



Thomas "Larry" Gibbs

Aug. 13, 1943 - Aug. 18, 2024

Thomas "Larry" Gibbs, of Lenoir, NC passed away August 18, 2024, at Caldwell County Hospice, Robbins Center.

Born August 13, 1943, in McDowell County and raised in Nebo, he was the son of the late Carl Thomas "Tommy" Gibbs and Mary "Sue" Craig Gibbs. He is preceded in death by his sisters Beth Wilson and Jane Burress.

Mr. Gibbs was a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church. He served in the Army, worked on the railroad, Frito-Lay and retired from Leviton (Southern Devices) in Glen Alpine, NC. After retirement he and Jean built their retirement home in Lenoir, NC. Larry was blessed with a close-knit family and many friends who filled his life with joy, laughter, and support.

A loving husband, father, and papaw, Larry is survived by his wife of 59 years, Dorothy "Jean" Burnette Gibbs; children, Angela Gibbs Rudd (Ken) of Mount Holly, NC and Christopher Thomas Gibbs (Michele) of Lenoir; grandchildren, Andrew Rudd of Mount Holly, NC; Gracie Gibbs of Lenoir, NC; and Kristen Gibbs of Lenoir, NC; nieces and nephews, Scotty Prather (Rebecca) of Raleigh, NC, Shelly Yates (Jason) of Marion, NC, and Kevin Burress of Valdese, NC, and an aunt, Ann Morgan of Marion, NC.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday, August 25, 2024 at Sossoman Funeral Home. A graveside service for Larry will be held at a later date.

The family would like to thank all the special caregivers from Avail Home Health and Amorem (previously Caldwell County Hospice) in Lenoir who provided

compassionate care and support. You were a source of strength and peace during a difficult time and are Angels on Earth.

Memorial contributions may be made to Amorem Hospice (amoremsupport.org/donate).

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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Larry was a good friend and neighbor when he lived in Glen Alpine across the street from us. We worked together at Southern Devices and ill always remember his smile and wisdom. RIP my friend.

–Thomas Reece

Larry and Jean were good friend's back in the1970's

–Larry N. Small

To the family we express our deepest sympathy during this time. We pray for comfort and peace for each of you. Each of the caregivers who had the privilege to spend time with Larry and Jean would have plenty of stories and memories of laughter to share. Larry gave each of us a nick name as well as never missing an opportunity to wise crack along with us. We will certainly miss his witty banter! Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

–Avail Home Care