



Fred Gibson

November 24, 1929 - January 29, 2016

Fred L. Gibson, 86 of Foley, Alabama, formerly of Centralia, passed away on Friday, January 29, 2016 at Centralia Manor, Centralia, Illinois. Fred was born on November 24, 1929 in Cooper, Kentucky the son of William Logan Gibson and Flora (Dobbs) Gibson. On January 12, 1950 he married Marilyn Beatty in Centralia and she preceded him in death on March 1, 2014 in Foley, Alabama. Fred is survived by two sons, Kent Gibson and Brad Gibson both of Foley, Alabama; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Mays and Brittany Bierman both of Centralia, and Kylie Herring and Jacob Gibson both of Foley, Alabama; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, Marilyn Gibson, Fred was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Mark Gibson; four sisters, Mildred Brown, Juanita Nance, Jean Krouser, Derlie Vincent; four brothers, Paul Gibson, Gayle Gibson, Loren Gibson, and Howard Gibson. Fred was a member of the Foley United Methodist Church in Foley, Alabama. A proud United States Army Veteran. He graduated with his Masters from the University of Illinois. He was an educator for over 38 years, lastly serving as Principal of Centralia High School from 1968-1992. In 1977 he was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame as an Official. He refereed many State Championship games, and numerous NCAA Basketball and Football games. He was a past President of the South Seven Conference. In 2009 he was inducted into the Centralia High School Sports Hall of Fame. Fred was an avid fisherman, enjoying times from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. Fred enjoyed his later years living in Foley, but

most of all he enjoyed being with his family and his grandchildren. In keeping with Fred's wishes he will be cremated and a Celebration of Life Service will be held at the Foley United Methodist Church in Foley, Alabama. Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

GF

“ To the family,I remember when I went to high school in Centralia, he was a kind and nice person. I am sure he will be missed.

Georgia Jones-Richardson & family - February 03, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Mr Gibson was a great man and a great principal and was honored to of known him through the years at CHS.(1987)

Mary Jones-Bryant - February 02, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Fred was a good man. Sympathy to Gibson family.

Noland Atchison - February 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ One of the best. A true model of a man. He did so much for so many.

Neal West - January 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ So sorry to hear of Fred's passing. He was a really good man who always tried to do the very best. I'm sure that beautiful smile will be missed.

Dee Ford - January 31, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ I had the pleasure of attending from 70-74 and he was a very nice man. Sorry for your loss RIP Mr Gibson

Terri (Killie) Boggs - January 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ So sorry for your loss. I'm Amy Beach's mother-in-law.

Delores Beach Bell - January 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ I am so sorry to hear of this loss. I knew Fred for many years while working at the Sentinel and also officiating the Holiday Tournament. He was a fine, fine man. My condolences to his family.

Ray Albert - January 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ I'm so sad to hear that Fred has passed. He was a great principal and a wonderful man.

Eileen Wilimzig - January 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ An honorable man, a friend.

Christie Stonecipher Cistola - January 30, 2016 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ You were a great principal.

Victoria Migliore - January 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM