



## Paul "Jake" Gibson

February 7, 1941 - June 5, 2023

Paul "Jake" Gibson, loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather passed away peacefully on Monday June 5, 2023, at his home in Jeffersontown. Jake was born on February 7, 1941, in Louisville to Anderson and Gertrude Gibson. On February 24, 1962 he married his forever love Anna Marie Petrali and joined a family who owned the Sportsdrome Speedway in Jeffersonville, IN. Jake began work there in the 1960's – and ran the track for the next 55 years as the General Manager and Promoter. Jake was also inducted into the Kentucky Motorsports Hall of Fame in 2019. He will be remembered for his kindness, generosity, huge heart and love of racing that he shared with his "track family". He will also forever be known as the man who brought car racing to thousands over the years.

Jake is preceded in death by his wife of almost 50 years, Anna Marie Gibson and brother William Gibson. He is survived by his children, Michael Gibson (Carrie); and Cynthia Pike (Gregory); 4 grandchildren Tyler Pike (Niko Crable), Dylan Pike, Harley Gibson and Palmer Gibson; 1 great-grandson Kai Crable; Sisters-in-law Aileen Wilson of Tampa, Florida and Patricia Gibson of Louisville; and other extended family members and dear friends.

Visitation will be held on Sunday June 18, 2023 at Owen Funeral Home- Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Road, from 12pm-6pm. A Memorial Service will be held on Monday, June 19, 2023, at Owen Funeral Home at 11am.

Interment will be in Resthaven Memorial Park, 4400 Bardstown Rd., following the memorial service.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his name may be made to Susan G. Komen, <https://www.komen.org/>

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memorial Park

4400 Bardstown Road  
Louisville , KY 40218

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 18. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Owen Funeral Home-Jeffersontown  
9318 Taylorsville Road  
Louisville, KY 40299  
(502) 266-9655

## Visitation

JUN 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Owen Funeral Home-Jeffersontown  
9318 Taylorsville Road  
Louisville, KY 40299  
(502) 266-9655

## Funeral Service

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JUN 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Louisville, KY 40299  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Sorry for your loss. Jake was a kind man. Loved my time working at the Sportsdrome.  
Great family and friends.

Theresa Duncan Moore - June 20, 2023 at 09:31 PM



“ Jake was a great boss and he let me tag along to go watch Mike play football. I always considered Jake and Ann as family.



Tracy Duncan Day - June 20, 2023 at 09:01 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul "Jake" Gibson.



June 17, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Paul "Jake" Gibson.



June 16, 2023 at 11:58 AM

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“ Jake and Anne gave me and my brother our first jobs when we were 14 & 15 years old. Jake was a very wonderful person and he will be dearly missed. So very sorry for your loss.



Annette (Savage) Taylor  
DeWayne Savage

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Annette (Savage) Taylor - June 16, 2023 at 10:59 AM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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Dave Huber - June 14, 2023 at 08:23 AM

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“ Prayers sent to the Gibson family from the Kentucky Motorsports hall of Fame.



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Dave Huber - June 14, 2023 at 07:42 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Paul "Jake" Gibson.*



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June 13, 2023 at 02:43 PM



Shelly  
Fowler

“ *Mr and Mrs G you were my second family growing up. We the clan worked at Sportdrome, played poker all hours of the night, danced to country music, literally had the best of times with you all. Michael and Cindy my prayers are with you. Mr. And Mrs. G you will always be in my heart and in my memories forever.*

*Love always. Shelly fowler. ( Billy Engleman).*

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**Shelly Fowler** - June 12, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *Jake & Anna Marie gave me my first job. The summer I turned 16, they hired me to work in the box office. I worked there through college. They were amazing bosses and taught me a lot about being an employee. They were always kind and considerate. Thanks, Jake & Anna Marie!*

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**Lynne Lewis Fleming** - June 12, 2023 at 09:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Paul "Jake" Gibson.*



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June 12, 2023 at 03:36 PM