



Michael F. Gibson

October 8, 1948 - February 27, 2018

Prominent Bluefield Trial Attorney and City Councilman Dies at the Age of Sixty-Nine

Bluefield, WV- Michael Fielding “Mike” Gibson, passed away on February, 27, 2018 at the age of sixty-nine.

Born on October 8, 1948, in Gallipolis, Ohio, to Robert Gibson and Louise Holzer, he is

survived by his son John Gibson, and sister Lisa Brink Williams, her husband Theodore

Williams, and niece and nephew, Anna Williams and Theodore Williams, Jr.

A graduate of Woodberry Forest School and The College of William and Mary, he received his legal education at the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond, obtaining his juris doctorate degree in 1973.

Following law school, he moved to Bluefield and was a prominent member of the Mercer County Bar for 42 years.

In addition to the law, Mike was accomplished in many areas. He was an avid traveler,

venturing to Africa, the Amazon, and Australia in the company of his dear friend, Lane Austin.

He also enjoyed life outdoors, fishing and canoeing down Wolf Creek in Virginia. He was a gentleman farmer, operating Black Acre Farms in Spanishburg, West Virginia, where he raised Angus and Belted Galloway cattle.

In later years, Mike devoted himself to a life of public service. He was a passionate advocate for the growth and development of his home, Bluefield, WV. At the time of his passing he was serving his second term as representative of the 3rd District on the Bluefield City Board of Directors. Michael will be fondly remembered not only by his family and friends, but also by the thousands of clients he diligently and professionally served in his forty-two years as a member of the Mercer County Bar Association. The hard work, preparation, style, and relentless drive he portrayed at trial will be remembered and replicated by the many attorneys who worked and practiced under his tutelage. Most of all, Michael's greatest and proudest achievement was being the best father to his son John, whom he loved more than anything in the world.

There will be a Celebration of Life gathering at the Bluefield Arts Center on Friday, March, 9th at 7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Bluefield Union Mission, 2203 Bluefield Avenue, Bluefield, WV 24701 or to the Bluefield Arts Center for the ceremony in his honor, 500 Bland Street, Bluefield, WV 24701.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.MercerFuneralHome.com Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Michael Fielding Gibson.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 9. 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM (ET)

Bluefield Arts Center
500 Bland Street
Bluefield, WV 24701

Tribute Wall



“ *Michael F. Gibson*

October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Floyd And Donna Canterbury lit a candle in memory of Michael F. Gibson*



Floyd and Donna Canterbury - March 07, 2018 at 05:37 PM



“ *The Ladd Family~ purchased the Care and Compassion Spray for the family of Michael F. Gibson.*



The Ladd Family~ - March 07, 2018 at 01:06 PM



“ *From all of us at Daisey Reporting Services, thank you for all that you have done for our family over the years. You were a very loyal client and our thoughts and prayers are with John and the family!*

David Daisey - March 07, 2018 at 10:03 AM



“ *Talked about God, hope he accepted him ! Ruth was a great mom to John, and friend to Michael . Prayers for the family !*

Last Call - March 02, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Michael F. Gibson.*



March 02, 2018 at 02:49 PM



“ *Joan Bange Buchanan lit a candle in memory of Michael F. Gibson*



Joan Bange Buchanan - March 02, 2018 at 01:46 PM



“ *Mike was my first cousin, but he felt more like another older brother as he lived just down the street, went to the same church, had Sunday dinners with us, spent holidays with us and just had always been there in my life. Once we grew up, we stayed in touch and enjoyed getting our kids together so they would know their cousins too. Mike would do almost anything to help a friend, family member, or even a stranger if they needed his help. We will dearly miss this guy. He succeeded in a lot of things in his professional life, but I will always miss my wonderful cousin, the gentle giant who loved his son more than anything in this world and loved helping people through his work and in his community.*

Amy Irvin - March 02, 2018 at 12:23 PM

RH

“ Regina Hurley lit a candle in memory of Michael F. Gibson



Regina Hurley - March 01, 2018 at 09:28 PM

BD

“ Becky Davidson lit a candle in memory of Michael F. Gibson



Becky Davidson - March 01, 2018 at 03:13 PM

CG

“ My morning coffee group and I will greatly miss Mike sitting around the table with us and sharing his wisdom and some funny stories. Miss you our friend!
Gibby

Cecil “Gibby” Gibbons - February 28, 2018 at 09:17 AM

TF

Mike was a talented lawyer, a fierce advocate for his clients and a real gentleman. He will be sadly missed.
Tom Flaherty
Flaherty Sensabaugh & Bonasso

Thomas V Flaherty - March 07, 2018 at 03:37 PM

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Sorry to learn of Mike's passing. He will certainly be missed by all of his friends and clients. RIP our friend.

Floyd and Donna Canterbury

Floyd and Donna Canterbury - March 07, 2018 at 05:36 PM