



David Ray Gibbs

February 4, 1966 - November 14, 2016

Gibbs, David Ray November 14, 2016, age 50 of Westland. Loving father of David (Kathryn) and Chad Gibbs. Beloved son of Billy and Carol Gibbs. Dear brother of Chuck (Michelle) Owens, Kim Owens, Ken (Patricia) Gibbs, Julie Gibbs (John Souder) and Don (Danielle) Gibbs. Also leaves many nieces and nephews. Gathering Thursday 11 AM until the 12:30 PM Memorial Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 980 N. Newburgh Road (between Ford Road & Cherry Hill) Westland. Memorial contributions may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association, 36520 Grand River Avenue Suite 102, Farmington Hills, MI 48335-9939. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

NOV 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Westland
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Westland, MI 48185
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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *David Ray Gibbs*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *I am a Minister of Jehovah's Witnesses my wife and I would like to give you and your family our deepest sympathy for the lost of your loved one. We would like to leave you with these words of encouragement from Gods word the Bible. At Job 14:14 it ask the question, "If a man dies, shall he live again?," The bible makes the promise: Your dead love ones will live...They will rise up. The bible also says, The righteous themselves will possess the earth and they will reside forever upon it. Isaiah 26:19;Psalms 37:29. May you find comfort in these scriptures and in the loving memories of your loved one. If you have any questions or concerns about the lost of your loved one feel free to email us at ctksdk@yahoo.com Sincerely, Carlos & Sandy*

Carlos and Sandy - November 30, 2016 at 09:04 PM

JG

“ Dear Aunt Carol, Julie and Kenny,
My sympathy and condolences go out to you
and the rest of the family. I have so many fond
memories of growing up with David as his
close cousin. The holidays were **THE BEST**
back in the day! I love you with all my heart. *RIP, Cousin David.*



Love,
Jill

Jill Gorman - November 17, 2016 at 11:00 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
David Ray Gibbs.



November 17, 2016 at 07:38 AM

SH

“ So many things to say...I met David (that is what I always called him) when I was a Freshmen and he was a Senior at Nathan Hale Senior High in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He blew me away. We were next door neighbors and spent every single moment we could together. He would come out of his house and whistle.... That was my cue to get outside. If I didn't come out immediately he would get playfully mad at me and sulk for the next 30 minutes. LOL Gotta love him. I was only 15 but he shaped the woman I am today at 48. He was the man I wanted to marry, have children with and spend the rest of my life with. He set the standard for me in which I have yet to find. But God had other intentions. He moved back to Michigan to be a daddy and we kept in touch for the next couple of years. I remember him calling me from his Navel base in San Diego and having to stop every 10 minutes to put money in the payphone. The following quotes have etched an eternal imprint in my mind: "Cold hands, warm heart" Princes, 1999 "and parties were (not weren't like Prince sang) meant to last" A testament to his love for life and having a good time. And most importantly, "I love you" He introduced me to Led Zeppelin and many, many, many things. The best one was his sister Julie. Julie and I have kept in touch throughout the years. We really didn't talk about David until the last few years. Thank you David for bringing your sister and I together. We haven't seen each other in years, but our friendship lives on because of you. You lived a life full of people who cared about you and loved you. Be blessed. I love you always and thank God that you are not in pain anymore. :)

Shelly - November 16, 2016 at 09:07 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of David Ray Gibbs.



November 16, 2016 at 03:46 PM



“ When we met Dave was only sixteen but showed me more kindness than any other man had done previously in my life. He was charismatic, funny and mischievous. We created one of the most loving, intelligent and generous human beings. Dave will love on in our son, David. I choose to keep our happiest of memories in my heart and remember Dave every time I hug our son. Thank you for breaking down my wall of seriousness and sharing some of your life with me. We had some of the happiest carefree days together. Rest In Peace my teenage love. 💙

Dawn Hargrave - November 16, 2016 at 11:53 AM



Friends throughout jr. high Dave and I sure had a lot of good times and laughs. I'm glad we had those moments! Looking back it seems like only yesterday. I'll miss you old friend.

Joe Higgs - November 16, 2016 at 12:35 PM

SG

We met while both serving in the Navy in 1987. He is the only man I ever married in my life, and we had a beautiful son, Chad, together. Although we lost touch over the years, I will fondly remember our last conversation. We were able to catch up on the many aspects of our lives. He told me of his deteriorating health, but continued to keep upbeat in life. Although I am saddened by his passing, I am grateful he suffers no more. He will live on in our hearts, and I think of him every time I see our son as he resembles his father. RIP Dave, you will be missed.

My condolences to the Gibbs Family during this most difficult time. Sue Gibbs

Sue Gibbs - November 16, 2016 at 04:47 PM

DH

“ Dave was only sixteen when we met yet showed me more kindness than any man previously in my life. He was a charismatic, funny, mischievous person. The two of us created one of the most intelligent, kind and loving human beings. Dave will live on in our son, David. Thank you for making my young adult years some of the happiest and carefree days of my life. I choose to keep those memories of you in my heart and will remember you each time I hug our son. Peace to you my teenage love.

Dawn Hargrave - November 16, 2016 at 11:43 AM



“ My name is shannon. I was David Gibbs caregiver. I was a friend before i started working for him. I started caregiving and working with him in April 2009. Dave then was still walking and driving here and there. Over the time David started decling. No matter how sick he was he was full of smile laughter and jokes. Every morning before i came over he would have me stop at speedway and get him a cappuccino, and some Dunkin Donuts glazed chocolate, he also love him some taco bell, and beef stroganoff. David Gibbs loved my children Destiny, Alex, and Fernando. I am gonna miss when i walked in the door he would give me 5 things to do at one time. I will miss him calling me a 100 times a day. I will miss his jokes and laugh i am gonna miss him asking me if i give you 2 dimes a quarter and a nickel will you slap that old lady around for me and i would say no David i cant do that he would say why not i am paying you to do it. R.i.p. David Gibbs i am gonna miss you so much.

Shannon Pyle - November 16, 2016 at 11:24 AM