

Death is Nothing at All

*Death is nothing at all.
I have only slipped away to the next room.
I am I and you are you.
Whatever we were to each other,
That, we still are.
Call me by my old familiar name.
Speak to me in the easy way which
you always used.
Put no difference into your tone.
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.
Laugh as we always laughed
at the little jokes we enjoyed together.
Play, smile, think of me.
Pray for me.
Let my name be ever
the household
word that it
always was.
Let it be spoken without effect.
Without the trace of a shadow on it.
Life means all that it ever meant.
It is the same that it ever was.
There is absolute unbroken continuity.
Why should I be out of mind because
I am out of sight?
I am but waiting for you.
For an interval. Somewhere. Very near.
Just around the corner.
All is well.*



A Celebration of Life



Charles William Gibbons

September 14, 1954 – April 29, 2018

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

Order of Service

- Prelude** *"Just a Closer Walk With Thee"*
Peace Presbyterian Church Choir
- Sentences of Scripture** Rev. Debra Patterson
- Declaration**
 *"We are here to worship God, as we remember
the life and witness of Charles William Gibbons."*
- Prayer**
- Old Testament Scripture** Psalm 19:1-4; Isaiah 41:10
- Special Music** *"Peace in the Valley"*
Sandra Blackburn
- New Testament Scripture** 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:1
- Eulogy/ Prayer** Rev. Debra Patterson
- Hymn** *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*
Peace Presbyterian Church Choir
- Commendation and Blessing**
- Postlude** *"How Great Thou Art"*
Marsha Tafoya
Music Director, Peace Presbyterian Church

* Interment to follow at Lafayette Memorial Park Cemetery Fayetteville, NC

Obituary



Charles William "MacGyver" Gibbons, 63, passed away quietly at this home in Fayetteville, Sunday, April 29, 2018. He had suffered a stroke in March and had been in rehabilitation for a month. He was able to come home Wednesday the 25th of April. He was still disoriented and unsure of himself and his surroundings but recognized his beloved cats, Giga and Mindy.

Charles was born September 14, 1954 at Ft. Benning, Ga., the son of John Paul and Helen Eileen (Wimer) Gibbons. He moved to Fayetteville when he was very young and lived here until his death.

Charles graduated from Morganton School for the Deaf in 1975. He worked in the laundry department of the VA Hospital in Fayetteville for 20 years until he retired on disability. For several years as a young man he was part of an all-deaf pit crew for Keith Smith, who raced stock cars. He was active for many years in a Sunday night bowling league at B & B Lanes with his best friend, the late Ron Owens. Most recently he has been a member of the Sexy Seniors Bowling League at North View Lanes.

He married his wife, the former Carolyn Nora Watkins on September 15, 1991 in Hope Mills.

Charles was a caring husband and a good friend, with wonderful sense of humor. He loved animals and had a special relationship with them. He loved the American eagle; one of his fondest memories was visiting the Carolina Raptor Center at Huntersville, NC, and having "a day with a keeper" where he got to feed one of the eagles. He was an ardent supporter of all first responders.

Charles took great joy in life and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.