



## Gifford Thomas Gibson

October 27, 2018

Gifford Thomas Gibson, age 82, passed away on October 27, 2018 in Loveland, Colorado surrounded by his family. Giff was the son of Alenor Jr. and Hazel Gifford Gibson. He was deeply loved by his family and friends.

Giff was born in Oshkosh, WI in 1936, graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1958 and married his high school sweetheart, Ellen McDermott. He served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. He became the General Manager of the Gibson Motor Company Inc. of Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, Neenah, Menasha, and Appleton, eventually retiring as the President of the company. Mr. Gibson served for many years on the Board of Directors of the First Wisconsin National Bank. He was a past Commodore of the Oshkosh Yacht Club, a member of the South Side Ice Yacht Club, the Oshkosh Country Club, Bend OR Country Club, Sisters OR Kiwanis Club.

Giff had a life-long passion for sailing; in building boats as a hobby and sailing on Lake Winnebago as much as possible. In his earlier years, he would race E Scow boats with Ellen and in his later years, he would take the family out sailing on the boats that he had designed and built. Winter was spent ice-boating, going out on exciting rides across the ice. Giff also enjoyed music and learned to play the piano by ear. He could write beautiful music or take a popular song and make a better rendition. Giff was clever and inventive, figuring out new ways to bend wood around forms, make epoxy repairs on an ice-boat after a crack-up. He even designed a gadget that would pluck a duck. And he loved tennis – a lifetime of tennis.

Giff was a lifelong devout Catholic, and his faith formed who he was and how he lived. He was a positive, upbeat person who never spoke an unkind word. He will always be remembered by anyone who knew him as a gentleman with a kind heart.

He is survived by his wife of sixty years, Ellen McDermott Gibson. Three children, Kimberly (Mark Romerein) Lindberg of Timnath CO, William (Chris Manuel) Gibson of New Castle, CO, Katie (Scott Bischke) Gibson of Bozeman, MT. Three grandchildren,

Corrina (Brandon) Benjamin, Laura (Dillon) Dugan, Katie Lindberg and many dear nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters and brother: Jane Bergstrom, Marjorie Haase, Allan Gibson; nieces and nephews Jennifer Bergstrom Sitter, William Bergstrom, Rochelle Haase, Dennis Kammerer.

A Memorial Mass will be held at 10:30 am on November 17 at Saint Elizabeth Anne Seton Catholic Church, Fort Collins, CO followed by interment in Grand View Cemetery, Fort Collins, CO.

In lieu of flowers, memorials could be made to the following: Oshkosh Area Community Foundation for the benefit of the Oshkosh Yacht Club, 230 Ohio St. Suite 100, Oshkosh, WI 54902. Pathways Hospice of Fort Collins at [Pathways-care.org](http://Pathways-care.org) or Alzheimer's Association of Fort Collins CO, 415 Peterson St. Fort Collins, CO 80524.

# Cemetery

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## Grandview Cemetery

1900 West Mountain  
Avenue

Fort Collins, CO, 80521

# Events

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**NOV Memorial Mass**

10:30AM

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St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church

5450 South Lemay Avenue, Fort Collins, CO, US,  
80525

# Comments

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“ Dear Aunt Ellen, Kim, Kate and Bill ,  
So sorry to hear about the passing of My Uncle Giff, My Deepest Condolences to you and your families. Giffy was so loved and respected in my family. My Mom (Margie) always thought the world of him, and would love telling us tales about when they were young and her memories of Family times growing up. To me, as well, he seemed kind and thoughtful and just a truly good person.  
Much Love to You All,  
Camilla and Nick Bye

**camilla** - December 05, 2018 at 04:22 AM

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“ Dear Ellen, and family  
Gary and I were so sad to hear the news of Gif. We both thought the world of him. We have fond memories of you both. I loved to hear Gif laugh when we would call and I would tell him something funny. Gif was one of those people that when you met him you met a friend.

With love and Blessings

Darlene and Gary Vogds

**Darlene & Gary Vogds** - November 09, 2018 at 05:49 PM

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“ I did not know Giff well as we had been neighbors in Loveland for only a short time prior to his passing. There are a few things that stand out in my mind about him. He was always the most kind, and gentle person with a perpetual smile on his face. He was great at shoveling snow and always kept his driveway, and the steps up to his house, in tip-top shape during the winter. A funny thing to notice I guess, but it indicated to me that he took care of his family and his home; I respected that quality in him. My condolences to Ellen, his entire family and to his many friends.  
Sincerely,  
Gaye Garrison

**Gaye Garrison** - November 05, 2018 at 10:25 PM

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“ We knew Giffy & Ellen from our time together in Sisters, Oregon. I was a new member of Kiwanis and after a meeting he came up to me and introduced himself saying he grew up in Oshkosh too. Turns out he and Ellen knew my family. That was such a sweet coincidence and a nice opportunity to get to know them both. Our family grew up on Lake Winnebago so we had the love of the lake connection, the country club connection, the Oshkosh connection, and the Oregon connection. We were sad to see Giffy & Ellen leave the Sisters area but at the same time excited for them to pursue their travel adventures, their sailing, and their proximity to family. Our condolences to Ellen and the entire family. We hope your hearts can be filled with peace knowing that such a super quality guy was a major part of your lives.

Warm Regards,  
Lynne & Phil Keller

**Lynne Keller** - November 04, 2018 at 03:19 PM



“ Thank you Lynne and Phil,

We did have good times together. This Thanksgiving Day reminds me of the delicious dinner you prepared for us several years ago to celebrate the day. Would love to write to you. Could you call Goes Funeral Home and give them your address.

**Ellen** - November 22, 2018 at 01:04 PM

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“ To Bill, Chris, and Cory our deepest condolences on the loss of your father, father in-law, and Grandpa. May you always remember Giff with the fondest of memories. And to Ellen, Kim, and Kate our deepest sympathy for your loss. Sandoval-Gabel family

**Brian Gabel** - November 04, 2018 at 01:59 PM