



Ralph Gibson

March 20, 2017

Ralph Gibson, age 84, of Flowery Branch, GA passed away Monday, March 20, 2017. He is survived by his wife of thirty years, Carol Swann Gibson, Flowery Branch, GA; daughter, Cynthia Gibson, Greenville, SC; niece, Debbie and Jerry Ippolito; first cousins, Thad Byron Freeland, Jr., William Eugene Freeland, and Nancy Daves, Alpharetta, GA. Mr. Gibson was born April 28, 1932 in Statesville, NC. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He was a 1950 high school graduate and a 1960 graduate of North Carolina State with Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. He was the retired owner of B. C. I. Company. A member of the University Yacht Club since 1989, and a member of the Atlanta Ski Club since 1975, an avid golfer and boater where they own a house boat. Mr. Gibson traveled very extensively all over the world and his favorite place was Maui, Hawaii. A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 26, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the University Yacht Club, 6649 Yacht Club Road, Flowery Branch, GA 30542 with Cannon Bruce Shortell and the Reverend Caleb Clarke officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Eagle Ranch, P.O. Box 7200, Chestnut Mountain, GA 30502 or to: American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215 in memory of Ralph Gibson.

To express condolences, please sign our online guest book at www.flaniganfuneralhome.com. Arrangements By: Junior E. Flanigan of Flanigan Funeral Home and Crematory, Buford, GA (770) 932-1133.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph Gibson*

November 08, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *We are saddened about the loss of Ralph. A great person and friend. We will miss him. Have faith and embrace the strength of the UYC family. Unfortunately, we are out of the country and without internet/cell phones. We just learned of his passing and sorry we could not attend his life's celebrations. Love, Phil and Pam.*

Phil and Pam Eastman - March 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Ian and I are so saddened by Ralph's passing. You are an inspiration for taking such good care of him, always with patience and love. The service yesterday was the perfect tribute to a wonderful man. We will miss him. Sending our thoughts and prayers to you. Ian and Dean*

Ian and Dean Bragg - March 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Carol, We were so saddened to hear of Ralph's death. Our strongest memories of him are as the Skipper of his ship! He was also the Skipper of so much more, we're sure. Never forget that you are loved very much, Mary and Marvin*

Mary and Marvin Beem - March 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ *The Freeland Family of New Bern, NC are very blessed to have known Ralph. We loved our visit with him and his lovely wife, Carol. So grateful to be a part of this family. Sending much love and prayers to you Carol. Wish we could have made it down for some of the Christmas times. Will be thinking of you always.*

Eddy, Jodie, Mia & Kayla Freeland - March 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ *Dear Carol-
We always remember your gracious welcome to us when we joined UYC and in getting situated on I dock. You are in our thoughts and prayers. We'll miss Ralph's beautiful smile and warm greetings. And although we won't be able to join you today in person for the celebration of Ralph's life, we will be with you in spirit and love. With our deepest sympathies, Pam & Mark*

Pam Pfaff & Mark Pfaff - March 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *We are thinking about you during this time and pray for God's peace and comfort over you. Ralph gave such happiness to all he knew! We love you both .*

Eddie and Donna Mathis - March 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *Ralph was an amazing person with a personality as big as life I always looked forward to seeing Ralph as he always made me laugh and his compassion was infectious. If only all of us could live our life with such love and integrity what a world it would be. Carol and family I am so very sorry for your loss but I also know your amazing memories will help you until you can be with Ralph again. God speed Ralph and thank you*

Kirk Torgensen - March 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Carol,
We have lost a dear friend who had the gift of making everyone feel special. We were blessed to have him in our lives and all the memories of the fun times we had together. Cruising the Pacific Northwest in the largest boat in every marina was when we fell in love with both you and Ralph. That was the beginning of so many more adventurous boat trips.....so many laughs....so much fun! We will cherish Ralph's memories! Lots of love, Jim and Cheri

Jim and Cheri - March 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Carol, we love you & we loved Ralph so much. He was a wonderful man &
Will be missed by so many. We had so many good times together.
He will
Be missed!! Love you. Brenda

Brenda Roberts - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ We miss you already, Ralph. And we love you, Carol. May you feel the comfort of God's love, and celebrate how important Ralph was to all of your friends, old and new.

Craig & Betsy Wolf - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Carol,
I'm so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing I only had the pleasure of meeting him on a few occasions but knew instantly that he never met a stranger. He was kind and welcoming and I have no doubt that that's the way he's being received in his new Heavenly home. Please know that you are in my thoughts, my Prayers, and my heart. Much love to you and your family.

Eva Martin - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *"For this is what the High and Lofty One says,
Who lives forever and Whose Name is holy:
"I reside in the high and holy place,
But also with those crushed and lowly in spirit,
To revive the spirit of the lowly
And to revive the heart of those being crushed."
Isaiah 57:15*

Lorraine Denson - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *Our sincere condolences to Carol and the entire family. To know Ralph was to Love him...he loved everyone he met and made sure they knew it. Ralph will live on in our hearts and I believe his love will live on with Carol and the family. God Bless us all as we mourn this tremendous loss.*

Thurston "Biff" & Jeanne Prince - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Carol, we are so sorry for your loss. You both have always been so good to our family. My daughters, specially "Baby Michelle" has such good memories of everyone at the lake. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family always.

Love,

Michael, Jackie, Frances and Michelle

Michael and Jackie Cobb - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Carol:
Ralph is at peace with all the Saints in Heaven. I love you both.
Eileen Buehl

Eileen Buehl - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ Carol , another 30 plus years of friendship. Matt was by and talked about all the wonderful boat rides he took my sisters three kids on. We loved Ralphie more than a good friend.

Don't and Chea - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Carol, when we think of Ralph we're reminded of his fun loving, and kind nature he so freely shared with the world. Ray and I feel blessed to have gotten to know both of you since we joined UYC seven years ago. We'll surely miss his presence on Friday nights...when he'd enter the dining room with that big smile, and sparkling eyes. Our hearts are with you. Love, Ray and Rita

Rita Harvey - March 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

HA

“ Dear Carol

My deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family! I will never forget the first time I met you at the pool in Four Seasons we hit it off right away! I later met your sweet husband and we had such a great time playing Bunco on your houseboat! May precious memories somehow bring you some comfort during this very sad season in your life! You know we have you in our prayers .

*Much love,
Heidi Andersin*

Heidi Anderson - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say. He was the nicest and sweetest man. We are going to miss him so much on the I dock this summer. My deepest condolences.*

Patrice H Green - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Please accept my sincere condolences during this time of grief. My hope is that the words of Christ Jesus be of comfort, when he stated that "the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out" (John 5: 28?, 29). We can also take comfort in God's personal promise to "wipe out every tear" and that soon, even "death will be no more" (Revelation 21: 4).*

Emilio - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ Carol, I am so terribly sorry for your loss. I remember Ralph coming for a foot massage and I thought how pleasant and knowledgeable he was, with a keen sense of humor! I know he will be missed by all who knew him. Marilyn Ranck

Marilyn ranck - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ We love you Ralph and will greatly miss the 30 years of enjoying your friendship and companionship that we shared with you and Carol. See you on the other side.

Bill & Flo Carroll

Bill Carroll - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ We are going to miss our Raffie baby now
He will be in heaven
Playing golf and looking at all of us with
That wonderful smile he had
Love you Raffie baby
Aida andRichard

Richard and Aida Hoffman - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Carol,
I was to sorry to learn of Ralph's passing. Buddy and I enjoyed being with y'all at the Yatch Club. I remember the "clowning around" with you and Ralph. It was such fun. My thoughts and prayers will be with you in the days to come.

Sincerely,
Diana

Diana Browne - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

ET

“ How dear Ralph loved Carol, his family, his friends and life. We will surely miss his cheerful personality and his warm smile. Carol, you took such good care of your dear husband. We are praying for you.

Ed & Genie Troncalli - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Carol - we are shocked at the passing of Ralph. What a wonderful man and friend! Janet and I are vacationing in FL. We will leave for home a tad early so we can attend the memorial service at our UYC on Sunday. Our condolences, and Blessings,
Rick McCully

Judge Rick McCully - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Carol, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Ralph brought joy to anyone who knew him. "Those who touch the lives of others live forever." In deepest sympathy Lisa and Jimmy Wilson

Lisa and Jimmy Wilson - March 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM