



Mr. Paul Maige Gibson

October 11, 1957 - September 11, 2024

Paul Maige Gibson passed away into the loving arms of his Savior on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at the age of 66. He had lived with a long-life battle of Multiple Sclerosis since he was diagnosed at age 24.

Paul is survived by three daughters, Cara Hunt, Amanda Gibson and Johanna Bell (Dustin). He left behind nine grandchildren: Bethany, Christa, Scott "Bubba", Elijah, Kaylin, Malachi, Micah, Gracelyn "Gracie" and Elisha.

Visitation is 12:00 noon Thursday, September 19, followed by the funeral at 1:00 at Abby Funeral Home in Tallahassee. Then a graveside burial at Tallahassee Memorial Gardens.

Paul was born in Tallahassee on October 11, 1957 to Jimmy and Ona Marie "Ree" Gibson. He was preceded to death by both parents in 2021. He had two sisters, Donna Formby (Rick) and Priscilla Davidson (Jack).

As a young man, Paul was raised in a Christian home and was a member of East Hill Baptist Church. He enjoyed fishing, hunting and anything outdoors. He graduated from Godby High School in 1975, where he was a member of the band and served as captain for his last two years and was a solo cornetist his senior year. He also received awards for his outstanding woodworking abilities and built several pieces of furniture. He attended TCC and worked in

a cabinet shop. Later, he joined the US Air Force and was stationed in Oklahoma. He was honorably discharged in 1980 and then attended FSU to continue his computer science studies and painted houses on the side. He worked with the State of Florida until he could no longer work due to his MS.

Paul married Vickie Gallagher in 1981 and was diagnosed with MS around this time. They raised three beautiful daughters. He was placed in the Lake City VA Nursing Home in 2006 and was divorced a few years later. The Lake City VA Nursing Home was his permanent home until October of 2023. Due to extensive medical complications brought on by surgery at Shands, leaving him with a trachea and feeding tube, he could not return to his Lake City residence. This caused him to start his downhill battle.

Paul left his mark with everyone who met him. He was a kind and caring person who served the Lord. He contributed a portion of his income to a school in Kenya, Africa, which allowed the students to a better education.

The family would like to thank his care givers Walteria Mercer and DeVane Deese, and Community Hospice in Jacksonville. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations be made to Hospice.

Cemetery Details

Tallahassee Memory Gardens

4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
<https://www.abbeyfh.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Abbey Funeral Home
4037 North Monroe Street
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Funeral Service

SEP **19**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PS

“ Paul was such a gentle and loving person who impacted the lives of many hundreds with his generous help to many orphans, widows, families and the poor in Africa especially. There are people ALIVE today over there, because Paul bought food, helped with medical needs, paid for uniforms and schooling, and encouraged the orphans. God bless him.

So often, I'd go to visit with full intention to inspire and encourage him, but actually when I left our visits, I was always the one encouraged and inspired, by Paul. We also came to love and respect his daughters and sisters -- and grandchildren for all they did. What a wonderful family, wonderful man, and I was so privileged to get to know them all.

We'll all see Paul again - for sure. He'll be healed, with a new immortal body, free from his illness, and in the glorious likeness of his Maker. God be with you all, and Paul's spirit is already with God in heaven.

Till we meet again, dear brother and friend,
Philip Shields,
Paul's friend and pastor.

Philip W. Shields - September 21, 2024 at 08:58 PM



“ How many lives did the beloved Paul Gibson touch? I know he touched mine in so many ways. His calm acceptance of his difficulties made all of us who knew him ashamed that we'd ever complained. He was my go-to whenever I felt sorry for myself and thought I couldn't get through something. He was a shining light in such a dark world! No one who met him could ever forget him.
Carol Taylor



Carol Taylor - September 19, 2024 at 11:26 AM

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*He touched my live in a big way.
I thank Abba for the love he lived.*

Francis Gisiri - September 22, 2024 at 01:53 PM

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“ *The Swinsons purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Mr. Paul Maige Gibson.*



The Swinsons - September 18, 2024 at 09:36 PM

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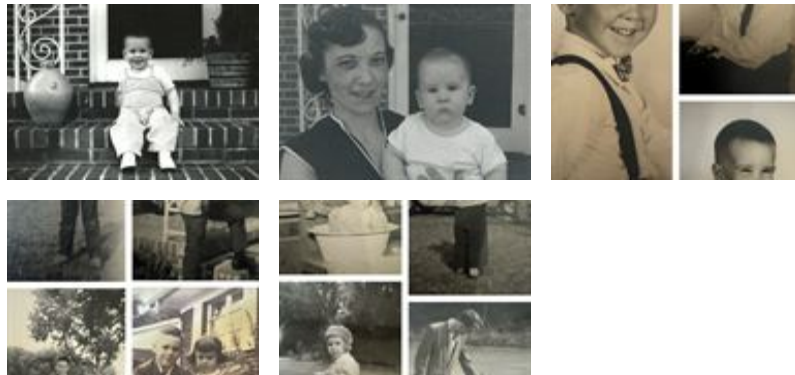
“ *Sam and Ruth Ann Jones purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Paul Maige Gibson.*



Sam and Ruth Ann Jones - September 18, 2024 at 11:44 AM



“ 67 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - September 18, 2024 at 10:39 AM

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“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of that Paul had died. His generous spirit and unwavering dedication to the Lord touched countless lives around the world especially in East Africa. He was truly a remarkable person, and his legacy of kindness, faith, and service will live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him.*

Please accept my heartfelt sympathies during this difficult time. May you find comfort in knowing that Paul's impact will continue to inspire many, and his memory will forever be cherished.

*Randy Freeze
Saskatchewan Canada*

Randy Freeze - September 18, 2024 at 09:48 AM

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“ *The Redmon Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Paul Maige Gibson.*



The Redmon Family - September 17, 2024 at 11:44 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Paul Maige Gibson.*



September 17, 2024 at 05:28 AM

EJ

“ *Ex son inlaw John. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Paul Maige Gibson.*

Ex son inlaw John. - September 17, 2024 at 05:28 AM