



## Josephine Havens Gibson

June 3, 1925 - December 15, 2018

Josephine Havens Gibson, 93, entered into eternal rest, at the home of her daughter, Esma Campbell, in Savannah, Georgia, Saturday morning, December 15, 2018, surrounded by her loving family. Josephine, more commonly known as “Jo”, or even Mama Jo, was born June 3, 1925 in Rocky Gap, Virginia to the late Myrtle Hudson Havens and Cecil Washington Isaac Havens. She was preceded in death by her late husband and love of her life for fifty one years, Clayton Monroe Gibson, truly a love story from the Greatest Generation. She was also preceded in death by her eldest daughter, Sharyn D. Gibson in 2008. Jo and Clayton were totally devoted to their daughters, Sharyn and Esma.

In addition, Josephine was preceded in death by three siblings, Dorothy Havens Prazecky, Donald Franklin Havens and John Saunders Carroll.

Those left to cherish, honor and keep her memory alive are her daughter Esma Gibson Campbell and her husband, Guy; two grandsons, Justin Samuel Strode and Brian Gibson Strode and his fiancée, Morgan, and children, Chloe, Connor, Collin, and Caroline Josephine Strode, her great-granddaughter who was named after Josephine; and one granddaughter, Stephanie Grzybowski and her husband, Paul, and children, Hannah and Emily. Josephine loved her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law dearly, and many nieces and nephews. Josephine was eternally devoted to her family. She enjoyed life to the fullest,

especially when she was with her children and grandchildren. She was always gracious and appreciative.

Josephine was a graduate Beaver High School, Bluefield, West Virginia. She enjoyed being a homemaker and her chocolate cake and fudge were favorites of everyone who had the good fortune to taste them. She loved sewing, quilting, and embroidery. She retired from Hill's Department Store in 1988 as manager of the Domestics Department.

Josephine was a former member of Greenview United Methodist Church.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Friday evening at Mercer Funeral Home.

The funeral service will be held at 11 o'clock Saturday morning at Greenview United Methodist Church conducted by the The Rev. Betty Davis, niece of Mrs. Gibson. Interment will be in Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton, West Virginia.

The family wishes to thank all those who helped care for Josephine during this difficult time and for the emotional support they gave to her and her family.

Please share your thoughts about Josephine and her life at [www.mercerfuneralhome.com](http://www.mercerfuneralhome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Mrs. Josephine Havens Gibson.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

Princeton, WV

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **21**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory  
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## Funeral Service

DEC **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Greenview United Methodist Church  
Bluefield, WV 24701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Josephine Havens Gibson*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Sad to hear Mrs. Gibson has gone on. I have fond memories of going to church with her family as a young person. Memories too of riding my bike from Bluefield to visit their home an see Sahryn an Esma. Charles Hampton, Princeton WV.*

**Charles Hampton** - December 21, 2018 at 07:46 PM



*Charles, so sweet of you. I too have such fond memories of you and your family. Your Mother was so special to me. She called me her little Moses and always told Mother and Daddy I belonged to her. I had her for Sunday School. Precious memories. And a rich spiritual heritage. My Mother thought the world of her.*

**Esma** - January 04, 2019 at 12:33 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Josephine Havens Gibson.*



December 20, 2018 at 11:32 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Josephine Havens Gibson.* ”



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December 20, 2018 at 05:22 AM