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Raymond H. Gibson, Age 85, of Oxford, FL, died January 21, 2026, at Cornerstone Hospice & Palliative Care in Florida, with his beloved wife, Lee, by his side. Ray had many adventures in his life, and he is on to the next one.

Ray was born and raised in Lewes, DE, the fourth of five children of the late George H. Gibson and Anna Hazard Gibson. Ray was married three times. He married Sarah in 1964 with whom he had two children (Tammy and Joe). He married Sherill in 1987 and welcomed two stepdaughters (Deborah and Teresa) into his life. He married Lee in 2011.

A member of the Lewes High Class of 1959, Ray played varsity football, basketball, and baseball and was a member of the marching band. He was awarded full athletics scholarships to Wesley Junior College (1959-1962) and later the University of Maryland at College Park (1962-1964). Ray was an offensive lineman for the Terrapins football team and earned his bachelor's degree in physical education. He later earned a master's degree in physical education from George Washington University. He became a Physical Education (P.E.) and Health teacher in the Montgomery County School system in Maryland, working at several schools including Kennedy High School and Lee Junior High School. He coached multiple sports, including many seasons of high school basketball. He worked various jobs in the summers, including installing vinyl siding and rototilling gardens. After retirement from teaching in 1995, Ray moved to Florida with his second wife. He worked for a while at Disney World, where he greatly enjoyed interviewing visitors to the park. He also started a successful pressure washing business, eventually passing it on to a younger man who needed the foothold and was grateful for the opportunity.

Ray always said, "You take your good times with you." He was a happy person with many friends. He had a lifetime love of sports, especially watching them on ever-larger televisions. For many summers while living in Highland, MD, with his first wife and kids, he had a large and bountiful garden, just like his own father. Once he retired, he was able to focus on his hobbies. He played countless rounds of golf, collecting many great golf buddies and a few holes-in-one. He took numerous cruises, especially with wife Sherill. He rode thousands of miles on his various



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recumbent bikes and took it on the road for cross-country adventures with his friend Ron. He greatly enjoyed healthful living with Lee, including growing their own sprouts, and their move to The Villages area of Florida. All in all, Ray enjoyed life and loved to live capriciously. Anyone who has ever been on a trip with him can tell you that he wasn't much of a planner but somehow lucked into various adventures of lifetime.

Ray is survived by his daughter Tammy Kolda (husband Ken), his son Raymond J. (Joe) Gibson (wife Monica), his grandchildren Annabelle and Dean Gibson, and his siblings Betty Anderson and Jack Gibson. He was predeceased by his siblings Bee Gibson and Janet Heilman. Ray also leaves behind his stepfamily, including grandchildren Sarah, Harrison, Alexandra, and Christina.

A memorial service will be held at 1:30pm on Sunday, February 15, 2026, at Banks Page-Theus Funeral Home in Wildwood, FL. Live streaming will be available at this link:

<https://www.hdezwebcast.com/show/ray-gibson-live-stream>

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Rails-To-Trails Conservancy (<https://www.railstotrails.org/support-us/memorial-contribution/>).




Events


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Gathering

 **Sunday**, February 15, 2026

 1:00 PM ET


 **Banks/Page-Theus Chapel**
410 Webster St, Wildwood FL 34785



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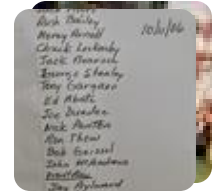
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Lee Gibson shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

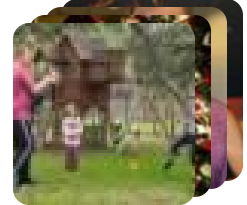
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February 14 at 9:46 PM



Lee Gibson shared an album called **Lee's Favorites - Ray's Wife.**

February 11 at 8:06 PM



Lee Gibson shared an album called **Photo's shared by Betty - Ray's Sister.**

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Reflecting on 14 Years Together During our 14 years together, Ray and I created countless memories that filled our lives with joy. We enjoyed exploring new bike trails, whether it was a destination day trip or a spontaneous adventure with only a GPS for guidance. Each adventure brought us closer, allowing us to share laughter and discover new experiences together. For those fortunate to know Ray well, you may have your own bike trail adventures to share and can relate to why my GPS went everywhere! (grin) We bonded over our shared interest in Health & Wellness, particularly our love for experimenting with new healthy recipes. Ray played a significant role in shopping for the ingredients, as well as preparation and chopping, which set the stage for me to begin creating our newest dining experience. Ray's job was done now, and it was time for him to warm up the Big Screen TV and relax with unlimited sports channels. It's amazing that our routine never became a chore, and how I secretly anticipated Ray's final approval, which would ultimately be a clean plate. Our dining experience became something we looked forward to, followed by a quiet evening at home watching a movie or listening to a podcast. It wasn't big events that defined our time together; it was the small everyday moments, like taking a walk at midday and Ray sharing his newest audible book adventure. These were the times that played a significant role in our relationship and strengthened the bond of our friendship. I tried to choose just one memorable event that stood out, while spending hours steaming through 14 years of digital photos, but they all blended with a smile and a tear. For those blessed to know Ray, he was a character all in himself and could make a person smile with just an expression. The photos were only a reminder of the "forever" imprint he left behind on all our hearts. The sudden loss of my "partner & best friend" has left a profound void in my life. However, reflecting on our time together brings comfort. We were best friends and the love we shared and the memories we created will always be a part of me. "Though he is no longer with us, his spirit will live on in my heart and the memories we created." "You'll always be my forever "Road Warrior!"

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Lee Gibson posted:

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Betty Anderson posted:

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 Ed Abate
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 Nick Panten
 Ron Thow
 Bob Geissel
 John McAndrews
 Ervath Row
 Jay Aylward
 Bob Good
 Bob Zeebel
 RAY Gibson
 Celia Hancock &
 Joe Romanowski
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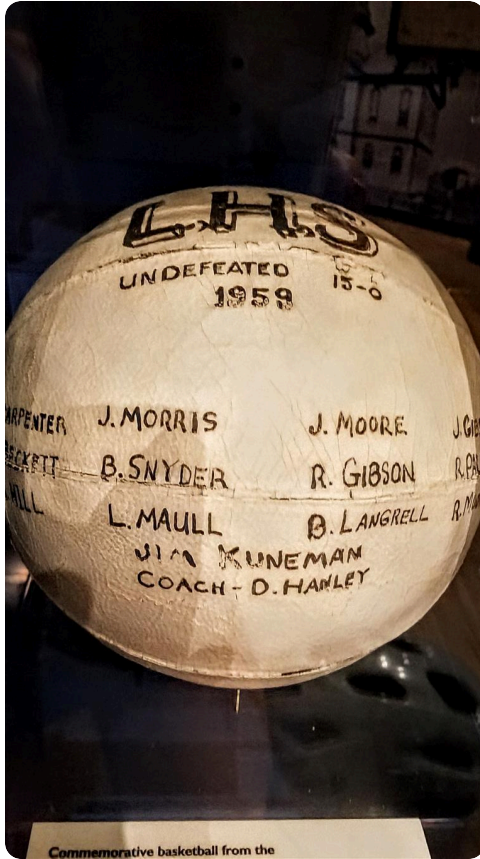
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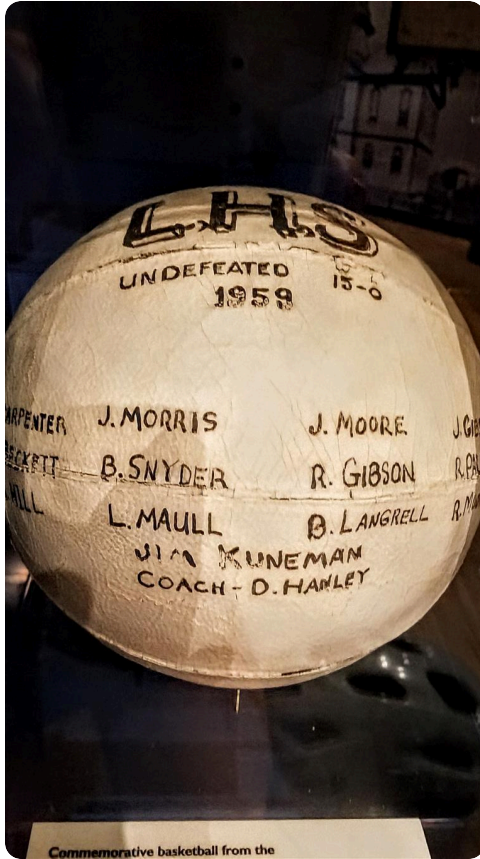
Commemorative basketball from the





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Lee Gibson shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

February 12 at 6:35 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Raymond by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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