



## James Kent Gibbs

January 27, 1943 - December 7, 2023

James Kent Gibbs, age 80, of Arab, Alabama died Thursday, December 7, 2023 at Marshall Medical Center North. Mr. Gibbs was born January 27, 1943, in Arab, AL, to Lucille Walker and Jasper Kermit Gibbs.

Kent was a graduate of Arab High School and Jacksonville State University. He spent his college summers as a smokejumper with the United States Forest Service in Montana, Idaho, and Alaska. He worked for the United States Army Audit Agency for 30 years, spending several years with USAREUR Internal Review in Germany. After retirement, he found his beloved hobby of smoking meats, and many in the community looked forward to their Kent Gibbs' Boston butt or brisket. He used his time and expertise to support local organizations.

He was a longtime member, Sunday School teacher, and deacon of Gilliam Springs Baptist Church.

Kent is survived by his wife, Judy Gowens Gibbs; sons, Thomas Alan (Mickie) and Justin Lane (Heather); grandchildren, Thomas Wesley and Ashley Grace; brother, Kay K. (Lurlene); and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Billy Gene.

Funeral services and visitation for Kent will be at Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel in Arab, Alabama. The visitation will be 1:00 - 3:00 pm on Sunday,

December 10, 2023 with the funeral service following at 3:00 pm. Brother Jamey Pruett will be officiating. Pallbearers will be: Edwin Cooley, Harry Frey, Michael McGee, Jerry Moody, Leroy Smith, Harold Sutton, Thomas Taylor, Fred Wafler, and Albert Wiggins.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to St Jude Children's Research Hospital and/or Gilliam Springs Baptist Church Building Fund.

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel, Directing

# Cemetery Details

## Gilliam Springs Cemetery

1351 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway  
Arab, AL 35016

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel  
1340 North Main Street  
Arab, AL 35016  
(256) 586-4100

## Funeral Service

DEC 10. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

AH

“ Kent was a good friend during AHS days and last several years during our reunions. Judy I know your loss is deep and painful. May the Lord bless you with comfort and peace.

Andrea Hall Huffman - January 09, 2024 at 07:44 PM



“ Robbie Mccown lit a candle in memory of James Kent Gibbs

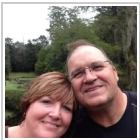


Robbie Mccown - December 14, 2023 at 03:35 PM

TS

“ I will miss your visit to Frog Hollow in the spring. I always enjoyed getting to chat with you when you came by.

Teresa Smith - December 11, 2023 at 10:08 AM



“ What a legacy this great man of God leaves behind. Deanna and Ronnie Flanagan

DeAnna Flanagan - December 09, 2023 at 09:56 PM

HG

“ So many great memories with Kent and Judy through many years. Always loved seeing them and being with them. Praying for Judy and Family. He will be greatly missed!

Hayes, Gayla - December 09, 2023 at 06:57 PM

GM

“ *Mr. Kent was a joy to serve with at our church. Very kind man. Will miss seeing him at church and Walmart. Always shopping there to cook meats for many many people. So sorry to his family and friends. A Godly man who always showed his love for others. May God give you all peace and comfort at this time.*



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**Georgeann Massey** - December 09, 2023 at 01:35 PM

GA

“ *Judy and Family, I am sending thoughts and Prayers as you go through this journey!  
Kent and I worked together for many years and he did good work and was easy to work with. Kent had a great personality and was a good Friend!*

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**Gil Adams** - December 09, 2023 at 08:40 AM