



Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson

December 11, 1936 - May 17, 2022

Shirley was born on December 11, 1936, the daughter of Alberta Scott Brooks and Willie Rawlings. She was a 1953 graduate of St. Francis High School. She earned an Associate's degree from Natchez Junior College as well as a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Alcorn State University in Elementary Education. Shirley worked in the Nursery Department at Jefferson Davis Hospital prior to pursuing her career as an educator in the Natchez-Adams School District for over 30 years. She retired in 2001.

Shirley was a member of the Holy Family Catholic Church, Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Peter Claver ♦ Father Morrissey's Court #9, and Ladies of Grace ♦ Hattie R. Marshall/Sr Edith Brinkley Chapter #44. She enjoyed reading, watching westerns, and traveling.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles Gibson; son, Gregory Gibson; grandson, Clinton G. Brewer; sisters, Mary E. Brooks, Barbara Brooks, and Brenda B. Whitley; and brothers, Larry Brooks and Donald Brooks.

Shirley leaves to cherish her memories: sons, Barry W. (Katherine) Gibson; daughters, Debra G. (Larry) Thomas; daughter-in-law, Karen D. Gibson; brothers, Willie Earl Brooks, Jerome (Sharolyn) Brooks, Charles (Patricia) Rawlins; brother-in-law, Kurt Whitney; sister-in law, Dorothy Campbell; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **24.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

West Gate Funeral Home (Natchez)
409 N Martin Luther King Jr Street
Natchez, MS 39120
(601) 445-2008
james@westgatefh.com
<https://westgatefuneralhome.com>

Rosary Ceremony

MAY **25.** 9:30 AM (CT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
16 Orange Avenue
Natchez, MS 39120

Funeral Service

MAY **25.** 10:00 AM (CT)

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16 Orange Avenue
Natchez, MS 39120

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*

September 17, 2022 at 03:10 AM



“ *Joycee M Hannon sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*



Joycee M Hannon - June 13, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *MARY ANN JACKSON lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*



MARY ANN JACKSON - May 25, 2022 at 10:34 PM



“ *Barry and Katherine,*

We send our hearth felt condolences to the entire Gibson family on the loss of your dear mother, Shirley Gibson. May God give you peace, love and comfort as only He can do.

*We love you dear,
Anthony and Lavon Smith and Family*



Lavon Smith - May 25, 2022 at 04:13 PM

MW

I am deeply sorry about the loss of your mother. Praying for comfort. Much love sent Willie & Maxine Wright

Maxine Seals Wright - May 31, 2022 at 08:27 AM

VH

“ *Barry and Katherine,
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers!
May God comfort you as ONLY HE can!
Love you both!
In Christian Love,
Veronica Higgins
Fifth Ward Church of Christ
Houston, TX*



Veronica Higgins - May 25, 2022 at 03:58 PM

WW

“ *Wanda Watson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*



Wanda Watson - May 25, 2022 at 03:40 PM

WW

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Barry and Katherine Gibson and the entire Gibson family on the loss of Shirley R. Gibson, Barry’s beloved mother. May God comfort you with His peace during these difficult days.



In Christian Love,

*Sis. Wanda Watson
Fifth Ward Church of Christ
Houston TX*

Wanda Watson - May 25, 2022 at 03:38 PM

SB

“ To Bro. & Sis (Barry Wayne and Katherine) Gibson: Although I never had the honor or privilege to meet your mother, I know her. Her morals, values, faith and humor is reflected in you. Do you remember you hadn't seen me at Church, when you saw me, you asked if I had to use my GPS for directions to Church..... 😊
I love you both and fervently praying that God will provide strength, comfort and an abundance of blessings.
In Christian love,
Sis. Sharon LaQue Jones Benoit

Sharon LaQue Benoit - May 25, 2022 at 03:31 PM

GS

“ Gary And Karen Smith lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson



Gary and Karen Smith - May 25, 2022 at 03:25 PM

SW

“ On behalf of the Members of Fifth Ward Church of Christ, Houston, TX, we would sincerely like to express our condolences to Barry & Katherine Gibson and the entire Gibson Family, on the loss of your Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother, Aunt, Cousin and Friend, Mrs. Shirley R. Gibson. May God be with you in the days ahead when you feel the void and emptiness due to her loss. Just know that God is able. As a Comforter, and in due season, He will indeed calm your utterances of pain.



May God Bless and Keep You...

Cleveland & Sheeree Wirt-Joseph

Sheeree Wirt-Joseph - May 25, 2022 at 02:54 PM

WW

My deepest sympathies are with the Gibson family during this time of loss. May God bless, comfort, and keep you as only He can. Please know that we are here for you and you are in our prayers.

In Christian Love,

*Sis. Wanda Watson
Fifth Ward Church of Christ
Houston TX 77064*

Wanda Watson - May 25, 2022 at 03:24 PM

VR

Barry and Katherine we know that the loss of a mother can be a heavy burden to bear. As your friends, please know that we are here to help share the load. Much love to you and your family.

*Ginger Ross
Fifth Ward Church of Christ*

Virginia Ross - May 25, 2022 at 04:18 PM

BR

“ *Bonita Reed lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*



Bonita Reed - May 24, 2022 at 11:14 PM

DD

“ *Dorothy L. Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*



Dorothy L. Davis - May 24, 2022 at 06:29 PM

DD

*My Deepest Condolences to the family 🙏
May God be with you all.*

Dorothy L. Davis - May 24, 2022 at 06:31 PM

JT

“ *Shirley was such a sweet humble soul. Our deepest sympathy to the family.*



Joyce Earnest Trask - May 24, 2022 at 05:33 PM

JL

“ Joyce Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson



Joyce Lewis - May 24, 2022 at 05:07 PM

LW

“ Sincere condolences 🌸 to you all

Lamese walker - May 24, 2022 at 04:47 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson.



May 24, 2022 at 12:44 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson.



May 23, 2022 at 02:44 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson.



May 23, 2022 at 12:53 AM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson.



May 23, 2022 at 12:21 AM



“ Mariewnorman@att.net sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson



mariewnorman@att.net - May 22, 2022 at 11:32 PM



“ Shirley Mazique lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson



Shirley Mazique - May 22, 2022 at 02:10 PM

WH

“ *The West Gate family extends our deepest condolences to the Gibson family. Hold close to your hearts the beautiful memories that you have shared with Miss Shirley. They will bring you comfort at this time. Miss Shirley...A Beautiful Soul!!*

West Gate Funeral Home - May 21, 2022 at 08:55 PM

WH

“ *West Gate Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*



West Gate Funeral Home - May 21, 2022 at 08:50 PM



“ *Maxine Railey lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*



Maxine Railey - May 21, 2022 at 07:38 PM

NR

“ *My condolences to Debra and Barry and all the family. May your memories bring you comfort.*



Nita Robinson - May 21, 2022 at 03:11 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson.*



May 20, 2022 at 03:12 PM



“ *Loving memories of the sweet spirit of our beautiful neighbor, Mrs. Shirley Gibson.*

Celeste Jones Stanton

Celeste Jones Stanton - May 20, 2022 at 10:59 AM



“ *Gail Scott lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*



Gail Scott - May 20, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *JACQUELYN POSEY sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*



JACQUELYN POSEY - May 19, 2022 at 11:00 PM

BW

“ *Bettie Ward lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*



Bettie Ward - May 19, 2022 at 09:09 PM

RW

“ *Ruthie L Washington lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*



Ruthie L Washington - May 19, 2022 at 07:15 PM

AW

“ *Ann Washington White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*



Ann Washington White - May 18, 2022 at 10:26 PM

AW

“ *Ann Washington White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*



Ann Washington White - May 18, 2022 at 10:24 PM

CD

“ *Candice Jackson Davis lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*



Candice Jackson Davis - May 17, 2022 at 04:40 PM

AJ

“ *Alma Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*



Alma Johnson - May 17, 2022 at 01:48 PM

AJ

“ *Sympathy and prayers for the family. May you be comforted knowing that she is resting with the Lord.*
Alma, Carsetha, and the Girls



Alma Johnson - May 17, 2022 at 01:46 PM

RV

“ *Rest my friend!*



Rosie Woods Varnado - May 17, 2022 at 01:20 PM

RJ

“ *Rest in Heaven our Beautiful Neighbor. We have always loved you dearly.*

Carolyn & Ralph Milan Jones..



Raloh Milan Jones - May 17, 2022 at 10:19 AM

GG

“ *Georgia Green lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Rawlings Gibson*



Georgia Green - May 17, 2022 at 06:50 AM