



Virginia "Eileen" Gibson

September 13, 1941 - March 30, 2026

Virginia "Eileen" Gibson of St. James, Missouri, passed away peacefully at home with her family by her side after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

She was born on September 13, 1941, in Freeburg, Missouri, to the late Wade and Mollie (Britton) Watson.

Eileen was united in marriage to the love of her life, Herman "Tuck" Gibson, on July 25, 1963. This union was blessed with two sons. They shared 60 wonderful years of marriage before Tuck's passing in 2023.

Eileen was a devoted wife and mother, but when her grandchildren came along, they became the joy of her life. She and Tuck lived on the family farm where they raised their family and built a life filled with love and hard work. She also had a deep love for sewing, especially quilting. Eileen lovingly made quilts for each of her children and grandchildren—treasured keepsakes that will be cherished for generations. She and Tuck spent many peaceful hours sitting on their porch watching hummingbirds each spring. Their feeders attracted so many birds that they joked about buying sugar in large quantities from different stores so no one would think they were making moonshine—a story that became a beloved family joke.

Eileen had a passion for gardening, growing both flowers and vegetables. She spent countless hours canning and preserving the harvest so her family could enjoy it throughout the winter months. She worked for several years at the local clothing factory, where she advanced to the position of supervisor before the factory closed.

Eileen adored her grandchildren; they remained a blessing to her and her family. She was fortunate to spend her final years at the farm she loved so dearly, surrounded by family who worked together to care for her at home. Eileen had a deep love for the Lord; she was baptized at the Meramec River and knew that God was building her Mansion in Heaven where she would be reunited with her family. When God called her home, she was ready.

She will be remembered as a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend, and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Eileen is survived by her sons, Jesse Gibson and wife Stacy of St. James, Missouri, and James Mason Gibson Carey and wife Sandy of St. Clair Shores, Michigan; her grandchildren, Ethan Gibson, Ashley Carey, Amanda Carey (Jason), Alex Carey, Tyler Murphy, Dyllan (Kylie) Gibson, and Garrett (Ashlyn) Gibson; her great-grandchildren, Grayson, Maisie, Evalyn, and a new great-granddaughter expected in July; her siblings, a host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

In addition to her parents and husband, Eileen was preceded in death by her son, Frank Gibson, and siblings.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 6, 2026, at 2:00 PM at the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary, with Pastor Craig Rippy officiating. Interment will follow at St. James Cemetery, where she will be laid to rest beside her beloved husband, Tuck, and her son, Frank.

Visitation will be held at the chapel on Monday prior to the service, from 1:00 PM until the time of service.

Cemetery Details

St. James Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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