



Nancy Gibson

April 13, 1944 - July 29, 2025

Nancy Gail Sturm Gibson was born on April 13, 1944, in Clovis, New Mexico, to Lee and Elizabeth Weigl Sturm. She entered eternal rest on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at her home in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, at the age of 81.

In the late 1940s, Nancy's family relocated to Tulsa, Oklahoma. By 1950, they had settled in Broken Arrow, where they purchased the local bakery and reopened it as the Broken Arrow Pastry Shop on Main Street. Her parents, along with her Uncle Jess and Aunt Wanda, ran the bakery for 29 years. Nancy spent much of her childhood working alongside them, nurturing a lifelong passion for cooking and baking. In the fall of 1959, Nancy met Bixby football player Everett "Blackie"

Gibson, and the two began dating. She graduated from Broken Arrow High School in 1962 and married Blackie on June 15, 1963. Together they built their lives in Broken Arrow, becoming deeply involved in their community. Nancy began working at Arkansas Valley Bank in 1966 as a bookkeeper, and over her 19-year career there, rose to Vice President of Operations before retiring in 1985. Nancy was a devoted mother to Kim, Doug, and Jill—her pride and joy. She often said her children changed her life for the better, a truth reflected in the steadfast love and encouragement she gave them, their families, and friends. She found joy in cooking, antique shopping, hosting friends and family, playing the piano, painting, and collecting depression

glass. Through Blackie's career with State Farm, Nancy traveled extensively and delighted in discovering new places. A dedicated member of Connect Church, she hosted a weekly small group in her home on Sunday evenings for many years. Known for her exceptional desserts and comforting meals, she showed love through hospitality, making all who entered her home feel welcome.

Nancy is survived by:

Husband: Everett Wayne "Blackie" Gibson of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Children: Kim (Mark) Janes of Georgetown, Texas
Doug (Carma) Gibson of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma
Jillian (Seraphin) Faton of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma

Grandchildren: Claire Janes (James) Clynes, Thomas Janes, Ryan Gibson, Jake Gibson, Dori Faton, Elia Faton and Callen Faton

Brother: Raymond (Bobbie) Sturm of Austin, Texas

Brothers-in-Law: Tom Gibson and Ronnie (Wanda) Gibson of Bixby, Oklahoma

Sister-in-Law: Sharon Gibson of Bixby, Oklahoma

And many nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lee and Elizabeth Sturm.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Tree of Life USA, a nonprofit organization that ministers in Benin, Africa.

www.treeoflifeusa.org

Cemetery Details

Floral Haven Memorial Gardens

6500 S. 129th E. Ave.
Tulsa, OK 74012
(918) 252-2518

Previous Events

Viewing

AUG 1. 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Visitation

AUG 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hayhurst Funeral Home
1660 South Elm Place
Broken Arrow, OK 74012
(918) 258-9623
hayhurstfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

AUG 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

Connect Church
401 West New Orleans Street
Broken Arrow, OK 74011
info@connectchurchba.com
<http://connectchurchba.com>

Tribute Wall

GB

“ Nancer you were so funny and kept me laughing when we would get together. I miss you and every time I look at scarves I think of the kazillion ones you talked me into buying and the dozens we have given each other over the years. I think about all the fun trips we went on together over the years and how much fun we had. As we got older, we slowed down in activities and didn't get to spend as much time together but I will always cherish our friendship and will have all the cards you sent, the pictures you drew to make me laugh and our prayers together to remind me of one amazing friend that I was awed by most of the time. I will miss you here but I so look forward to meeting you again one day. Love, love, love you!

Glo Boyd - September 17, 2025 at 12:08 AM

AB

“ Amanda & Eric Griffin and boys purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Nancy Gibson.



Amanda & Eric Griffin and boys - August 02, 2025 at 11:28 AM

W&

“ Wilbur Maxwell & Sons purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Nancy Gibson.



Wilbur Maxwell & Sons - August 01, 2025 at 11:54 PM

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“ Wilbur Maxwell & Sons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Gibson.

Wilbur Maxwell & Sons - August 01, 2025 at 11:54 PM

AF

“ Alexander Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Nancy Gibson.



Alexander Family - July 31, 2025 at 09:45 PM

TF

“ Teresa (Gibson) & James Adams family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Gibson.

Teresa (Gibson) & James Adams family - July 31, 2025 at 04:45 PM

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“ Teresa (Gibson) & James Adams family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Nancy Gibson.



Teresa (Gibson) & James Adams family - July 31, 2025 at 04:45 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Hayhurst Funeral Home - July 31, 2025 at 03:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nancy Gibson.

July 31, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Nancy Gibson.



July 31, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nancy Gibson.

July 31, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Nancy Gibson.*



July 31, 2025 at 11:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Nancy Gibson.

July 31, 2025 at 11:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Nancy Gibson.*



July 31, 2025 at 11:32 AM

RS

“ An open letter to my "big sister."

Dear Hoot,

Oh my gosh, sister, thank you for taking care of me for the last 78 years! You were there for me from the very beginning of my life when you were just a three-year-old little girl in Clovis, New Mexico. Mom and dad told me how you doted on me as your baby brother. As I write this, I'm not sure I ever thanked you for that. I hope--no, I know--you'll forgive me for that.

Mom told me how you would insist on smelling any of my food that came from outside our home before you would let me eat it, just to make sure it wasn't "spoiled." I can still remember as a small lad watching you disassemble my store-bought hamburger, smelling the meat and handing it back to me IF it passed your smell test. Where you got the idea that your nose was sensitive enough to detect any germs, Lord only knows.

Looking back at our lives together, particularly at 205 West Dallas Street, I can only remember a couple of times when you were mean to me. I'm pretty sure this must have been before Brother Dodd and others at the Assembly of God Church led you to become a Christian. I remember when you turned 13 or maybe 14, mom and dad would leave us alone at home when they made their way to the bakery at 2:00 or 3:00 O'clock in the morning. It then became your assigned job to wake me up, get me dressed, fix breakfast and get me to school on time--no easy task. Once when I lingered in bed a tad too long, I awoke to the "whop, whop, whop" sounds of a broom smashing against my helpless body. And not long after that, I guess for varieties sake, you threw a cup of cold water in my face. Now, that was MEAN. Effective, but MEAN. For what it's worth, I no longer hold that against you.

I miss you terribly, big sister, but the wonderful memories I have of our lives together will also always be with me. Your gentle spirit,

your kindness, your love for your family, for Bobbie (the sister you never had), your friends, your co-workers at Arkansas Valley Bank, your many Church buddies, and countless others, will be remembered by all who crossed paths with you in this life. Like all of us here on this earth, you had your share of challenges and disappointments, but you bore those with grace and dignity and, ultimately, with triumph. The three wonderful children and seven wonderful grandchildren that you leave behind know the depths of your love and your devotion to their well-being. You were a faithful Christian, wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. A life well lived, indeed.

I will always love you and cherish the memory of you that I hold in my heart, and I look forward to being with you again in Heaven. See ya there!

Raym

Raymond Sturm - July 31, 2025 at 09:40 AM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - July 30, 2025 at 09:24 PM



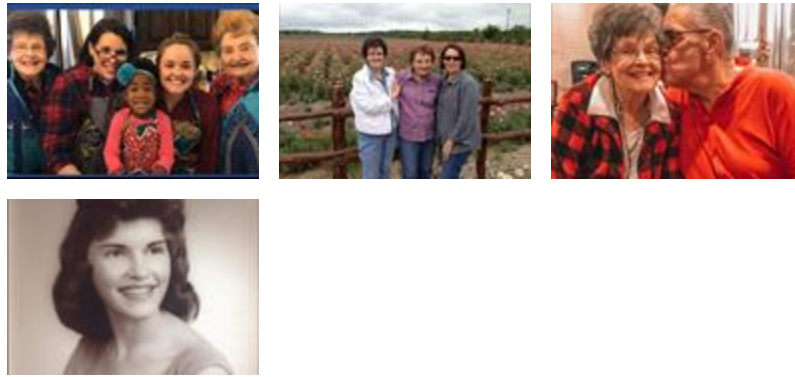
“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Nancy Gibson.



July 30, 2025 at 07:29 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - July 30, 2025 at 06:31 PM



“ Sue and Larry Zientara purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Nancy Gibson.



Sue and Larry Zientara - July 30, 2025 at 05:59 PM

JM

“ Nancy was such a beautiful person inside and out. I first met Nancy when I went to work for Blackie in 1990. Typical Blackie offered to let me live with them until my husband Chuck followed in three weeks. Needless to say that began a love and friendship that lasts to this date. She leaves behind such a beautiful legacy in her family and will forever live in our hearts. I know she is joyful in heaven but a big loss for those awaiting that reward. Jeri McCall

Jeri McCall - July 30, 2025 at 04:20 PM

HD

“ Haley and Darla Diorio planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Gibson.

Haley and Darla Diorio - July 30, 2025 at 03:08 PM

HD

“ Haley and Darla Diorio purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Nancy Gibson.



Haley and Darla Diorio - July 30, 2025 at 03:08 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Nancy Gibson.



July 30, 2025 at 11:11 AM

TB

“ Nancy's daughter, Kim, was my best friend throughout high school. In those angsty teenage years, Nancy & Blackie welcomed me into their home and family and always treated me like one of their own. Nancy was such a class act. I always admired the career she built at AVSB and she was always so fashionable and put together. Nancy was always willing to share a smile, a laugh or a nugget of wisdom. Nancy, thanks for being my #2 mom . . . I will forever be grateful!

Teresa G Bond-Mason - July 30, 2025 at 10:52 AM

TF

“ The Roland Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Nancy Gibson.

The Roland Family - July 29, 2025 at 08:04 PM

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“ The Roland Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Nancy Gibson.



The Roland Family - July 29, 2025 at 08:04 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - July 29, 2025 at 02:59 PM



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Hayhurst Funeral Home - July 29, 2025 at 01:25 PM



“ It is our honor and privilege to serve the Gibson family and to provide this permanent tribute website in memory of Nancy.



Hayhurst Funeral Home - July 29, 2025 at 09:35 AM