

James Gibbs

September 7, 2011

On September 3, 2011, at age 76. Preceded in death by his father, Dr. E.C. Gibbs; mother, Mary Wilma; stepmother, Marion Alice; sister, Bambi Walsh; and twin sister, Mary McRoberts. Survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Mary; and 10 children, Anne Lorbeski (Jim), Molly Jakacki (Mike), Jim Gibbs II, Muffie Pearson (Greg), Marne Hicke (Mike), Patrick Gibbs (Jackie), Sean Gibbs (Rachel), Missy Norlander (Scott), Erin Young (Paul), Matt Gibbs (Colleen); 26 grandchildren; and 5 great-grand-children. Also survived by brother, Ned Gibbs (Mary); sisters, Lucy Imholte (Jack) and Judy Kerr (Mike); as well as many nieces and nephews. Special thanks to Dr. Noel Laudi and Beth. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday Sept. 10th 9:30 am Holy Cross Catholic Church, 17th Ave and University Ave NE. Private interment. Visitation Friday Sept. 9th 4-8pm @ Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel 763-767-1000 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd

Tribute Wall

JW

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Gibbs Family. My family has known Judge Gibbs for many years and I have very fond memories of him as I was growing up. He helped me to land my first job in Probation for Anoka County as new college graduate. I enjoyed working with him there. He always made me feel that my opinion and recommendations were important. After I left to Stearns County, I still had the pleasure of seeing him and working with him when he subbed in for other Judges. I remember the last time I saw him in Sauk Centre Court he took a recess when I entered the courtroom to "catch up" in Chambers. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with your family.*

~

Joyce Wong,

St. Cloud, Minnesota

Joyce Wong - October 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *miss you papa*

September 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I appeared before Judge Gibbs while a young Prosecutor for Circle Pines many years ago.He was honest,tough,but always fair.We need more like him.Louis M.Reidenberg,Esq.*

September 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Oh Dear Missy and family, So sorry to hear (read) about your Dad!! I would've been there had I known earlier. I miss you so much Missy, I hope you are doing well. I know my Mom loved working with your Dad while she was still a court deputy, many great stories! Thanks for being my friend all those years ago! Love your old friend, Jeanie

~

jeanie (johnston) braunschweig,

otsego, Minnesota

jeanie (johnston) braunschweig - September 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ To Mary, Anne, Molly, Jimmy and the rest of the Gibbs family, I am so sorry to hear of Jim's passing. I have such a wonderful vault of (the old) Rice Creek Terrace memories that Jim and your family are all a part of. When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. Thinking of you guys,

~

Gina McGraw,

Dallas, Texas

Contact Me

Gina McGraw - September 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FF

“ Our entire family was sorry to hear about Judge Jim's passing and send our condolences to all your family. We knew the Judge before he and Mary moved into their Springbrook Atrium home and knew him even better as a neighbor. Sorry we were unable to attend his funeral and pray he is now at peace.

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Family of Dan & Joanne Fay,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Family of Dan & Joanne Fay - September 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ To the Gibbs family: Having appeared before Judge Gibbs on thousands of cases (primarily child support; some civil commitment) from 1981 until his retirement, I can tell you that he was always one of my favorite judges. He didn't mince words and came down hard on people who violated court orders, but he always had a sparkle in his eye, was respectful of all participants, and was willing to give people a good faith opportunity to do the right thing. He wasn't one to be fooled, more than once telling a party who was clearly fabricating on the witness stand, "I may have been born at night, but I wasn't born last night". Even though the work my colleagues and I did (child support) was fairly routine in comparison to some of the more glamorous cases judges preside over, Judge Gibbs never gave us the impression that he'd rather be handling other kinds of cases or imply that child support was any less important than other court matters. He was supportive of the attorneys who handled child support matters in the county attorney's office, having once written a very complimentary letter to the county attorney about our work in his courtroom. I will miss him.

~

Janice Allen,

Anoka, Minnesota

Janice Allen - September 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ *To they entire Gibbs Family...Thoughts and prayers to one and all. I know my Mom, Katie Clark was waiting at the heavenly gates when Judge Gibbs arrived so she could poke some Irish humor at him. She really had so much respect for him and when she was alive and we would happen to see him out and about her Irish eyes glowed and she gave him a hard time....lots of laughter ...God Bless you all.*

~

Norah Clark Wyman,

Anoka, Minnesota

Norah Clark Wyman - September 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Mrs Gibbs And Family I just today saw of Judge Glbbs Passing he was a big influence in my life as I came to know him through the Anoka County Juvenile Justice System as a run away He made me see that my life had value and that I could do anything I owe my life to him and 2 Great Police officers from Columbia Heights. I am so truly sorry for your loss he was an amazing man.....

~

Tracey (Patten) Libson,

New Brighton, Minnesota

Tracey (Patten) Libson - September 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ I was fortunate to have known Judge Gibbs for many years and blessed to have him officiate at my wedding 26 years ago - thoughts and prayers for the family.

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Deb Niznik-McKinnis,

North Branch, Minnesota

Deb Niznik-McKinnis - September 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ Our thoughts & prayers are with you all in the days ahead! Rest in peace Mr. Gibbs

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Geyen Family,

Bloomington, Minnesota

Geyen Family - September 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Dear Gibbs Family, at this very sad and difficult time allow us to send you our heartfelt condolences. The Judge will be missed by many. Love and Prayers,*

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Jack & Heidi Burmis,

Fridley, Minnesota

Jack & Heidi Burmis - September 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

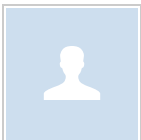


“ Dear Gibbs family, we want to extend our heartfelt condolences for the loss of your loved one. I came to know Judge Gibbs when I first got into law enforcement in 1995 as a bailiff. Ever since that day, I got to know Judge Gibbs on a personal level and developed some very good friendships with many of his family members. Judge Gibbs was a wonderful man, whom I had the utmost respect for. It was a true honor to know him. He will be deeply missed. Our prayers are with your family.

~

Mick & Jill Hlavinka

September 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary and family: I am an assistant county attorney here in Crow Wing (Brainerd). Your husband and father was one of the best men I have ever met. It was an honor to be with him in the courtroom, and an absolute delight to talk with outside of the courtroom. My thoughts and prayers are with you. David Hermerding

September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SA

“*Mary and family: My memories of Jim are numerous and fond. He was always had a positive attitude and a smile. He was fun to be around, a great guy to play golf with, and a down to earth humor that always made me feel good. Even though Ginger and I moved far away, he and Mary always had time to visit when we came back to town, normally at his favorite restaurant the Timber Lodge. Our deepest condolences to the entire family,*

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Steve Ahrens,

Lake Havasu City, Arizona

Contact Me

Steve Ahrens - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the family of Jim Gibbs. He was a gentle, kind, and honorable man, whom I had come to know and respect over many years. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers.*

~

Andrew Revering,

Tucson, Arizona

Andrew Revering - September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Gibbs Family, What a great man Mr. Gibbs was! Rice Creek Terrace has many memories, and seeing him on the porch is one of them! Our prayers are with your family during this time. The Olson Family*

September 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ I'm sorry to hear of Judge Gibbs passing. From the first day, I met him, he always stopped what he was doing to acknowledge my presence no matter if it was in the courtroom or hallway of the courthouse. He showed empathy to "Joe Lunch Bucket" yet was stern when needed. I always found him as a Judge to talk to people that came before him, not down to them.

~

Elliot Wong,

Shakopee, Minnesota

Elliot Wong - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to your entire family. Vernetta Opheim Barnes (classmate of Sean's)

September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mr Gibbs was an awesome co worker, cabin neighbor, and golf pro. We will miss him deeply. Myles/Beth Blomquist*

September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I worked in the Anoka County Court system for 20 years and was honored to have known Judge Gibbs. He was a very nice person, had a great sense of humor and was always had time for the staff members. He will be greatly missed!*

~

Barbara Klink,

Blaine, Minnesota

Barbara Klink - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Gibbs family, So sorry to hear about Judge Gibbs passing away. He was always so nice and fun to visit with at the cabin and hockey games. He was a really good man and I know he will be missed alot. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

~

Dan and Jill Johnson,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Dan and Jill Johnson - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Thinking of the Gibbs family and sending prayers of comfort at this very difficult time. May your memories bring smiles to your faces and warmth to your hearts. (friend of Matt and Colleen)

~

Callie BushMiller,

Blaine, Minnesota

Callie BushMiller - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Judge Gibbs was always a joy to work with, loved listening to all his stories of his kids, grandkids, at the cabin...loved it! :)

~

Shelley Ford,

Brainerd, Minnesota

Contact Me

Shelley Ford - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ respectfully my love and sympathy to the Gibbs family . i first jim many years ago he represented me in court , the charge being assault ,the trial was by jury , he was calm and quiet . near the end while making our case to the jury i felt that i may have been let down by Jim by the way he spoke of me to this jury , he walked back and fourth as he spoke and at times almost appeared to be defending the other person then with out any visible sign exploded in my defense to the jurors in a mannor that amazed myself and im sure others as well .the verdict not guilty .i have thought of you daily sir many times for many years now and again i say to you thank you Jim .

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jeff b,

st.francis

jeff b - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ At age 18 Jim and three of us ventured on a trip across the country with \$18. in our pockets and arrived home from some 3,000 miles of travel with 1/2 a jar of sandwich spread and 4 pieces of bread. It was a most memorable journey and set the tone for Jim's hardiness and ability to cope with varied and sundry circumstances in life.

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Don Pates,

San Diego, California

Don Pates - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ *Jim was one of the nicest people we've ever met. We lived across the street from Jim and Mary for a few years in Coon Rapids. Just great people all the way around. Many stories and many more laughs! God bless.*

~

Todd & Heidi Johnson,

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

Todd & Heidi Johnson - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *My prayers and thoughts are with Missy and the entire Gibbs family. I had the honor of working with Judge Gibbs several times and it was so clear how much he loved his family and his job. This is a great loss for everyone*

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Denise Banyai,

Oak Park, Minnesota

Denise Banyai - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ We were so saddened by the loss of your Dad. He was a man of great integrity and he had a wicked sense of humor. We wish we could have seen him at Andy and Annies wedding. There is no doubt that his memory will live on through all of you. We feel honored to have been able to know him. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

~

Paula and Gary Anderson,

Ramsey, Minnesota

Paula and Gary Anderson - September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am sad that one of the great prosecutors and judges in Anoka county is no longer with us. I knew Judge Gibbs for 46 years. Ben Hedlund Retired Sgt.

September 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ Judge Gibbs was a kind and complicated man. He assisted me as I learned the ropes both as a law clerk then prosecutor. There are so many quotable "Gibbsims" still memorable after 20+ years. Sincere condolences to all the family (Mary I heard so many wonderful things about you). Sandra & Doug Johnson (From the British Isles)

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sandra johnson,

bloomington, Minnesota

sandra johnson - September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I was one of his first chemo nurses when he was in room 267 on 2E...He was funny, gracious and sweet to all of our staff and I'm so sorry he is gone. God comfort you with wonderful memories Cindy W. RN Mercy 2E

~

Cindy Watson

September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Our deepest condolences to the whole Gibbs family and especially Aunt Mary. We will miss Uncle Jim, his stories, and his great sense of humor. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Franny and Dave Bottger

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Frances Bottger,

Oak Park, Illinois

Frances Bottger - September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ So very sorry to hear of his passing. He was a wonderful man and will be greatly missed. I feel truly blessed to have known him. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Paula Weitnauer

September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ To the Gibbs family, Please know that my prayers are with you as you have said goodbye and prepare to celebrate the life of the Honorable James Daily Gibbs - your son, husband, father, brother, uncle, friend, etc. I hope it is comforting to know that you are not alone during this sad time. Many prayers and blessings, Mona Dohman

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Mona Dohman,

Maple Grove, Minnesota

Mona Dohman - September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We are so sorry for your loss!Maggie, Russ, Aimee and Anthony

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Margaret Micek,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Margaret Micek - September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ *I have the best memories of working with Judge Gibbs. He was more than a judge to me but a father figure. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to you, Mary and all of the family. God Bless*

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Patty (Elmer) Mallum,

Elk River, Minnesota

Patty (Elmer) Mallum - September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *You are in our thoughts and prayers. Benet and Laurie Klein*

September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary and All of the Gibbs Family,I am very sorry to hear about "Uncle" Jimmy. He was a wonderful man whom I am sure will be truly missed by not only you but many whose lives he touched. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers in the difficult days ahead. May you find some peace in knowing that he is in very good company. God Bless,Lucy Boyne Hallman*

September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am thinking of all of you and sending my love.*

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Rachel Imholte,

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Rachel Imholte - September 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM