

## Laura Palestine Gibbs

June 17, 1929 - February 4, 2025

Laura Palestine Gibbs, age 95, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2025, at Ozark Riverview Manor in Ozark, Missouri. She was born on June 17, 1929, to Ora and Ruth Thee.

Laura was united in marriage to Alvin Gibbs on July 21, 1962, and together they built a life full of love and service. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alvin Gibbs, her parents, her daughter Glenda Ludwig, her sisters Martha Thee Toole, Ruth A. Thee, and Idella Thee, her brother Albert Thee, Jr. as well as her nephews Michael and Matthew Toole.

She is survived by her sons, Al Gibbs and wife Debbie of Ozark, Missouri; Josh Gibbs and wife Elizabeth of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and her daughter Gayle Gibbs-Yankee and husband Wayne of San Jose, California. She is also survived by her brother, Jesse Thee and wife Nancy, nephews Mark Toole and niece Sherry Hagar and husband John of Clark, Missouri, neice Sarah Campagna and husband Dave from Denver, Colorado and neice Tommi Clark and husband Kevin of Stockton, Missouri and 8 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

Laura lived a long and vibrant life, dedicated to her faith and family. She was married to a Methodist preacher and was deeply involved in her church, where her love for God and others was evident in everything she did.

She worked for many years at the Missouri University of Science and Technology. She also became known for her technological savvy, particularly her love for Facebook. Her curiosity and passion for learning never waned, and she embraced new challenges with open arms.

A true giver, Laura's purpose in life was to say yes to others, always seeking to help and support those around her. She was known for her outgoing nature, her ability to connect with everyone, and for always knowing the history of those she encountered.

Laura will be missed by many. Her kindness, compassion, and deep faith left a lasting impact on everyone who knew her. She was a wonderful person, and her legacy will live on in the hearts of her family and friends.

# Cemetery Details

**Rolla City Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

FEB 8. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla  
1651 E. Hwy 72  
Rolla, MO 65401  
(573) 458-2262  
jgrolla@hotmail.com  
<https://www.jamesgahrmortuary.com/>

### Funeral Service

FEB 8. 1:00 PM (CT)

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*Graveside service and interment to follow at Rolla City Cemetery*

# Tribute Wall



“ Tammy M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Palestine Gibbs.

Tammy M. - February 08, 2025 at 01:29 AM



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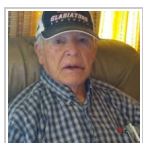
February 07, 2025 at 11:52 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laura Palestine Gibbs.



February 07, 2025 at 11:52 PM



“ I couldn't find a more fitting way to celebrate the life of an amazing woman than to plant a few trees. May the roots grow strong, the trunk sturdy and may the branches give plenty of shade in times of bad weather as this was how Laura lived her life with her family. She will be dearly missed by them.

Christeen Lattray - February 07, 2025 at 10:22 AM

JB

“ Laura was a good friend to my parents, Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Turnbough, for many years until they both passed away. They knew her from the Rolla Free Will Baptist Church, and were neighbors when they all lived in the Rolla Apartments. She was such a sweet spirit and we were all so blessed to know her! She has gone on to receive her heavenly reward, and we know that we will see her again! Praying for the family and her many friends during this time of mourning and also celebrating her wonderful life!

*Dr. and Mrs. Ken Bailey, Tokyo, Japan*

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**Judy C Bailey** - February 07, 2025 at 04:23 AM

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“ Christeen L. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura Palestine Gibbs.

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**Christeen L.** - February 07, 2025 at 12:07 AM

JE

“ Joshua & Elizabeth purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Laura Palestine Gibbs.



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**Joshua & Elizabeth** - February 06, 2025 at 05:26 PM