



## Michael Gibson

July 26, 1951 - November 14, 2025

Michael Sean Gibson, 74 of Warrensburg, MO, passed away on November 14, 2025.

Michael was born in Gloversville, NY on July 26, 1951 to Arthur E. and Bessie V. Gibson. Michael graduated from Sehome High School in Bellingham, Washington in 1969. In June of 1971 he was drafted into the Army. Michael met and married Sandy L. Keller on January 3, 1975. Mike and Sandy raised 4 children during his military years. He was a very devoted husband and father. They experienced many of his deployments during their years together, going with him and traveling to many states and countries.

He spent a total of 22 years and 9 months in the Army, proudly serving his country. He had many opportunities to go back to civilian life, but continually reenlisted. He was very dedicated to his country and loved being able to experience other cultures and seeing so much of the world.

Through his deployments he got to experience Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Korea, Germany, Honduras, as well as stationed in many different states.

Michael served in the Vietnam War as well as Desert Storm. In February of 1983 Michael was part of the 101st Airborne doing chemical operations while stationed at Ft. Campbell, KY. In October of 1983 Michael was deployed to Honduras.

December 1983 thru March 1985, Michael was deeply involved in Nancy Reagan's Chemical People Task Force, a grassroots approach to alternative and informative ideas regarding youthful drug and alcohol abuse. In March of

1985, Michael was again deployed this time to Korea. Michael received numerous awards through his military career and continued to further his skills.

In June of 1987 Michael reenlisted and completed 30 hours toward his Associates degree in Law Enforcement. In March 1988, Michael was assigned to Field Artillery while stationed at Fort Riley in Kansas, also continuing to do work in the field of chemicals. In January 1989, Michael was deployed to NTC. Then in October 1989, Michael was assigned to 556th Maintenance Co as Company NCO, NBC.

In 1990, Michael received a commendable rating on the AGI for NBC Operations then later would prepare for deployment in support of Operation Desert Shield. January 1991, Michael would then deploy for Desert Storm. November 1991, he was assigned to HHC 937th Engineer Group (COMBAT) and worked with CSM detail on Grounds and Building maintenance. Finally, in April 1992, Michael was selected to be Program Manager of the Long Fitness Center, which would lead into his retirement in April 1993.

This is in no way the complete description of all Michael gave in his many years as a soldier of the United States Army. He received many awards and many advancements in his career.

Awards: Liberation of Kuwait, Overseas Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, NCOPDR w/3 device, Southwest Asia Metal w/star, Good Conduct Ribbon w/6 awards, Army Achievement Medal w/oak leaf, Army Commendation Medal. His dedication and loyalty to both his country and his family were unwavering in his years of service. He would tell you he would do it all again in a heartbeat!

After retirement, he and his family moved to Warsaw, MO. At that time his brother Doug, introduced him to locksmithing. Teaching him all he needed to know to continue as a working man. Michael enjoyed this work greatly and did it for many years.

In 2003 Michael lost his first wife Sandy, to illness. This would begin a whole new chapter in Michael's life. Michael did remarry and was joined in marriage

to Vicky I. Kimlin on September 11, 2004, spending 21 happy years together. Vicky brought into the marriage 5 children, some who were no longer in the home. Bryan Macon, Jeremiah Macon, Matthew Macon, Jacob Macon and Hannah Macon. They would eventually move to Warrensburg, MO with her 3 remaining children.

Michael did finally make the decision to fully retire in 2013. To know Michael was to know a very kind, laid back, easy to get along with, peaceful person. He loved being around others. He loved good music, especially contemporary Christian music. He loved family gatherings and building memories. Michael's greatest hobby was playing guitar and restoring guitars. He had quite a collection of them. He loved restoring them as much as playing them. Michael was a man of strong faith. He and his wife Vicky went to church regularly and at home they read the Bible. They had many discussion sessions on different issues, learning together, growing together and praying together often. His family meant everything to him and there was never enough time to spend with them all. His biggest regret was missed opportunities and time with family. Life is too short and he knew that. He will be greatly missed.

Surviving are his wife, Vicky of the home; sons, Ron Gibson of Amarillo, TX, Robert (Wendy) Gibson of Peabody, KS, Bryan (April) Macon of Warsaw, MO, Michael (Erin) Gibson of New Lebanon, OH, Matthew (Abra) Macon of Independence, MO, Jeremiah Macon of Independence, MO and Jacob Macon of Warsaw, MO; daughters, Kim Shelton of Amarillo, TX, Jennifer (Brian) Freese of Marion, KS and Hannah (Jeffery) Hunt of Clinton, MO; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 23, 2025 at the Passion Church, located at 1119 Bryan Rd. Cameron, MO 64429.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project at, [www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.support.woundedwarriorproject.org)

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV **23**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (cst)

Passion Church

1119 E. Bryan Rd.

Cameron, MO 64429

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<http://www.passionchurchmo.com>

# Tribute Wall

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“ We both graduated from Sehome High in 1969 and went to same school after graduation. Did not get to know him well but had a brief relationship. He was such a nice man. I admire all of his accomplishments with life in the Military and Family. So happy his wife has an abundance of family. God Bless Michael.

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**Patricia (Howley) Maison** - November 24, 2025 at 04:00 PM

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“ Rodney Leah and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Michael Gibson.



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**Rodney Leah and Family** - November 19, 2025 at 07:40 PM