



Dr Jerry L. Gibbons

April 9, 1937 - September 30, 2021

Jerry Leon Gibbons was born on April 9, 1937 and died on September 30, 2021. He was a resident of Grove, Oklahoma but in the process of moving to the Kansas City metro area to be near family. Jerry was born and raised in Southwest City, Missouri and graduated from Southwest City High School. He was one of three children of the late Jerome and Marguerette Gibbons.

Jerry was a Navy veteran (1956-1960) who served as a Navy Corpsman with the 3rd Marine Division at Twenty-Nine Palms Marine Corps Base and later at Parris Island, South Carolina. Following his discharge, he obtained his degree in Pharmacy from Southwestern State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma. He was employed at several pharmacies in the Tulsa area while attending the University of Tulsa for Pre-Med. He entered the Kansas City College of Osteopathic Medicine (now Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences) in 1966, and graduated with a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree in 1970. After two years of family practice and a three-year residency in Anesthesia, he became a staff Anesthesiologist at Enid Memorial Hospital until 1978, before going to Tulsa Regional Hospital, where he remained until 1988. He then became Chief of Anesthesia at Deaconess West Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. He semi-retired in 2000, joining the staff of Freeman Hospital in Joplin, Missouri to finish out his career in medicine.

When he fully “retired” in 2006 to his home on Grand Lake in Oklahoma, he and his friends, Pete Norwood and Dr. Barry Miller, purchased and ran Honey Creek Landing Marina in Grove, Oklahoma until July 2021.

Jerry's accomplishments throughout his long and prosperous life were many, but his family, friends, faith and patriotism were what made him an honorable man we will all miss.

Jerry is survived by his wife Pamela Gibbons of Grove, Oklahoma; three children, Jack Lee Gibbons of Alameda, California, Danielle Gibbons of Prairie Village, Kansas, and Jason Gibbons of Dardenne Prairie, Missouri; four grandchildren, Jake and Joe Gibbons, Laura Gibbons, and Colin Babb; and a sister, Mary Kay Kelley of Gravette, Arkansas. He is preceded in death by his brother, Jack Williams. Above all, he wanted to be remembered for his legacy as a loving father and grandfather. And he accomplished that in spades.

All of Jerry's friends are invited to attend a wake in his honor, to celebrate his life and share their memories. Liturgical services and eulogies will be held at 2 pm on October 30, 2021 at Nichols-Stephens Chapel, 10201 U.S. Hwy 59 in Grove, Oklahoma, with reception and celebration of his life immediately following.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Care, www.kchospice.org.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT **30**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Nichols-Stephens Funeral and Cremation Service

10201 U.S. Highway 59

Grove, OK 74344

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr Jerry L. Gibbons*

October 04, 2023 at 03:23 PM



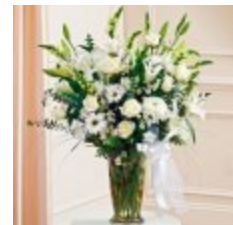
“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dr Jerry L. Gibbons.*



October 29, 2021 at 07:19 PM



“ *White (Large) Sympathy Vase Arrangement was purchased for the family of Dr Jerry L. Gibbons.*



October 29, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Dr Jerry L. Gibbons.*



October 29, 2021 at 03:42 PM

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“ Robin McEver & Tiffany Keigley purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Dr Jerry L. Gibbons.



Robin McEver & Tiffany Keigley - October 29, 2021 at 02:36 PM

JG

“ In 1975, I taught nurses at the hospital where Jerry practiced. Both families became friends. This friendship lasted all these years. Jerry became the brother I did not have. So many wonderful memories. My husband passed a few months ago. I know he and Jerry are playing golf in heaven. Two great men!!
-Julie Guppy

Julie Guppy - October 29, 2021 at 10:29 AM

DW

“ I’m probably not qualified to share my condolences here; after all, I’ve never officially met Dr. Gibbons. Although I feel as though I’ve known him for over twenty plus years. As a friend of his daughter, I’ve witnessed his integrity throughout her life that he’s modeled for his children and friends. I’ve seen his unselfishness and compassion and even his old school values when a person’s word meant something. No, I’ve never actually met Dr. Gibbons, but I can say with total sincerity, that from a distance, he’s become an inspiration to me as a father; how to be a loving grandfather and a devoted friend. Dr. Gibbons, thank you for encouraging me to be a better man. Your legacy lives. “A society grows when old men plant trees who’s shade they know they will never sit”. God bless you and your family.
DW

DW - October 05, 2021 at 09:36 PM

VM

“ I met Dr. Gibbons in January, 1992 when I was a very young nursing student. I was so afraid of approaching doctors, and let me tell you, Dr. Gibbons made me immediately feel at ease. He made me laugh on a daily basis, and I always looked forward to working when he was there.

Little did I know, Dr. Gibbons would become part of our family. He took my husband Barry in, trained him in his anesthesia residency, and treated him/us like one of his own. My kids knew Dr. Gibbons as Uncle Butchie, and has been an important part of our lives for so many years.

I will miss you, Uncle Butchie, and I'm confident God broke the mold when he made you! I will forever remember the awful jokes you told, that I think you made up..so bad, but so funny.

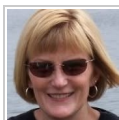
Rest In Peace. I will never, ever forget you..

Veronica Miller - October 05, 2021 at 09:02 PM

GR

Dr Gibbons was a very outstanding and compassionate doctor. I first met him when my Charity foundation the Friendship Foundation conducted a medical mission to Vietnam. Our Medical Director Dr Gerhard Flegel who is now passed away recruited Dr Gibbons to be one of our volunteers. He willingly joined our team giving his valuable time and expertise, all pro Bono. In Vietnam he assisted at many life-saving and significant operations. He also taught his skills and Learning to Vietnamese doctors and students, improving their capabilities so they could better help their patients. He also aided our Foundation in the United States so we could improve our charitable work overseas. He was a very warm-hearted and cheerful person who always shared his warmth with others. We will very much miss him. We express our sympathies with all his many family members. We know he is already enjoying his heavenly reward for all the good he accomplished here.

giahoa ryan - October 06, 2021 at 09:11 AM



Before he became a doctor, Jerry worked for my dad, Ellis Morhart at Ball Rexall Drug in Tulsa as a pharmacist. Good guy. Rest In Peace.

Margaret Morhart - October 25, 2021 at 11:30 AM