



Danny Floyd Gibson

October 13, 1943 - June 3, 2021

Danny Floyd Gibson, 77, of Walnut Ridge died peacefully in his home, Thursday, June 3, 2021; following a hard-fought battle with pancreatic cancer. Danny was born October 13, 1943 and was the son of Dan and Jewell Gibson. Danny, a life-long resident of Lawrence County, graduated from Walnut Ridge High School in 1961 and attended college at ASU and Arkansas Tech. He owned Danny Gibson Realty Company for several years and was the owner of Danny Gibson Shelter Insurance for over 45 years. Danny was a business partner in GAW with Jack Allison and Harold Willmuth. The partnership had interests in a mini-storage, farms, a cemetery, and North Ridge Subdivision. Danny also owned commercial and residential properties. Danny was an active and respected member of the community. He served ten years on the Walnut Ridge School Board, was a member of the Kawanis Club, was Past President of Chamber of Commerce, and served on the Lawrence County Hospital Foundation. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Danny was a gift to all who knew him. If you met Danny, he considered you a friend for life. From an idyllic childhood (some might say he was “spoiled”) to his wildy fun and mischievous high school days, as a young businessman raising two beautiful daughters, and throughout his successful career, Danny was always a friend to everyone. No politician could “work the room” any better. For Danny, it was always sincere. He genuinely loved people and was loved in return.

Danny was a mentor to many and was always ready to give his time and wise advice. He said many times that one never knows when a word of advice, a kind word, or even a small loan could change a life. Danny, who was called "Hoot" by many, loved fishing, cooking out, dancing with Sue, visiting, traveling, and having lunch at the Polar Freeze. The greatest joy in Danny's life was being with his family. He had a deep and unconditional love for each member of his family. He loved sharing his wealth of knowledge with his children and grandchildren. He has left an enormous hole in our hearts. Danny was preceded by his parents and his two sisters, Mable Gibson Riddle and Geraldine Kosovitch.

He is survived by his loving wife, partner, and best friend of 31 years, Sue; his daughters and their spouses, Sloane and Terry Kelley, and Shannon and Phillip Tolson all of Walnut Ridge; his bonus daughter and son and their spouses, Elizabeth and Wade Williams of Fayetteville, and Jeff and Allison Hatfield of Little Rock, thirteen grandchildren, Cameron Kelley, Barrett Kelley, Caroline Kelley, John-Scott and wife Rebekah Kelley, Andrew Smith, Abbey Cox, Matthew Cole, Jackson Cole, Henry Cole, Meredith Hatfield, Garrett Hatfield, Lucinda Prettyman, Leslie Williams, the mother of his daughters, Paula Enderwood, and a host of family and friends.

Honored to serve as Pallbearers are Cameron Kelley, Barrett Kelley, John-Scott Kelley, Andrew Smith, Matthew Cole, Henry Cole, Matthew Cox and Garrett Hatfield. Honorary Pallbearers are Caroline Kelley, Abbey Cox, Rebekah Kelley, Meredith Hatfield, Rex Ennis, Don Douglas, James Ivy, Bill Stracy, Jerry Cox, Harold Willmuth and Tim Wooldridge.

Funeral Services will be Monday, June 7, 2021 at 10 A.M. in the First United Methodist Church in Walnut Ridge with Reverend Beth Perdue. Visitation will be Sunday evening from 5 P.M. till 8 P.M. in the First United Methodist Church. Interment will follow in the Lawrence Memorial Park under the direction of the Bryan Funeral Home.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to First United Methodist Church, P.O.Box 66, Walnut Ridge or Childrens Shelter, 107 Benson Dr. Walnut Ridge.

Cemetery Details

Lawrence Memorial Park

Colonial Dr.
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
214 SW 2nd St
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476-2334
(870) 886-3141

Funeral Service

JUN 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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214 SW 2nd St
Walnut Ridge, AR 72476-2334
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Tribute Wall



“ *Danny Floyd Gibson*

January 29, 2023 at 08:29 AM

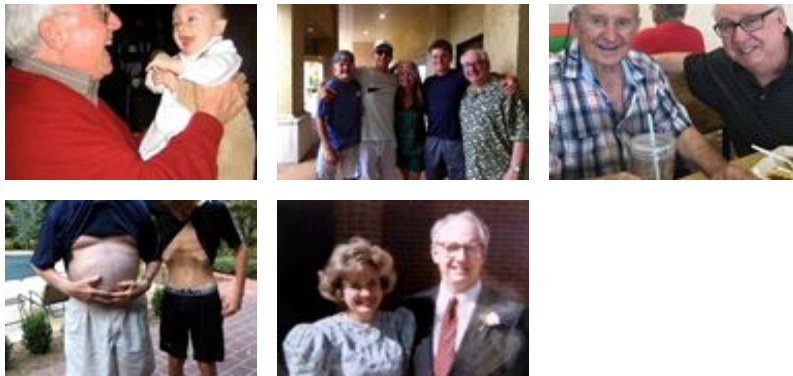


“ *Sue, Shannon and the Gibson Family - My condolences on Danny's homecoming. Danny was one of my favorites. I always enjoyed coming to the office to visit and running to Jack's Polar Freeze to grab a shake. He will be missed by all and I was blessed to know him. May God hold you close during this time.*

Brandon Procell - June 14, 2021 at 04:06 PM



“ *9 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Bryan Funeral Home - June 08, 2021 at 02:59 PM



Sue, Sloan, and Shannon, we are so very sorry for your loss! Sue, we will always remember our last visit with you and Danny last August at the Polar Freeze having one of those famous PF chocolate malts! Hoot was a good friend and I always enjoyed talking with him. We shared some good memories. Hoot was Mr. Walnut Ridge! We will continue to keep all of you in our prayers! Harry and Pam Hyslop

Harry Hyslop - June 13, 2021 at 11:28 AM

GB

“ Sue , Sloan, and Shannon so sorry for your loss thanks to Shelter Mary Ellen and I met Danny and Sue and became friends. On company trips and meetings we always enjoyed visiting Danny always told me to tell Dale Dabbs hello. Sue we will be praying for you and family at this difficult time

Gene Bowman - June 06, 2021 at 04:41 PM

RK

“ To Sue, Sloane, Shannon I just want to express my sincere sorrow of hearing of Hoots passing. I just saw Hoot and had the pleasure of sitting by him and Sue at John Scott's and Rebekah's rehearsal dinner this past October. We laughed and discussed some old times and in typical Danny fashion; asked about my kids and expressed how proud he was of them and his pride of his grandkids just showed thru with his every word. I'm not sure there's a man I've ever met who smiled as much as Danny and that's exactly how I remember him. Where there's a smile; there's LOVE in the heart and he had and HAS a Huge smile and the Biggest Heart !!! My condolences and my prayers to all of you, Paula , the grandkids, TK, Phillip and of course Sue and his Beautiful girls and the glow in his eyes , Sloane and Shannon; my heart is with you and prayers for you. Hoot is smiling in Heaven !!!

Rick Kelley - June 06, 2021 at 01:43 PM



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



Bryan Funeral Home - June 06, 2021 at 12:59 PM

GT

“ My prayers go to Sue, Sloane, Shannon and all the family. Danny was a good friend and put up with me wanting to see numerous houses before choosing one. He was very patient. I remember his starting a fund to help us pay for my daughter's (Michelle) funeral when she passed in 1981. RIP Danny. You will be missed by many.

Gloria Thompson - June 06, 2021 at 12:13 PM

GB

Sue , Sloan, and Shannon so sorry for your loss. Thanks to Shelter Mary Ellen and I got to meet Danny . On company trips and meetings we became friends he was a really nice guy . Sue you and the girls will be on our prayers.

Gene Bowman - June 06, 2021 at 04:03 PM

FJ

Sorry about your loss, Danny and I got to be good friends after my heart surgery in rehab I thought a lot of Danny I know everyone is going to miss him. I was a customer of his for 45 years at Shelter

Freddie J. Pickney Jr.

FREDDIE J PICKNEY JR - June 12, 2021 at 01:16 PM

JC

“ Danny was the kindest person to all who knew him, one of the most upbeat people anyone has ever met. he loved a good joke, so much so that I might get to hear the one I told a friend of his and mine the day before and listen to it again from him a few days later, but still laugh because he had a way of making it that much funnier! Our Cook family all loved him dearly and he will be forever missed.

R.I.P. my friend!

The Cook Family

"Janice, Larry, Shawn ,Shane "

Janice & Larry cook - June 05, 2021 at 10:49 PM

LR

“ Our condolences to Sue and the Gibson family. Enjoyed visiting and gleaning Danny's wisdom over the years. He always took time for others and will sorely be missed throughout the community.

Lynn & Angela Robert - June 05, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Danny Floyd Gibson.



June 05, 2021 at 05:18 PM

BG

“ Danny was a great friend and yes he provided many with encouragement when needed including me. Danny will be missed.

Bill Gilbert - June 05, 2021 at 11:28 AM

BH

“ I met Hoot shortly after I married Sondra Dobbs over fifty years ago. My new brother-in-law Jack Allison was one of Hoot’s closest friends and the three of us shared several adventures over the years. I immediately liked him a lot and we became good friends. My last visit with Hoot was by FaceTime on our iPhones. Fortunately I was at Holley Wells’ home with Velma, Sondra, Kellie, Stetson, Holley and Little Jack. Hoot had never seen Jack’s namesake so I passed the phone around the table and he got to see Little Jack for the first time. Even from his hospital bed he was cheerful and upbeat. That was Hoot. I am still trying to accept Jack’s passing and now am feeling the sadness again. Fortunately Hoot will live on in our memories. Doc Holley, Sondra, John and Allison

Byron E. Holley,M.D. - June 05, 2021 at 10:22 AM

DB

Kind, passionate, faithful and fun—these are just a few words that describe Danny. He was a stranger to no one. Rest In Peace, Danny.

dee buffington - June 05, 2021 at 07:24 PM

DB

“ Danny was a happy and caring person. His friendly spirit, genuine concern for all people could hardly be matched. To his wife, Sue, and his extended family a heart felt sympathy to each one. I recommend the reading of Ephesians 3:14-21. This passage would be the prayer that Danny would like for each of you to experience. Blessings! Dr. Tony Berry (former Walnut Ridge Bobcat classmate)

Dr. Tony Berry - June 05, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Danny Floyd Gibson.*



June 04, 2021 at 07:08 PM