



James Carter "Jim" Gibler

September 11, 1932 - December 26, 2021

James Carter "Jim" Gibler, 89, of Lubbock, Texas passed away December 26, 2021. James was born September 11, 1932 in Mattoon, IL to John Walker and Jennie Amira Gibler. He married Betty Ann Harcarik January 15, 1954. Jim served in the U.S. Air Force enlisting March 14, 1955, retiring with the rank of Colonel on May 20, 1975. Jim continued his career and love of flying as a pilot for McDonnell Douglas. He moved to Lubbock in 2001. The love of his life, Betty Gibler passed away October 10, 1999.

Loved ones include children, Valerie Gibler Ray and husband, Lance Ray; Steve Gibler and wife, Lori Gibler, Angela Gibler, Mike Gibler and wife, Sheila Gibler; grandchildren, Jordan Ray, Sean Collin Ray, Caroline Sibley and Andrew Lochman; great-grandchildren, Becca and Gemma.

Preceded in death by his parents, wife, Betty Gibler, brother, John Gibler; sister, Jane Allen.

Memorials are suggested to Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 31, 2021 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church with Reverend Father Wesley Beal and Deacon Michael Kenny officiating. Graveside services will follow at a later date in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Please celebrate the life of James by visiting www.sandersfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Road
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **30**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM.

Sanders Funeral Home

Mass

DEC **31**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
9821 Frankford Avenue
Lubbock, TX 79424

Tribute Wall

GM

“ I am so very sorry to be notified of the loss of fellow FAC and overall good guy Jim Gibler. I did not know Jim well but talked to him several times during our AF time and maybe after while doing some consulting work. Always a smile and good words. RIP Jim. Gary McDaniel, Nail 76.

Gary McDaniel - January 08, 2022 at 04:18 PM

JL

“ We met Jim during our spiritual journey through RCIA at Holy Spirit. He was a kind man. He shared his love of flying with our kids by hosting a field trip at the Texas Air Museum in Slaton years ago. Our condolences to his family.

Jessica Lindsey - January 02, 2022 at 01:58 PM

JR

“ Visiting Grandpa throughout my life was always something I looked forward to. His stories of his amazing life have been captivating me for as long as I can remember. His no-nonsense mentality and expectation that everyone strive to be their best selves at all times have been positive traits I've attempted to emulate in my own life. I'm so happy that my wife and daughter were able to meet Grandpa. Seeing him barrel roll that little biplane over the hanger and taking each of us up into the air in that 2 seater are memories we'll cherish forever. You'll never be truly gone from our hearts Grandpa, love you, fly high.

Jordan Ray - December 31, 2021 at 06:46 PM

KV

“ I was blessed to visit with Mr. Gibler every week when taking him Communion at his home and at the Legacy. He was always so cheerful, always had a smile. He was so proud of his family. He told me many times when and where he found his dog Mandy and how much comfort she brought to him. Thank you, Mr. Gibler for allowing me into your home for many years. Rest In peace, fly high with the angels. Kaye Villalba

Kaye Villalba - December 29, 2021 at 11:13 AM



“ I really enjoyed getting to know Jim, and being able to hear his stories over the years. He was always ready with a word of kindness and encouragement, and was so very strong in his faith in Christ. He will be greatly missed. I look forward to hearing one day how he flew right through the pearly gates, upside down, no doubt. Tailwinds, sir. Rest easy. You are cleared for departure. To the family left to treasure his memory, my heart joins yours in your sadness. He was a great man. — Rob Hogan.

RSH Law - December 27, 2021 at 09:43 PM