



## Wayne L. Gibbs

April 1, 1956 - February 16, 2023

Wayne Lee Gibbs was born on Easter Sunday, April 1st, 1956 to L. Richard and Elaine (Pangburn) Gibbs in Newberry, Michigan. The oldest of four children, he was joined by two brothers, Dan and Rick, and sister Kathryn. He spent most of his childhood in Marne Michigan attending Kenowa Hills Elementary and Walker Junior High School achieving above average grades then graduating from Kenowa Hills High School in 1974, lettering in baseball each year he was there. Wayne was a great athlete and an over achiever in everything he did.

After graduation Wayne went out into the world and blazed a trail full of adventure and success. He was a hero, a man of integrity and honor. Everything he did, he excelled at, but he was also a very private and humble man of few words. When he spoke, people listened to his wisdom and knew that they could take whatever he said to the bank, so to speak. His accomplishments are too numerous to mention, but to know Wayne Lee "Duke" Gibbs, was to love and respect him. He moved around a bit throughout his life, helping his Mom and Dad run "The Bourbon Barrel" liquor store in Seligman, Missouri before settling in Chelan, Washington.

Wayne was a well respected member of the fruit industry working at both Blue Chelan and Stemilt Growers, where he met his forever love Danielle. Together for 26 years, they made a beautiful life creating happy homes in both

Wenatchee and Chelan and for the last 20+ years owning and operating It's Your Tan LLC, on Mission Street.

Wayne is survived by Danielle of the Family home, his parents Richard and Elaine Gibbs in FL, Brother Dan (Amy) Gibbs in NC, Sister Kathryn (Jamie) Austin in FL, Uncle Jerry (Maxine) Pangburn in FL. He was preceded in death by his Grand Parents and his younger brother Rick Gibbs.

Wayne passed away peacefully surrounded by love on February 16, 2023, following a brave and brief battle with lung cancer.

A Celebration of Life will be held in the near future, details to follow.

Arrangements by Chapel of the Valley.

# Tribute Wall



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