



## Mrs Doris Gibbs

January 31, 1939 - April 26, 2022

Funeral services for Mrs. Doris LaVerne Wilkerson Gibbs will be 10:00 a.m. Friday April 29, 2022, at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mary Smith officiating. Visitation will be 9-10:00 a.m. prior to the service.

Mrs. Doris LaVerne Wilkerson Gibbs was born January 31, 1939 in Deadwood, Texas. She passed this life April 26, 2022 in Carthage, Texas. Doris LaVerne was the only child born to the marriage of Dorris Dewill and Brodie Lorraine LaGrone Wilkerson. She was raised in Deadwood graduating Carthage High School with the Bulldog class of 1957. She graduated Stephen F. Austin State University with a B.S. in 1960 and began her teaching career in Brazosport, Texas. She married Basel Gibbs and they celebrated 58 years of marriage before he preceded her in death in 2019.

Mrs. Gibbs served Elysian Fields as a professional educator teaching First Grade from 1965 – 1994. She received the Elysian Fields Distinguished Yellow Jacket Award in 2006. Doris was a member of the Deadwood UMC. She was active with the Deadwood Cemetery Association and a member of the O.E.S. Carthage Chapter #747 and the Retired Teachers Assoc.

Doris LaVerne and Basel were active in farming and ranching, supporting youth and all things agriculture and livestock. Doris loved her family, friends and community. All who knew her, loved her and that warm smile. She is also preceded in death by her parents.

Mrs. Gibbs is survived by her sister/cousin, Sue Ann Ware and her children Amy Ware and James Love and daughters Carolann and Adeline, Vince and

Jennifer Ware and son John Blocker, Brooke and Seth Michel and children Sarah and Sam; her cousin, Mary Latham and her children, Michael Latham, Lisa Latham and Joe Licari; nieces and nephews, Martha Lawhorne, Barbara Futrell, Lena Gibbs, Jimmy Gibbs, Angie Gibbs, Thomas Gibbs, Paul Gibbs, Jr., Cherie Horton, Helen Gibbs, and Steve LeGrand, sister-in-law, Dorothy Hardee of DeBerry; numerous great nieces, nephews and community friends. Serving as pallbearers will be, Vince Ware, James Love, Seth Michel, Jimmy Gibbs, Thomas Gibbs, Winston Horton, Chris Horton, and Wade Allums. Honorary pallbearers will be, Brad LaGrone, Joe Ben LaGrone, John Blocker Ware IV, and Sam Michel. The family requests memorials to the Deadwood Cemetery Assoc. c/o Daphne Alford 2076 FM South, Carthage, TX 75633.

# Cemetery Details

## Deadwood Cemetery

Deadwood, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 29. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel  
307 W Wellington St.  
Carthage, Tx

## Funeral Service

APR 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

KD

“ I will never forget the love and kindness shown to me and my family by Miss Doris and Basel. They were always friends and supporters of our family and they are precious to us. We will forever hold fond memories of Miss Doris! ❤️

Kim Davis ( Daniel) - May 06, 2022 at 09:57 AM

MT

“ Doris and Basel were some of the sweetest people I've ever met. Now they're reunited.



Mona Tucker - May 02, 2022 at 02:13 PM

SK

“ Doris Laverne will be greatly missed. She would call or text just to see how I was doing.



Sharon LaGrone Kinsey - May 02, 2022 at 01:13 PM

JT

“ Doris Gibbs portrayed love! She always had a smile for all! Served her community well! So happy she is with our Lord and Mr. Basil!

Jeretta Thompson - April 29, 2022 at 11:46 AM

KG

“ Karen Gasper lit a candle in memory of Mrs Doris Gibbs



Karen Gasper - April 29, 2022 at 11:28 AM

KG

Aunt Doris - I love you and miss you very much!

Karen Gasper - April 29, 2022 at 11:29 AM

Linda Weidner

“ Linda Weidner lit a candle in memory of Mrs Doris Gibbs



Linda Weidner - April 28, 2022 at 03:21 PM

Linda Weidner

Mrs. Doris Gibbs was a wonderful person and all who knew her loved her. She was a great teacher and she loved her students. She is now living her best life with Jesus Messiah, Who loved us all and gave His life on the cross for our debts. My condolences to the many family members which she leaves behind. I pray Holy Spirit comforts all during this time of great sorrow and may the peace of Father God fill your hearts and minds knowing she has entered her eternal rest.

Linda Weidner - April 28, 2022 at 03:26 PM

VC

“ Ms. Gibbs was my first grade teacher in 1976. She was a one of a kind person. I remember sitting on the steps between the old building and the brick building. Her sitting beside me teaching me how to tie my shoes correctly. I know she has been a guiding light for so many children that have been in her presence. Thank you Ms. Gibbs!

Vince Calloway - April 28, 2022 at 08:50 AM

KO

“ Kathy O'Bryan lit a candle in memory of Mrs Doris Gibbs



Kathy O'Bryan - April 27, 2022 at 10:43 PM

KO

Everyone who knew her, loved her! Rest in Peace Sweet Lady!

Kathy O'Bryan - April 27, 2022 at 10:45 PM

SF

“ This is kind of a hard pill to swallow. Mrs. Doris Gibbs, touched my life and a lot of other former students lives. She was my comfort in the storm when I was in first grade. It was a right of passage when you left first grade and walked the halls you went by her room and got a hug. When you went to the school after high school, you hit those doors let them know you were there and a beeline to her room. Whenever she seen us afterwards there was that big hug and warm smile. She loved unselfishly. She will be greatly missed.

Shequanta “Shawnee” Fuller - April 27, 2022 at 10:29 PM

DG

“ So very sorry to hear of Ms Doris passing away. She was such a sweet lady. Remember sharing many conversations with her, when her Mother was in the nursing home.



Diane Gaspard - April 27, 2022 at 09:59 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs Doris Gibbs.



April 27, 2022 at 09:42 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs Doris Gibbs.



April 27, 2022 at 09:00 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs Doris Gibbs.



April 27, 2022 at 05:24 PM

JG

“Doris was a cousin and a lifetime friend and confidante. We started school together in Deadwood and that continued through two years at Panola College. She distinguished herself as an educator and she and her late husband Basel were volunteers for decades on every major Panola County initiative. Her greatest joy came from helping others, something taught to her by her parents Doris and Brodie La Grone Wilkerson. She loved good conversations - we talked almost every day for many years. She loved laughter, she loved people and she loved Deadwood as much as I - uncommon place home to many uncommon descendants of Deadwood's founder, Adam La Grone, when that area was a part of Mexico. Doris and Basel knew the joys of travel and the never-ending work essential to running a large cattle operation. If Tom Brokaw writes a sequel to his "The Greatest Generation," Doris will be a featured character.”

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**Joe Ben La Grone** - April 27, 2022 at 02:28 PM

BM

*I'm so sorry to hear this ; Mrs Doris was Special . My heart is broken because this world lost a beautiful soul but I'm happy because she is with her Basil and Mother and daddy again . Rest In Peace Sweet sweet lady*

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**Betty Melton** - April 27, 2022 at 05:09 PM