



William Frank Gibbs

May 13, 1961 - June 5, 2017

William Frank Gibbs, 56, of Marietta passed away on Monday, June 5, 2017.

Frank worked as a Manager for Mattress Firm where he was known as being a great team player and admired by his coworkers. He was raised in Maryland and was a lover of Maryland crabs and a cold beer. Frank loved the Washington Nationals, Washington Redskins, and the Maryland Terps.

He is survived by his daughter who was his whole world, Delaney Gibbs; three sisters, Diane Franklin, Debbie Schwegman, and Sharon Lewis; niece and nephews, Ashley, Brian, Mike, and Nick; aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Contributions may be made in loving memory of Frank to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, Virginia 22215.

Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home in Marietta is handling the arrangements.
www.mayeswarddobbins.com

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Comments



“ Deb, I'm just so saddened by the news of your brother's passing. I send my love to you, a hug to your sisters Sharon and Diane and special prayers to Frank's daughter Delaney. Regards, Pat Bailey

Pat Bailey - June 18, 2017 at 03:00 PM



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Jennifer Ladet - June 16, 2017 at 12:19 AM



“ Where do I even begin? It's so hard to find words. I feel you with us, almost like you're checking in and out to make sure we're ok and I thank you for that because those hard days we feel your presence more than ever. I guess the appropriate place is to start from the beginning. I'll never forget a mutual friend of ours told me one day that the "bartender" had a crush on me. I think it was I who finally walked over to you, I smiled, we spoke a little, and it just grew from there. I'll never forget the night when Glen, Cheryl, you, and I sat at the bar talking and breaking the ice. How Glen had to DRAG you off of me as he said it was time to go and you literally grabbed my leg and wouldn't let go. It was the cutest thing I had ever seen and it stuck with me and that was it...I knew there was something there between us and there was no turning back. Next thing I knew, this bartender I had worked with for years I was now dating and fell in love with <3 The New Year's we spent with our friends at the hotel in Atlanta. What fun we had that night. Next thing I know I find out I'm pregnant and you stepped right up, like any good man would and I still thank you for that. You asked me to marry you, which I happily said yes, and our life journey truly began. We drove to Gatlinburg, TN where we met our family and friends for a two day event. I FINALLY got to meet my new Sister's, my new niece, nephew, my Mother-in-Law. It was so amazing to have this new family and there was SO much love and I'll never forget it. Delaney and I went through all our wedding photos and she noticed something I never knew I did. She said "you really loved Dad because of the way you squinted your eyes in the photos when you looked at him." I didn't understand what she meant and she told me, just now, that when I look at something I really love that I squint my eyes. I went back through our Wedding photos and every time I was looking at you, sure enough..squinty eyed <3 That made my heart smile. Our little Angel was born on and we cried and cried when she was born. You were SO amazing during the delivery, reminded me to breathe (ha .. you know I needed that). Best delivery coach ever!!! We brought our beautiful baby home and friends and family came to visit, and stay. So much love and such wonderful memories. Jump forward to when Delaney was around 6 months old, we decided to finally take our honeymoon. We went to Jamaica. WORST trip ever because what happens only a day after we got there...a civil war in their country breaks out and we were stuck there and it was scary. You protected me and made sure that we got out safe and as soon as possible, which I thank you for. I just wanted to get home and you made that happen. I know that it almost seems like a blink of an eye that we were together, under one roof, as a family but really it wasn't. So many fond memories Frank, SO many. We may not have worked out in marriage but one thing is for sure...the past 3 or 4 years you and I have developed a very close friendship (it went around full circle) that I will always be grateful for. I will miss those 2 and 3 hour phone calls we'd have with me giving you the latest updates, etc. We really did BOTH find so much forgiveness in our hearts and truly became wonderful friends which makes me so happy. I thank you for the way you loved Tyler too, like he was your own. My heart is breaking now. I already miss you SO much. This just doesn't seem right. I always felt there was more time. You were my Husband, the Father of my child, and I loved you and still do. You already know that though. Thank you for watching over us, for loving us the way you do. I promise to always be there for Laney, which you know I will. Frank thank you for giving me the most beautiful gift in the world, you made me a Mother to the most AMAZING young lady any Parent could ask for. I love you...Always! You rest now in heaven with God, loved ones, & the Angels. Save me

a spot beside you <3

Jennifer Ladet - June 15, 2017 at 11:53 PM



“ I'm so sorry to the whole family for your loss. As an old family friend of The Gibbs I am bursting w sweet childhood memories of Frank. He will be very missed.

Cathy Waller Hines - June 11, 2017 at 05:57 PM



“ As Frank's daughter, I request only positive things are left here. This is only about my father and honoring him, nothing else. Nothing else but love matters here.

Delaney Gibbs - June 11, 2017 at 02:09 PM



“ I was friends with Frank in high school. He was always kind to me and I enjoyed his sense of humor and friendship. Was glad to reconnect on facebook, and shocked by his sudden death. I have such great memories of high school because of Frank's friendship!
Wendy Bishop Krop

wendy bishop krop - June 10, 2017 at 06:24 PM



“ WOW..I am still trying to wrap my head around this myself. And so difficult to put into words! While it has been 25+ years, there was and is always a special place in my heart for you Frank. From the days at Muldoon's where i had my first "legal" drink, to breakfast at Denny's after hours, Studebakers. The list could go on and on. But I guess I would have to say the most precious to me, was the day you found out my dad was sick...you took me to dinner and came home with me for the weekend when my parents broke the news to me. You were there to comfort me in my time of need. That is the person you were. Always there to lend a helping hand, be a friend when someone needed one. You had a heart the size of TX and touched all who knew you. Rest in peace Frank, and watch over Sandra, Debbie and Sharon and their families. You have a beautiful daughter and I know you will guide her to be just as loving as her dad!!

Marci (Wilks) Davis - June 10, 2017 at 09:44 AM



“ I've tried so many times to sit down and write on this page Frank. Then the tears come again and I just can't find the words to say how much your friendship meant and how much you are missed. Working with you was always fun, your stories always lightened my days at D&B. I remember when you first introduced me to Delaney when she was just a tiny baby. I remember thinking I have never seen you so happy! Your love for and pride in her showed in everything you did! You were an amazing man Frank and a wonderful friend to so many! I will forever be grateful to have been one of them. I will miss you forever. Rest now sweet friend! Watch over your sisters and your baby girl. Send them signs they will find comfort in! Love you Frank!
Kim S

Kim Southwell - June 10, 2017 at 09:03 AM



“ This hard to write. I've sat down at least 10 times to either write something on FB or this and my emotions just overcome me. What do you say when you lose the best friend of your life for ~35 years. So many memories have come flooding back (Muldoon's, Redskins, working for your dad at the World Bank hungover as hell, best man at Mary and I's wedding, my boys, Delaney, on and on and on...). Taylor, Casey, and I were thrilled to take you on your first offshore fishing trip not long ago. I always looked forward to your reaction to our fishing posts - you were are biggest supporter. Whenever I was going to introduce you to someone I always told them 'Frank is the best person I know you are going to love this guy' - and they did. Even though there has been distance between us (for it seems like forever) we always managed to talk frequently and see each other as often as we could. I am thankful my work took me to D.C. and Atlanta often and my first thought was always 'cool I get to see Frank' and not the work. The love of your life was Delaney and you were the best dad to her regardless of the circumstances you had to deal with - I was always proud of you the way you handled everything demonstrating 1000% unconditional love and commitment to her. Frank, you would be so proud of Debbie & Sharon (and their husbands) for the courage and grace they demonstrated handling your affairs this past week under ridiculous circumstances especially compounded with the recent loss of your wonderful mom. You were taken from us too soon we shared so many memories and I was sure there would be many more - I will think of you often. Love ya brother...

Mike Miller - June 10, 2017 at 08:12 AM



“ This is my second try so I hope this posts. I have not seen Frank since my early 20s but he is part of the Whetstonw community and a big part of my childhood. I was very close to Sharon, his younger sister, in grade school. He was a kind big brother and had a good sense of humor. For some reason I have entrenched in my memory - and it makes me chuckle - of him recounting the story of a miserable prom experience in which his date vomited all over his car. He was telling me and Ann Maturro this one summer afternoon outside in Ann's front yard. That was the type of wonderful neighborhood in which we were raised - one big circle and friendly chats. I have so enjoyed reconnecting with him on Facebook and loved his most recent post as proud father of Delaney and her high school graduation. I am heartbroken for her as I know my Dad was a central figure through my adult life and continuwd to give mw guidance in my career etc... Bye Frank - you left Earth too soon. Thank you for being a great Whetstone neighbor.

Kim Hale Carney - June 10, 2017 at 08:00 AM



“ Frank, I will forever remember you as my best friend's big brother, my sister's friend and just my friend. I'm so sad you left us all so soon. Look over us. I pray for your peace. Love, Sue

Susan - June 09, 2017 at 09:55 PM



“ For my brother Frank, whom I grew up calling Ganky LOL! I have many fond memories of us growing up and it is beyond my comprehension that you are gone from our family. We were fiercely competitive and I'm glad I had a brother that enjoyed the same sports etc. that I did. You fed my tomboy nature. Sorry I could beat you at so many things LOL! I still don't feel guilty about that! I'm grateful I had you to play GI Joe's and matchbox cars with so I didn't have to play with dolls etc. We shared many incredible nights at Muldoon's and had so many fond memories together from those good old days. It was always a blast and I was so proud "my brother" was not only the bartender, but damn good at it. Be assured that I will take good care of your "Gibbs" sweatshirt and all of your Washington Nationals, Maryland Terps and Redskin hats and jersey's will have good homes with Glen, Chris and Mike. Where in the hell is that colorado shirt you've hidden from me for 20+ years? I'm proud of the life you made for yourself in the Atlanta area and all of wonderful people you met along the way. The guys at Mattress Firm adored you and knowing you was a gift they said! Have peace bro and enjoy your eternal life with mom and dad. Know that we love Delaney so much and will always look out for her. Love you Frank. Godspeed.

Sharon M Lewis - June 09, 2017 at 06:58 PM



“ I just can't wrap my head around the fact that your not hear on earth with us anymore. You were my wonderful brother and confidant. We had each others backs. Your walking in a beautiful place called Heaven now with Mom and Dad. We are just now learning the impact you had on so many lives that you touched in your short 56 years from friends and family and co-workers who loved you and admired you. This is especially difficult because it comes on the heels of us loosing mom less than 2 months earlier. You asked me to take care of Delaney if it ever came down to you not being able too. I promise to do right by her so she knows just how much you loved her every day that you had while here on earth and beyond. You always made her your #1 priority in life. Now go and show us signs from time to time that your watching over her and all of us as we believe mom and dad have. Let Delaney feel your protection over her life and decisions as she moves forward in her own life journey. Godspeed Frank on your newest adventure, I miss you already. I love you. Your were a great brother and friend to me and I will be there for Delaney and do right by her as you asked. I love you Frank,

Debbie

Debbie Schwegman - June 09, 2017 at 04:09 PM



“ My condolences to his sweet daughter Delaney and the family.

Love,
Delaney's Teacher Ms. Crayton

Cherea Crayton - June 09, 2017 at 03:00 PM



“ I am still trying to process the passing of one of my oldest friends. Memories of Montgomery Village and the amazing times we had through college and beyond have come flooding back to me. Frank had a kind soul, and was always there when you needed him. The years and distance made it hard to stay close, but whenever we talked or got together it was just like when we were kids. I will miss you my brother, and will always remember the great times we shared. I will be getting together with some of our old gang in a couple of weeks and we will share stories and celebrate your life. Delaney, Diane, Debbie, and Sharon I am so sorry about Frank, and will be praying for all of you.

God Bless,

Pat Hulihan



Pat Hulihan - June 09, 2017 at 12:55 PM



“ Please accept our condolences.

Ann and Mike Scholl
Amissville, VA

Ann Scholl - June 09, 2017 at 12:42 PM



“ Will always be Frankie to me - seeing you again recently was a wonderful gift. The old neighborhood felt like you never left and we had so much fun walking down memory lane with you. You were greatly loved and will be missed Frankie.

Melanie Shintaku - June 09, 2017 at 06:40 AM