



Frederick Leonard Gibson

October 26, 1932 - December 17, 2024

F. Leonard Gibson, born on October 26, 1932 in Fresno, CA, passed away in Albany, OR, on December 17, 2024, at the age of 92. His parents were Marshall and Ethel Gibson (Casebolt) and Leonard was the first born of four children.

His early life was in rural California, moving often due to his father's surveying jobs. When he was ten, his family moved to San Francisco Bay Area where he graduated from Berkeley High School. He met his future wife, Nuleen Gayle Knight, at a Christian youth group program.

He continued his education at Whitworth College in Spokane. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard in Port Chicago, California. He and Nuleen married April 19, 1953.

Leonard finished his undergraduate college education in accounting at Golden Gate College. While attending Golden Gate, he had a full-time job at a local hospital and became the father of his first child, Marshall and Kevin Gibson.

The family moved to Chicago in 1957, where he attended Northwestern University, receiving an MS in Hospital Administration in 1959.

Returning to California, Leonard was the hospital administrator in Blythe, CA,

where his son, Todd, was born. Later the family moved to Toledo, OR, and his first daughter, Laurie, was born.

Eventually the family moved to Corvallis where he became the Student Health Center administrator OSU. His last child, Jennifer, was born in Corvallis in 1967.

After leaving OSU, he went to Sutherland to operate a store before returning to Corvallis where he and his wife ran the FISH House, a temporary shelter for women and children.

Throughout his lifetime, he and his wife were active in their children's lives and in the community with church and family the main drivers of his life.

He instilled in his children the Golden Rule and respect for everyone. He is sorely missed.

Leonard is survived by a sister, three children, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in honor of Leonard to your favorite church or charitable organization.

Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at www.McHenryFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ *I always liked his raspy gentle voice and his kind gentle manner. He was a great uncle.*

Miriam Eusebio - December 27, 2024 at 12:05 AM

CW

“ *Bob and I enjoyed Leonard and Nuleen when all were in the Just Older Youth Sunday School group at the ECNA church. Carolyn Webb*

Carolyn Webb - December 26, 2024 at 03:51 AM

MI

“ *Leonard filled in as a bonus dad for me. I enjoyed his stories and especially his family history ones. We enjoyed talking about family history. I was impressed that he was an Eagle Scout and so were his sons- he was very proud of that. I enjoyed his smile and the twinkle in his eyes he'd get when he was about to make a joke. I have good memories of playing corn hole with him in the house, enjoying a live baseball game, music in the park, walks and so much more. You will be missed Leonard by this bonus daughter!*

Michele - December 25, 2024 at 10:48 AM

SS

“ I had the joy of meeting Leonard and Nuleen Gibson through their daughter Jennifer Borders. Leonard was not only a caring kind person, he used his talents over his career to help many people. He was a Toledo, Oregon Hospital Administrator, an Administrator at OSU Student Health Center, and with his wife directed FISH in Corvallis for awhile. As recent as a couple years ago, Leonard was taking a writing class to write his life story for his children. Leonard was an inspiring gentleman who will be missed.

Sherry Sorby - December 22, 2024 at 11:32 PM



“ My first interactions with Leonard was in the 1970's when he was an adult leader for Corvallis Boy Scout Troop 2. He sons Kevin and the late Marshall were my fellow scouts. Later Leonard was one of my patients when I was a primary care physician at The Corvallis Clinic. I never knew Leonard when he was working at the OSU Student Health Center but I eventually worked at Student Health. I have fond memories with Leonard and his sons during my scouting years. He was a kind, caring man.

James Koski - December 19, 2024 at 07:27 PM

SB

“ Please accept our condolences. Mr Gibson was the Student Health Center administrator when I first started working there, as an RN. He was always very kind and friendly. It was good to see him again in recent years when he attended the Retiree coffee downtown. I will remember him as a gentle person who cared.
Susan. Brown

Susan Brown - December 19, 2024 at 11:56 AM

DM

“ I first met Leonard in 1979 in Salt Lake, UT. I've always thought of him as an honorable and gentle Human Being who was the husband of my sister, Nuleen. Over the years he and Nuleen came to Laramie during their travels and he always remained gentle and honorable. I know he missed Nuleen a lot thus I have to say this gentleman is now with his beloved wife and I'm pleased for both of them!

Dicksie May - December 18, 2024 at 10:40 PM

BM

“ Uncle had the best hugs he loves talking baseball with his nephew bryan they would talk for hours ... we will miss u uncle

Brenda Mcelroy - December 18, 2024 at 09:47 PM