



## Nita Gibson

July 18, 1924 - March 17, 2016

Juanita “Nita” Gibson was born July 18, 1924 in Lubbock, Texas to John and Sally V. Sullivan. On October 22, 1943 Nita met Charles H. Gibson, that day he told his parents “I have just met the girl I’m going to marry”. The next thing he did was to change “Juanita” to Nita. Charles and Nita married in the First Baptist Church parsonage on January 22, 1943. They were accompanied by family members and surprised by a group of Brownfield High School buddies. After Charles was discharged from the U.S. Army Air Corps, he and Nita lived in Odessa. They were members of the Emmanuel Baptist Church. In 1947 they moved to Lubbock and joined the First Baptist Church. Later when First Baptist Church sponsored a mission-Southcrest Baptist Church, Charles and Nita joined as charter members.

In August of 1955 Charles and Nita adopted their children-twins age 21 months-Jerry and Sherry. Jerry, the son, had a fatal car accident on May 9, 1998.

Nita was raised a Conservative Democrat and was asked to head the Democrats for Nixon group in Lubbock County, but members of the Republican Party were watching her political abilities and invited her to change over to their side. Nita made her decision and became vice chairman of the Lubbock County Republican Party in 1961. In 1964 Nita ran for the office of County Judge in Lubbock as a Republican Candidate. Later on she became President of Cotton Pool Incorporated.

After retirement, Nita wrote her autobiography, “That Cotton Pickin’Woman”.

Her husband preceded her in death on November 14, 2002. Surviving family members include daughter, Sherry and her husband, Jim Hatchett; grandchildren, Christina Hatchett, Lisa- Marie and Jimmy Scott, Michael Gibson and Jamie Gibson; great-grandchildren, Chandler and Charles Wortham, James and Kaitlyn Scott, William and Brittany Gibson; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins; and many wonderful friends.

She died on March 17, 2016.

Services will be Tuesday, March at 10:30 a.m. at Sanders Memorial Chapel with the Reverend John Ballard officiating. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the care of Sanders Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to First Baptist Church-Building Fund.

# Cemetery Details

## Resthaven Memorial Park

5740 West 19th. St.  
Lubbock, TX 79407

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 22. 10:30 AM (CT)

Sanders Funeral Home  
1420 Main Street  
Lubbock, TX 79401  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Sherry----our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time of loss. May God's grace comfort you.  
~~~~~Tony and Tim Thornton-Tippit

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**Tony Thornton-Tippit** - March 21, 2016 at 10:07 AM



“ Nita was truly one of the strongest women I know. From her life on the farm, to the political arena, to the care of her beloved Charles, she handled adversity with strength and grace. She inspired me to go back to college later in life and she expressed her pride in my accomplishments. She was Grammy to my Jamie and will be missed by everyone who knew her. I can only hope that Jamie has inherited her tenacity, strength and faith. We will both miss her smile and her "Grammy shirts".

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**Melissa Reddin** - March 20, 2016 at 02:56 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Nita Gibson.



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March 19, 2016 at 10:42 PM