teachers and an all around great guy.

J. Roger Howard - March 27, 2017 at 12:02 PM



My favorite teacher

Sunny Garbarino - March 27, 2017 at 12:11 PM

JP

“ Patrick's level headedness and gentleness was always an inspiration to me that some day, I may be able to emulate. Carole and I will be keeping Cynthia and the family in our prayers.

Joseph Pascoe

Joseph Pascoe - March 16, 2017 at 01:15 PM

JB

“ Rest in peace my friend. Jim Boland

Jim Boland - March 16, 2017 at 07:58 AM

RS

“ May "the hearer of prayer" continue to strengthen your family during this most difficult time. Share your memories they will be a comfort that will embrace your hearts.

Lean on one another for encouragement when the days ahead become to hard to bear alone. We hope that the many cards, hugs, kind words, and loving prayers sustains your family and grants you peace.

Roderick&Desiree Sigler - March 15, 2017 at 06:35 AM