



Debbie Lee Gibson

August 14, 1959 - March 13, 2018

Debbie "Disco Deb" Lee Gibson

On August 14, 1959 in the city of Huntington, WV the chimes of time rang out the news that Debbie Lee Smith was born to the late Donald McDowell and Brenda Lee Smith. Debbie graduated from Huntington High School in the class of 1977. Following high school, she enrolled in Marshall University and received an Associate Degree in Business Administration. Debbie was a part of the sorority Kappa Kittens. Debbie was employed with the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers in Huntington, WV for 28 years where she was medically retired as a Realty Assistant in the Real Estate Division due to her bout with ALL Leukemia. Debbie loved her family and friends and attended many of their sporting and social functions. She was a dancing diva, nicknamed "Disco Deb" by her many friends and family. Debbie taught line dancing at The Marie Redd Center, she also decorated for many church, birthday and wedding events for her friends and family. She also loved to yell "Bingo" from time to time. She was cast as an extra in the American Playhouse episode: Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson in 1984, were the star Ken Howard personally told Debbie she did a great job, she originally had a small speaking part but was cut from final production. Debbie always was helping someone with her bright smile and personality, she will be sorely missed by everyone that knew her.

She never forgot a birthday or anniversary of her friends and family, she would call her family, friends and their children every year. On Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at The Ohio State James Cancer Center surrounded by her

children and siblings the chimes that began 58 years ago rang out the news that Debbie had been called to join her father, Donald McDowell and mother, Brenda Smith-Ervin; grandmother, Lillian Smith; brother, Ronald "Dolla" Smith and other family, friends and loved ones who preceded her in death. She leaves to cherish her memories; her children, Rodney (Autumn) Gibson, Jr. of Williamstown, WV, Deric Gibson of Parkersburg, WV and Dominique Gibson of Huntington, WV; siblings, Randy Smith of Huntington, WV, Jon (Syretta) Smith of Columbus, OH, Stacy (George) Crisp of Huntington, WV, Michelle (Ken) Logwood of Reynoldsburg, OH, Deanna Barron of WV and Franklin (Lusi) McDowell of Midwest City, OK. Only grandson, Rodney "Tripp" Gibson, III; step-granddaughter, Nakiya Bell; step-daughters, Courtney White-Bell and Julia White-Daniels; Ex-husbands, Leon White and Rodney Gibson; Godchildren, Shaquan Cooper of Miami, FL and Turchon Johnson of Huntington, WV. Also, surviving are her nieces and nephews; Charlie Pankey, of South Carolina, Erika and Jasmine Smith of Richmond, VA, Kenny, Kristopher and Kristina Logwood of Reynoldsburg, OH, Brandon Hill of Columbus, OH, Travis Atkins, Seneca Smith, RJ Smith of Huntington, WV, John Thurmond of Parkersburg, WV, Jasmine, Dominique, Kailee and A'Mharee McDowell, of Garden City, KS and Sasha Drones, of Wichita, KS. Special Friends: Debbie and Michael Cooper of Lake Norman, NC, Tonia Kay Page, Annie Williams, Nadine Plumley, Diane Graves, Michelle Wooding-McGhee and a host of other relatives and many, many friends that are too numerous to count. Visitation will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M., Friday, March 23, 2018 at 16th Street Baptist. Funeral services will be conducted at 1:00 P.M., Saturday at the church with Pastor Kary Williams, officiating. Burial will follow at Spring Hill Cemetery, Huntington. Online condolences may be expressed to the family below.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Debbie Lee Gibson*

October 08, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Michelle, you and your family have my deepest condolences ... we will be praying for you guys.*

Tom Hayest - March 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *DEBBIE AND I WERE FORMER CLASSMATES AT HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL.WE WERE BORN ON THE SAME DAY AND YEAR*

INGA ATWELL - March 22, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. Anonymous You lived it to the fullest Kuz ... Kuz Billy Martin*

William S. Martin - March 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our Prayers are with you.. Elsie, Leslie, William, Gary, Arnold and Paul Martin and their Families Give Thanks To The LORD, For He Is Good! His Faithful Love Endures Forever.*

The Martin Faamily - March 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ *She always went out of her way to greet people with a kind words and a smile.*

Mary Ann - March 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ *GOD HAS PERFECT timing; never early, NEVER LATE. It takes a little PATIENCE AND A WHOLE LOT of faith.. BUT IT'S WORTH THE WAIT. Will be Truly Missed, Big Sis!!!*

Min.Jerome& Loretta Whitfield - March 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *My sincere condolences to the family and her friends. I pray God comforts your hearts. I knew Debbie through work at Corp's of Engineers. She was always a generous, joyful and bright spirit, wherever she was, she would brighten the room. She will be sin*

Beverly Holloway Payne - March 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *My condolences go out to all. I have many fond memories of Debbie while working with her at the Corps of Engineers. Her sense of humor was one of a kind and talking to her always made my day better. I will miss her.*

Mary Newman - March 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *GOD BLISS MY FAMILY!! DEBBIE YOU KNEW HOW MUCH I LOVED YOU AND I WILL SEE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE. GOD IS GOOD ALL THE TIME!!!*

ROSCOE BURGESS JR - March 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Sending out condolences, love and prayers to the family. Debbie will surely be missed! Please take comfort in knowing that she is now resting in the bosom of Abraham. Fly high sweet angel, fly high.
Lisa & Starr

Lisa Moten - March 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ I'm sure heaven has another dancer. Always remember those high school days. Will miss you. May god give her children the strength to carry on.

Tammy Spotts Nelson - March 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Condolences to her family and friends, R.I.P

Sharon Gray - March 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ So sorry to hear of this sweet lady passing. My condolences to the family.

Mary Ann Maynard - March 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ This is heartbreaking. Debbie made passing by her office or in the hallway a delight. I'm sure Heaven is brighter with her contagious laughter and that big, beautiful, genuine smile. May God bless and bring that peace that passes all understanding to thos

LesleyAnn Waggoner - March 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Sending my Condolences to Smith/Gibson family. I will always remember her smile, big heart, and her line dancing.* ”

Mary Banks - March 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CO

“ *She was a great person both inside and out. Worked many years with her at the Corp of Engineers. She will be greatly missed.* ”

Connie - March 14, 2018 at 12:00 AM