



## Robert Darrell Gibbs

September 2, 1941 - July 23, 2020

After a long and courageous battle with cancer, Robert Darrell (Bob) Gibbs of Louisiana, Missouri passed away peacefully at his home on July 23, 2020.

Bob was born on the family farm outside of Vandalia, Missouri, on September 2, 1941, to William Pollard and Alpha Mae (Nichols) Gibbs.

On April 20, 2013, Bob married his best friend, Sheila Burroughs. She survives. Other survivors include children – Jason (Melissa) Gibbs, Rachelle Gibbs, Megan (Justin) Trantham, and Michael (Kelsey Meyer) Thomas. Also, grandchildren- Olivia, Sophia, Ellie, Wyatt, Mason, Cooper, Karrah, and Lydia; and mother and father-in-law, Claudie and Janice Burroughs.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, brother, and sister.

Bob attended Butler School, a one-room school, in rural Vandalia. He was a graduate of Perry High School.

Bob worked in construction to put himself through college at Northeast Missouri Teacher's College, now known as Truman State University in Kirksville. After graduating with a degree in accounting and business administration, he worked at Brown Shoe Company in St. Louis. After 27 years, Bob retired in 2001 as VP Distribution & Global Logistics.

Horses were a mainstay in Bob's life. He raised and showed Morgan horses, and after purchasing a farm in Pike County, Missouri, Bob enjoyed his retirement years with Sheila, many days spent riding the trails on their horses, and also cart driving with their Haflinger.

Bob learned to hunt at an early age. This became his greatest passion. He was fortunate to spend many years on some great hunting adventures. He traveled to remote areas to hunt elk, moose, mountain lion, and bear, pheasant, and also loved to fish. His grizzly, a Boone and Crockett record, was his most prized mount.

You could also find him riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle, working on the farm, reading a good western, watching Cardinal baseball, or Lonesome Dove, and having daily phone calls with his great friend, Bob Stadler.

Bob enjoyed trips out west, and always said he was born one hundred years too late. He would have been a great cowboy, or rough and tough pioneer.

Bob loved creating scavenger hunts, fishing, and exploring the creek with the grandchildren. Having a cold beer, good whiskey, and riding a good horse, were things he looked forward to.

Bob was a member of Union Chapel Church in Vandalia. He was also a past member of the Elk's Lodge, Pike County Fairboard, Piker's Club, and NEMO Gaited Club.

Bob had a special place in his heart for St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Memorials are suggested to them, The Prostate Cancer Foundation, or Pike County, Missouri Home Health and Hospice.

Per Bob's wishes, cremation is under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral

Home, and no services are planned.

One of Bob's favorite quotes was – "Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in, broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaim 'Wow! What a ride! Happy trails!'"

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ I met Bob when he was with Brown Shoe and came to the ranch with Harvey, my boss.  
He was such a gentleman, such a good man to talk to, then when he came to Bg and I got to see him again, that was wonderful. So glad we all got to ride together a few times. I could see how happy he was and so in love with you Shelia, I know he made you just as happy as you made him. The world has lost a good man, I am so sorry, but I know you have wonderful memories to carry you on.  
Judy Sisson and Bill

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**JUDY SISSON** - July 29, 2020 at 04:32 PM

NH

“ Sheila, so sorry to hear about Bob. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. He was truly a great person.  
Bill and Nancy Harris

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**Nancy Harris** - July 28, 2020 at 11:15 PM

PF

“ Bob, Nancy, Rachele and Jason hold a special place in my heart. My “other dad” always had a big smile for me accompanied by a “everything will be okay, just give it time”. Of course, he was right. He rescued me when my car ran out of gas, didn’t kill Rachele and me when we took the mirror off his truck (the bridge did it....) and decided not to eject us from the back of his truck bed as Rachele and I rode home from Six Flags in our lawn chairs (we just HAD to see Air Supply....).

He and Nancy took me to my first state fair, let me crash in their basement, put up with our lousy, constant karaoke of Wham songs, protected me from myself as needed and welcomed my children into their home. .... I love you, other dad”.

*Parm*

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**Parmelee Fehnel** - July 28, 2020 at 08:39 PM

BT

“ Many family memories spent with the Bob and Gibbs family over the years! We will always cherish these great times together. Prayers and love to all! Bill & Sharon Turnbough. Chris, Melanie, Austin and Reece Turnbough. Tina, Greg, Savannah and Delaney Squires.

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**Bill & Sharon Turnbough** - July 28, 2020 at 12:15 PM

DC

“ My heartfelt condolences Shelia and family. I met Bob and first impression was he was quiet and a gentleman and I saw in you Shelia the happinesses he gave you!

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**Donna Calicott** - July 28, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ *Our family spent endless hours with Bob and his family over the years. We had too many great memories to list. Annual New Year's celebrations, fishing trips to Canada with Bob and his son Jason. Riding motorcycles at his home in Old Monroe. Hunting deer, turkey, quail, doves, and darn near everything else all over.*

*Bob had a great spirit and was quick to laugh. We are very sorry to hear of his passing.  
He will be dearly missed.*

*The Lenoards*

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**Curtis Lenoard** - July 27, 2020 at 07:41 PM



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**Curtis Lenoard** - July 27, 2020 at 07:35 PM



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**Curtis Lenoard** - July 27, 2020 at 07:33 PM

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“ Hugs and prayers to Bob's family. May he Rest In Peace.

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**Susie and Rich Edmond** - July 27, 2020 at 07:14 PM



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**Curtis Lenoard** - July 27, 2020 at 07:06 PM

DG

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Bob’s passing. What a sweet wonderful man. I’m glad I had the privilege of helping him along the way. Prayers to Sheila and the family. May you be comforted by the memories.  
Donna Grote

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**Donna Grote** - July 27, 2020 at 05:54 PM

LV

“ My sons and I met Bob and Jason when we all made a fishing trip together with Don and Curt Lennard to Ontario, Canada over 40 years ago. The "Bald Eagle" was a joy to be around.

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**LeRoy Vogel** - July 27, 2020 at 04:37 PM