



## James Haskell "Jim" Gibson

August 6, 1940 - July 27, 2021

James Haskell "Jim" Gibson, 80, of Muskogee, Oklahoma passed away on Tuesday, July 27, 2021. He was born on August 6, 1940 to William Gibson and Gertrude (Carr) Gibson in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Jim graduated from Muskogee Central High School with the Class of 1958.

He served in the United State Army as a sergeant from 1961-1964 and received an honorable discharge. While he was in the service, he worked as a chemist assistant in the medical lab. He also was a pitcher for the Army baseball team. Later, Jim worked in the crime lab at the FBI in Washington D.C., before transitioning to sales and marketing positions at various trucking companies. Jim retired from Trucks For You in 2008.

Jim married the love of his life, Connie Joyce Slay, on July 6, 1963. They shared 58 years of marriage, life, family and memories together.

He was a faithful member of Muskogee First Baptist Church for over 45 years where he served as a deacon and a teacher in the Children's Ministry. Jim's love of baseball gave him opportunities to serve as an umpire. In 2006 he was inducted to the Oklahoma State Association Hall of Fame for Umpires. Jim enjoyed driving the golf cart as he volunteered at Muskogee St. Francis Hospital. He also loved to golf and fish, especially with his grandkids. Some of his favorite times were watching and supporting his grandkids in all their activities. Jim will be missed by everyone who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Gertrude Gibson.

Jim is survived by his wife, Connie; daughters, Cathy Hook and husband Jamie of Edmond, OK, and Kellie Aylor and husband Brad of Owasso, OK; brother, Billy Gibson and wife Mary of Plant City, FL, and Les Gibson and wife Faye of Eufaula, OK; grandkids, Mason and Micah Hook of Edmond, OK, Addison, Andrew and Austen Aylor of Owasso, OK; numerous nephews, nieces, great-nephews, and great nieces and many other family members and friends.

Jim's family will greet friends from 7:00PM-8:30PM on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 in the parlor at First Baptist Church of Muskogee.

A celebration of Jim's life will be at 10AM, Thursday, August 5, 2021 at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery with Brad Aylor officiating and Jamie Hook singing.

It was Jim's wish that any memorial tributes be made in the form of charitable donations to

the Children's Ministry at First Baptist Church of Muskogee.

# Cemetery

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## Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 National Cemetery Rd.  
Fort Gibson, OK,

# Events

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**AUG 4** **Family to greet friends** 07:00PM - 08:30PM

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First Baptist Church Muskogee  
111 S. 7th Street, Muskogee, OK, US, 74401

**AUG 5** **Graveside Service** 10:00AM

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Fort Gibson National Cemetery  
1423 National Cemetery Rd., Fort Gibson, OK,  
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# Comments

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“ I met Jim early 1993 when I was a Trooper with Oklahoma Highway Patrol. I was called in off my vacation to help a Trooper at a fatal truck crash in Fort Gibson, OK. During the course of the investigation one of the Troopers on scene kidded me about retiring, I told him the I was waiting for the right company to come along before I made the leap. Jim caught me as I was leaving and asked for my resume. I told him I didn't carry them around in my OHP unit, but I would get one to him in a few days (giving myself time to actually build one). Long story the next week I was in the lobby at Whitlock Transportation with my brand hew hot off the printer resume. Jim came through with some folks he was showing around the facility and introduced me as his new "Safety Manager". We finalized the details of the job over 18 holes of golf and I got me a glof lesson to go with my new career. I wish that I had gotten news of his passing in time to attend the ceremony. Jim Gibson was a Class Act, and I will be forever grateful for knowing him.

Tom (fluffy) Ysbrand  
OHP Retired

tom ysbrand - August 06, 2021 at 11:19 AM

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“ Deepest sympathy and prayers for extra comfort and peace. Mike and Susan Dunn and family

susan dunn - August 04, 2021 at 02:47 PM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of James Haskell "Jim" Gibson.



August 03, 2021 at 11:21 AM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of James Haskell "Jim" Gibson.



August 03, 2021 at 10:16 AM

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Cornerstone Funeral Home and Crematory - August 02, 2021 at 04:27 PM

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“ Tears have fallen daily since I heard of Jim's passing. I spent many, many long weekends umpiring with him. Jim stayed with me often after the games ended so I wouldn't be at the ball fields alone when leaving. I have so many memories of him talking about his service to our country, the FBI and baseball. But what Jim talked to me most about was Connie, his girls, and Jesus. Until those grand babies came along then it was Jesus and the grandkids (but he never failed to share his love of Connie and the girls). One thing I will always cherish is the fact that we got inducted into the OK softball hall of fame at the same time. A while back someone asked me if I knew how to get a hold of Jim. Right off the top of my head I rattled off his number. I'm sure Connie got tired of me calling all the time for umpires! I will miss my friend. Heaven gained an angel for sure. Love, prayers and condolences to Connie and the family. Joy Sloan

Joy Sloan - July 31, 2021 at 04:09 PM

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Faye Gibson - July 30, 2021 at 09:19 PM

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Faye Gibson - July 30, 2021 at 09:12 PM

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“ Glenn And Glenette Briley lit a candle in memory of James Haskell "Jim" Gibson



Glenn and Glenette Briley - July 29, 2021 at 09:57 PM

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“ Jim and I were at the begining. I am 5 days older than Jim. Can not remember not knowing him. teased him a lot about being in the woods to use poison ivy for toilet paper. Spent many times at his house. Our fathers were real good friends. Jim played on our church softball team, blvd. christian and my father was the MGR. We were the city champs in 1957 of Muskogee. After high school we kinda lost contact, but we had good memories at our high school reunions. After my parents divorced, my father married Jims aunt Marcela, they had a happy life and she was a very loving step-mom. I knew Jims brothers also. Hang in there Connie. we will all miss Jim. Mickey Drake.....

**Mickey Drake** - July 29, 2021 at 09:20 PM

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“ Jim was one of the best men I knew. It was a pleasure to know him and work with him. Praying for his family.



**Melanie Thayer** - July 29, 2021 at 12:51 AM



“ Jim is my brother n law, so I've known him for over 50 years. We weren't around each other every day, but we have spent countless hours bass fishing in our younger days when we would gather at the Slay home in Blue Mtn. Ark. We would slip off and go fishing in any lake, stream, pond, or elsewhere where we thought a bass might exist. Many stories I could share about our ventures, but I will only share one. We were in a small metal boat one night when we had a partial moon. We could barely see a long snake moving on the water, when Jim cast his line and snagged it and reeled it in. He was in front, with me in the back. He really didn't mean to drop it in the boat, but it got off in the back of the boat where I was. Neither of us could see it, and I was close to jumping in the water since it was dark. Never saw Jim laugh so much, ever. Jim was a super guy in every respect. I don't ever remember him ever saying a negative remark about anyone, excluding Presidents. He was a humble Christian vet, who we all could model our lives after. I thank God for having the privilege of knowing him and having him in my life. Larry Smith

**Larry Smith** - August 02, 2021 at 08:46 AM