

Gerald Vincent Gibbons

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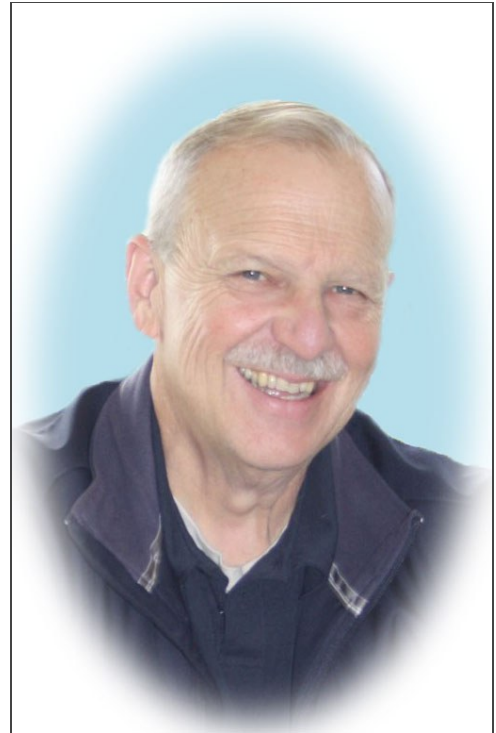
GIBBONS, Gerald (Gerry) Vincent

May 6, 1948 - February 17, 2021

It is with profound sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Gerry Gibbons on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 after a lengthy battle with Alzheimer's Disease. Gerry will be fondly remembered and dearly missed by his

family. He was a loving, caring and compassionate husband to his best friend, and wife of 44 years, Pauline. Gerry was the best father his sons, Vince (Aimee) and John (Lindsay), could have ever asked for. His kindness, even temperament and focus on his children gave them a life they will forever be thankful for. He was cherished as "Papa" Gerry by Layla, Liam, Oscar, Arwyn and Bronson; as well as his many nephews, and nieces he made a priority throughout his life. His brothers, Ed (Carol), John and Bill, as well as his many brothers and sisters in-law are all saddened immensely by his passing.

Gerry was born in Ottawa, Ontario and was pre-deceased by his parents, Mary and Vincent Gibbons. He was an active person throughout his life with watersports, cross country skiing, and hiking drawing him to life in the mountains in his 20's. His sense of adventure brought him out West where he met his wife and started his family. Gerry was proud of his communities and through efforts on town council, volunteering and his work in the Civil Service made sure to leave them better than he found them. He travelled throughout his life, loved camping and being outdoors



but never took a trip without his family as he loved to share the experiences and memories. He had a love of music with Stompin Tom, Leonard Cohen and the Eagles as a couple of top hits. The music he enjoyed the most though was watching John's band play in various pubs and bars around Central Alberta, enjoying a dance with his wife and a beer with his boys. He was a competitive swimmer, aspiring artist, and all around good guy. Even in the hardest parts of his disease he had a kind smile and a calmness that made him a pleasure to be around. He was quick to listen and slow to speak which made him an easy person to get along with. Gerry was a very thoughtful, generous and well-spoken man with a great sense of humor and a laugh that came from his soul. He will be deeply missed.

Please join us virtually for a Celebration of Gerry's Life on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 2:00pm Mountain time. The website below will have a live stream of the event that can be accessed by either a click on their facebook page or click on the picture of Gerry which will appear about 15 minutes before the event.

www.reddeerchurchofchrist.com.

Messages of Condolence

Our deepest condolences to Pauline and family. Great neighbors in Blackfalds.

— **Dwain & Lee Ball**

Im sorry for your loss Vince. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

God bless you

— **Gaby Lizano**

Pauline Vince and John we are so sorry for your loss

— **bev masters/garry moore**

Thinking of all of you, my heart goes out to you Auntie Pauline and the boys.
Remembering fondly Uncle Gerry's beautiful smile.

— **Lisa Gibbons**

Pauline and family,

So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you all at this very difficult time.

Take care. Sincerely Mitch & Donna (Lethbridge)

— **Mitch and Donna Cook**

So sorry for your loss. Gerry was a wonderful husband, dad and Papa.

— **Michelle and the whole Thibault clan**

My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Gerry truly was a great man and he will be missed.

— **Marg Haughstead**

Our sympathies to the Gibson Family. We got to be friends with Gerry and Pauline when we lived in Lethbridge. So sorry for your lost.

— **Gilles and Belinda Mazerolle**

I love your thoughts in Gerrys tribute. You captured his essence perfectly.

— **Lorna and Hugh Gresham**

So very sorry for your loss, we enjoyed meeting Gerry when you were here for Jeremy's wedding, i could tell he was adored by his family, he seemed to be such a kind sole, i'm so glad we had the pleasure of meeting him!

— **George and Carla Silver**

I'm very sorry for your loss. Pauline and Family. Gerry was such a nice man. So friendly and kind. My prayers are going out to your family.

— **Maryann Brooker**

John, I want to extend my sincere sympathy to you and all your family in this difficult time. The written tribute to your father was very touching. You have many happy memories to cling to. May he Rest In Peace. God bless you all.

— **Debbie Cooke**

Our lives are richer because they are entwined with the Gibbons. Our prayers are for peace and comfort and our arms are extended to support you in any way we can .

God bless you Pauline, Vince and John.

— **Lowell and Elaine Hodgson**

My deepest condolences, I met Gerry in Jasper about 46 years ago when Pauline lived there. Gerry was always kind and one of the best men I met. He was manager at the Voyager Restaurant. Everyone loved Gerry and Pauline, and they made friends where ever they went. I love the whole family. RIP Gerry. Love Dale and Gil.

— **Dale Hayes**

while I never met Gerry I was aware of his journey through Pauline's attendance at the Alzheimer's Spousal Support Group. Sorry for your loss Pauline.

— **R. Dean Cowan**

Dear Pauline, Vince & John, families
You are all in our thoughts, words and prayers.
Peace be with you.

— **Lorelei & Tim Kelliher**

Please accept our deepest condolences on the loss of Gerry. Ernie & Cheryl
Strobridge

— **Ernie Strobridge**

I met Gerry at Laurentian University in Sudbury and we continued a lifelong
friendship. Gerry was kind, funny and caring. A huge loss to Pauline, his family and
friends but we were so fortunate to spend time with a wonderful person.

— **Guy and Virve Tremblay**

I'll always remember Gerry as one of the good guys. A kind heart, and a very funny
soul. I met him some 50 years ago through my brother, Guy, when they were
students together at Laurentian U. Fond memories and my sympathies to his
family.

— **Miche Tremblay-Oldershaw**

So very sorry to hear of your loss. Our sympathy to all of Gerry's family.

— **Marilyn Lefler and family.**

My sincere condolences to Pauline, Vince, John & families, as well as Gerry's brother John. I met Gerry & Pauline many years ago in Jasper where Gerry was managing the Voyager Restaurant. It was in Jasper that they met, fell in love & moved forward in life as loving, joyful & loyal partners. Gerry always had a smile on his face, a twinkle in his eye, a quick wit, a sense of direction in life and made people feel welcome and comfortable with his warmth. He was a great role model. I will always remember him.

'Unable are the loved to die, for love is immortality.' Emily Dickinson

— **Jan Scott**

Dear Pauline and family. On behalf of Jennifer & Colin's families and myself, we send sincere condolences and love to comfort you and yours at this time. We know it has been a difficult struggle, but as many have said you have good memories and that is what is important. We also have many cherished memories with Gerry and yourself in Blackfalds. We will definitely watch the service on Friday and our thoughts and prayers will be with you all. Please keep in touch.

— **George Malmstrom**

Dear Pauline, Vince and John, we were so sorry to hear of Gerry's passing. We will always hold dear the memories of having such wonderful neighbours in Lethbridge. He was a wonderful and very wise man.

— **Anne and Jim Rideout**

The picture captures Gerry perfectly. What a great smile. I can remember that smile back when he was a teenager. Growing up together, he was a wonderful brother and great friend. Gerry always saw the best in people and he will be sadly missed by all.

— **Bill Gibbons**

We are sorry to hear of Gerry's passing. We felt so fortunate to have met you both through Hugh and Lorna. I often think of the wisdom Gerry shared with me. Hugs.

— **Keith and Susan Shaw**

Pauline and boys. Our hearts go out to you at this sad time. So sorry for your loss.

— **Lorna and Lyle Fennell**

Pauline and Family, So sorry for your loss. We will always remember Gerry for his kindness and his infectious smile and his laughter. We often talk of the good times we had together. Sending you all hugs and strength.

— **Dave, Karen and family**

Lovely service. Vince , your dad would of been proud of you! So enjoyed my time with your dad and the many hours of colouring, playing games and walks with him and Lacy. Some things are not fair in this life but you all did a great job of making the best of it. Love you.

— **Dorothy Johanson**

Was such a beautiful send off for Gerry, he was an awesome man, never saw him angry or sad. Loved looking at the pictures. Looked like he had the most wonderful life, you can't ask for more than that.

— **Willie and Lor Wilkinson**

So sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all

— **Sharon & Ed Ortwein**

Dear Pauline, Vince & John,

We are deeply saddened to hear of Gerry's passing. We have many fond memories of our time spent together as friends and neighbours during the time you lived in Medicine Hat. Some people touch our lives in a way never to be forgotten and your family will always hold a special place in our hearts. We remember Gerry for his kind and friendly manner and we feel blessed to have had the honour and opportunity to know him. He made a lasting impression on each of us and we send you all hugs in hopes that you will find comfort in your wonderful family memories. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this very sad time.

Sincerely,

Gail, Vaughn, Darren & Jared

— Gail, Vaughn, Darren & Jared Thome

I'm sorry to read this news about Gerald; it's such a hard disease. He was clearly a very beautiful human being. Sincerely, Linda (friend and neighbour, summers at Greenlands cottage)

— Linda Berry nee Sullivan



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