



Eileen Gibson

February 18, 1926 - May 17, 2022

Eileen Gibson was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend during her incredible 96 years of life. She passed away peacefully at her home Tuesday, May 17th, 2022.

Eileen had a long and full life. She was born on February 18, 1926, in Sheffield, England, to Arthur and Lavinia White. Eileen had two brothers, Freddy and Arthur, and a sister, Anne. After completing school at the age of 14 she went on to work at a company called Pickering's making shoe polish and cleaning supplies.

Eileen met the love of her life, Bert "Ray" Gibson, in November of 1944. While waiting at the tram stop to head home after her shift, Eileen was approached by Ray asking for directions. He was an American soldier stationed in England during WWII. They struck up a conversation in which Ray asked her for her address and sometime later he showed up to take her out. They were married that following Summer on June 23, 1945. When the war ended, Ray returned to America and Eileen came over by boat, docking in New York City on March 17th, 1946. She then took the train to Iowa, remembering seeing the most beautiful sunset the day she arrived.

Ray and Eileen first lived on a farm in Iowa where Ray worked. A year later they moved to Waterloo, IA where Ray got a job at John Deere and Eileen at

Rath Packing. They would later have two daughters, Christine and Kathy. From there they had three granddaughters and many great-grandchildren.

Eileen was predeceased by her husband, Ray Gibson, her daughter Christine Gibson, her mother, father, stepfather, two brothers and sister.

She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law: Kathy and Jim Koepfel, of Waterloo, IA. She leaves behind her three grandchildren: Lisa, Jamie (TJ) Sara (Scott); and eight great-grandchildren: Kayla, Ray, Dade, Natalie, Vince, Logan, Ryan, and Millie. She also leaves many other dear friends who will sadly miss her.

Gathering of family and friends will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, May 23, 2022, at the Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls, with private interment in the Fairview Cemetery in Cedar Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Cedar Valley Hospice.

We will miss Eileen dearly, but we are so grateful for the time we had to spend with her. We will remember Eileen for her loving nature, gentleness, and her wonderful stories. We will always feel her presence in our hearts.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

12th and Division Streets
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 273-8628

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

MAY **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Tribute Wall

KB

“ *Many years ago I worked with Eileen at Farm and City in Cedar Falls! To say we had fun is an understatement! She was a great person and I enjoyed her so much! Deepest sympathies to your family! ...Kristi Bohlen*

Kristi Bohlen - May 23, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Eileen Gibson.*



May 23, 2022 at 09:08 AM

LW

“ *Eileen was a true lady! Always kind and good to all. I enjoyed the times spent with her and her wonderful British sense of humor. May she Rest In Peace with her dear Husband and Daughter Christine. She will be missed!*

Linden Winterberger - May 22, 2022 at 03:16 PM

RS

“ *Jim and Kathy,
Just want to express our condolences for your loss. We will continue to pray for you and your family during this time of grief.*

*God Bless,
Rodger and Melanie Smith*

Rodger Smith - May 22, 2022 at 02:45 PM

BW

“ My favorite memories of Eileen are when I had the occasions to blow the snow from her driveway. She would always invite me in for a sweet treat and a hot cup of coffee. I will always remember her as a generous and caring person. Jeff West

I remember Eileen as a woman who loved to swim, even into her 80's. I also witnessed her genuine love for her little companion dog. I will remember Eileen for kind and gentle spirit. Becky West

Becky West - May 19, 2022 at 09:09 PM

DF

Kathy, as you know, Eileen was a favorite member of the YMCA and never missed a week day for her exercise routine while able to drive herself. She will be dearly missed. Peace and sympathy to you and your family. Know the night stars are shining brighter with her heavenly presence. Peace and condolences.

Dorothy Frederick

Dorothy Frederick - May 20, 2022 at 11:03 AM