



Thomas Cheers Gibson

September 14, 1942 - July 21, 2014

Thomas Cheers Gibson “Hoot”, a husband, father, grandpapa, historian, storyteller, poet. He was a thinker, and an educator, craving knowledge and wanting to share it with the ones he loved. He passed away peacefully Monday July 21, 2014 after giving cancer the best fight he had.

Tom was born on September 14, 1942 in Monroe, N.C. to Analane Cheers Gibson and Harold Cleveland Gibson. He grew up in Paigeland, S.C. and moved to Greenville, S.C. in 1949. He attended Greenville High School where he was an accomplished athlete in several sports and was an Eagle Scout. He attended the University of South Carolina, where he earned his bachelor degree in Electrical Engineering. While there he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and the USC varsity football team. Among several athletic achievements he was honored with the title of co-captain and an invitation to play in the 1963 Blue-Gray All-Star game. He was 1st-Team All ACC in 1963 and wrapped up his college football career by being the 79th overall pick in the 1964 AFL draft to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Tom moved from the football field to the work force, where he began his career as an electrical engineer at Lockheed Martin in Atlanta, Georgia. He also worked as an engineer at IBM in the New York office before he picked up in 1976 and moved to Texas where he then began his own company, Dunhill of West Houston.

Texas remained home for Tom and his family. He is survived by his ex-wife Mary Jo Gibson, sons Blake Gibson and Barrett Gibson, daughter-in-law Leah Gibson, daughter Erin Lechler and son-in-law Shane Lechler. He has 4 beautiful grandchildren: Bailey and Emerson Lechler, and Ava and Brennan Gibson. Tom is also survived by his brother Gordon Gibson and wife Natalie Gibson of Greenville, S.C. His nephews Hunter, Tyler, and Ryan Gibson and their growing families. Brother-in-law John and wife Judy Brennan of Columbia, S.C., nieces Kathryn and Anne, and nephew Jay Brennan and their growing families.

When Tom was not being Grandpapa he was an amateur history buff, loved to read, write poems, always tracing his family tree. He loved photography. He was still in pursuit of the perfect picture. He had a remarkable memory and loved to share the things he was learning and reading about with anyone who would listen. He was an avid sports fan, highly competitive, and loved to ski and play golf in his younger years. He dreamed of beating cancer and buying a sailboat to travel the world, but above all what he loved most was being Grandpapa.

In lieu of flowers, in honor of Tom, the family would appreciate donations to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org or the American Diabetes Association at www.diabetes.org.

A Memorial service will be held Saturday July 26, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079. A reception will follow the memorial service at Brenner's Steakhouse, 10911 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77079.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL **26**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Reception

JUL **26**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Brenners Steakhouse
10911 Katy Freeway
Houston, TX 77079
<http://www.brennerssteakhouse.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Thomas Cheers Gibson*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Thomas Cheers Gibson*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Thomas Cheers Gibson*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Thomas Cheers Gibson*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *My sympathy to You and Family . I remember Hoot fondly . We were teammates at USC and fellow Dunhillers .
Frank Staley , class of 1961*

frank Staley - July 26, 2014 at 09:46 AM



“ *My sincere sympathy goes out to the entire Gibson family. Tom fought the good fight & having his family there for him was a blessing. May Tom rest in the peace that God provides & you can all find comfort in His Grace.*

Marcia Forrest - July 25, 2014 at 02:23 PM

BG

“ *Mary Jo, I am sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Bill Gibson - July 25, 2014 at 09:30 AM

LB

“ *Dear Mary Jo and Family, my prayers, heart and thoughts go out to you as you grieve suffering the loss of Tom. He was quite the football player and a good friend back in our USC days. Having been close to your family for many years I pray that all of you find comfort in prayer during this time and God Bless each and everyone. Tom, the suffering is over so R.I.P., our friend.*

Leroy Bailey - July 24, 2014 at 08:11 AM

JF

“ *My condolences to the Gibson family during this difficult time. God bless Tom and y'all's family.*

Jorge Ferragut - July 23, 2014 at 11:59 PM

SB

“ *Mary Jo, Erin, Blake, Barrett, Shane, Leah, Bailey, Emerson, Ava and Brennan...you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I know you all know how much I love Mary Jo...we've been friends since we were 6 years old and our friendship has sustained us through many happy times, as well as sad times like this. I was at their wedding...it seems only yesterday...and now there is this wonderful family surrounded by love and care for each other. God bless you all...I'm here if you need me...I send love and prayers.*

Sybil Buckland - July 23, 2014 at 01:44 PM

LO

May God bless you all, It has been a pleasure to work with Gipson, he is my best friend.

loretta - July 26, 2014 at 11:18 AM



“ Mary Jo, We were so sorry to hear about Tom. He suffered so and is now at peace.

All our love and prayers to you and your family in this most difficult time. Love,

John and Margaret Nauful

Margaret Nauful - July 23, 2014 at 09:09 AM

CS

“ As really little girls, when Tom took us to the pool, he'd pull our toes if we swam too close to him. It cracked me up enough to still think of that on pool trips today. Lots of hugs to my childhood Gibson family, in sympathy.

Carrie Salge - July 23, 2014 at 01:02 AM



“ I will never forget the Colorado skit trip that Tom took the routy "crew" on. Great memories! May the good memories live on in our hearts and minds in eternity.

John Franklin - July 23, 2014 at 12:46 AM

AL

“ Im so sorry you had to experience such a great loss. May Revelation 21:3,4 bring you and your family comfort. With Sympathy

Alexanders - July 22, 2014 at 08:23 PM

DD

*Oh Mary Jo so sorry just saw this, love and prayers to you and family
we sure did have some great times xoxo*

Debbie Jo Perry Dickey - July 22, 2014 at 10:36 PM