



Mitchell Gibson

August 4, 1972 - August 25, 2009

SFC Mitchell Christopher Gibson, U.S. Army, age 37, of Princeton, IN passed away at his residence on Tuesday, August 25, 2009.

Mr. Gibson was employed at Toyota as a team leader in body welding for 8 years and a member of St. Boniface and Holy Redeemer Catholic Churches.

Mitch was a decorated member of the United States Army serving in the 1st and 398/2/98 Division (BCT). He had been awarded the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal and the Armed Forces Service Medal.

Surviving Mitch are his wife, Andrea Gibson; his daughter, Emma Lou Gibson; his mother, Dianne Gibson of Franklin, IN; brother, Matt Gibson of Greenwood, IN and his grandmother, Cecile Forsthoefel. He is the loving uncle of William and Maggie Gibson, Katie Pipken and Maddi and Mason Weightman.

He was preceded in death by his father, Stephen Paul Gibson and grandfather, Dr. B.H. Forsthoefel.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at St. Boniface Catholic Church, Rev. Kenneth Herr officiating. Burial will take place on Monday, August 31 in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens in Greenwood, IN at 2:30 P.M. E.S.T. where military rites will be conducted.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Friday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 10:30 A.M. until service time on Saturday at St. Boniface Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Fisher House Foundation, 111 Rockville Pike, Suite 420, Rockville, MD 20850. The Fisher House Foundation provides "comfort homes" to families of injured military personnel so that they may be with their loved ones during their hospitalization. No family pays to stay at a Fisher House.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **28**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Service

AUG **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Boniface Catholic Church
418 N, Wabash Avenue
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Mitchell Gibson*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Mitch, As your cousin, I always felt a special bond with you and am just so sad that you are gone. I'll always remember the good times we had over the holidays in Celina each year and your kind, caring personality...I'll also never forget the time you walked all the way to Celina in your army gear!! I wish I could've known your pain and how to help. I am so glad I got to see you at Matt & Stacey's in May and that I got one last GREAT hug before we left. As your nephew, Will, said, "See you in heaven, soldier!" We'll really miss you! Love ya...##imported-begin##Katie Steinbrunner##imported-end##*

August 31, 2009 at 07:41 PM



“ *andrea,my heart goes out to you..i know its hard to loose a loved on ...my thoughts and prayers are with you.love,amy##imported-begin##amy mccann##imported-end##*

August 30, 2009 at 10:47 PM



“ Dearest Andrea,

First of all, my name is Julie Deeg and I worked with you and Mitch at RCIA at St. Boniface several years ago along with remembering when you adopted Emma Lou. I had been out of town until today (Sun. Aug. 30) and was quite shocked and very saddened to learn about Mitch's death. I will try to contact you in the near future but for now, please know that you and Emma Lou are in my heart and prayers. You and Mitch were a remarkable couple and I never forgot you. May the love and respect he had for you sustain you at this time.

Love,

Julie##imported-begin##Julie Deeg##imported-end##

August 30, 2009 at 05:46 PM



“ Words cannot express the sadness felt for the loss of Mitch. How do I handle going to drill and not seeing him standing there with his Thorton's Diet Pepsi telling me I am late? I will miss our conversations. Mitch always put everyone else ahead of himself, I wish he would have known how strong and precious he really was.##imported-begin##SSG Charolie Smith##imported-end##

August 30, 2009 at 10:03 AM



“ My heart, prayers and deepest condolences go out to the Gibson Family. Mitch was a good Soldier and friend. You will be missed greatly. God Bless you and your family##imported-begin##WO1 Johnson(Smith), Charlquezz##imported-end##

August 30, 2009 at 09:43 AM



“ Dear Emma,
I remember the day your Daddy came in to Circle S to tell about the special little girl he was going to China to adopt. I can still hear the pride and joy as he announced "I am going to be Dad to this beautiful little girl. Isn't she great!" as he held a precious picture that they had received. Emma continue to growup in a beatiful way so that Dad can glow in pride. He will walk with you everyday and give you strength to face each new day. I will miss him coming in the store for his soft drink refill and the friendship that we shared. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers. You are in the Lord's Army now Mitch continue to serve him well!##imported-begin##Connie Curl##imported-end##

August 29, 2009 at 05:36 PM



“ Dear Andrea.
I deeply regret learning of your loss and the pain it has caused. Please know that you and Emma are in my thoughts and prayers. With my love,
Larry Ordner##imported-begin##larry ordner##imported-end##

August 29, 2009 at 04:45 AM



“ Words cannot describe how I felt when I first found out that Mitch had passed. For the rest of that day, all I could think about was how something like this could have happened to such a great guy. To me, it seemed like he was it..what i strived to be..a husband, a father, a soldier, and a friend...When i look at all that SFC Mitch Gibson has done in his life, I know that I may never be able to accomplish what he did, but I know it is a great goal to go for. Thanks for all that you were Mitch, from the Drill Sergeant that I always looked up to, to the uncle who helped out Amber when she needed it, to the friend that I could just talk to and think to myself...one day...I will be like him.##imported-begin##SSG Steven Weiss##imported-end##

August 29, 2009 at 12:07 AM



“ To know Mitch was to love him. I loved him like my son. My heart is broken. God only loans our children to us and it is hard when he takes them back. Mitch loved his whole family but Emma was the apple of his eye. Mitch is at peace with the Lord now and doesn't have to suffer any more. I will see you in Heaven,son. May God bring peace and understanding to all of his wonderful family and friends as the days pass.##imported-begin##Paula Dyer##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 11:54 PM



“ All of the time I have known Mitch, Andrea, and Emma I wanted to grow up to be just like them. I wanted to go to their house anytime they invited us over. I enjoyed being around them at the lake, picnics, big cokes, mac n cheese, cuddling with Andrea and Jordan, and family get togethers. I wrote letters to both when they did not live in Evansville as a child. I have many memories of how funny Mitch was and how loving he was. He always understood and cared. He was a great person to talk to and had made me laugh many times. He was there for me to talk to at my mom's funeral and understood. Thank you for being my uncle that I was not able to have. You inspired many with your dedication and love to family. I wish I could have seen you since I've been in town, but your memories will stick with me. Thank you for the fun memories. I hope that you are now in a much better place. You will be missed. It is hard for me to lose you and just know that I am here for you Andrea, Emma, and the rest of the family!! You are in my prayers.###imported-begin##Amber Weiss###imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 11:51 PM



“ SFC Gibson,

In the few occasions that I had the honor of training with you, you displayed exemplary leadership and possessed the skills that only a true Soldier, who loved what he did and loved serving his country could possess. Thank you, SFC Gibson, for your service to our country and to the 1-398th. You will truly be missed and Greenville will never be the same without you! May you rest in peace.###imported-begin##SGT Dupre, D-Co###imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 10:39 PM



“ Unfortunately I only had a few opportunities to work with Mitch, but I really admired his work ethic and I felt that we always had a mutual respect for each other. Mitch had just recently trained several of us team members on our new jobs, but when he didn't show up Tuesday it just wasn't like him. I only wish I had known why. He will be greatly missed by many, many people. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones as they go through this extremely difficult time. May God be with all of you. You have our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Greg and Jana Pryor##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 10:19 PM



“ We lost a great person with the passing of Mitch. Mitch was the kind of person that most of us wish we were, his love for his family, country and work was unmeasureable. I wish Mitch would have seen himself as we did. you'll be deeply missed.##imported-begin##A Friend##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 09:33 PM



“ I am so sorry for the loss of Mitch and the heartache each of you are enduring. I know how strong each of you are on your own and how much stronger together you all are as a family. My thoughts and prayers are with each one of you. I wish I could be there to give hugs to all of you!##imported-begin##Angie Emrich##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 04:54 PM



“ I am so shocked and saddened by this news. Although it has been many years since I have been in contact, I still feel a sense of loss. He holds a special place in my heart that will never be replaced.##imported-begin##Marianne Gates##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 03:38 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Mitch's family.He was a good person.He will be sadly missed at Toyota.God Bless##imported-begin##sheila frye##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 01:40 PM



“ To the family of Mitch: Offering deepest condolences for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.##imported-begin##Charlotte Hancock##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 01:04 PM



“ To the family of Mitch:

Even though I only knew Mitch for a short time it was such a pleasure! He was a wonderful and genuine person that was always kind to me! Just talking with him I knew how much he loved his daughter and family. I pray that his pain is gone and that he will rest in peace. Mitch, I will always remember you and miss you and your sweet smile!! It was an honor to know you! You and your family are in my prayers.##imported-begin##Jennifer Meadows##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 12:15 PM



“ It was with great sadness I learned of DS Gibson's passing. He and I had several good conversations regarding service to the country and the adoption of his daughter. I looked forward to serving with him again. I will pray for the peace that passes understanding for his family. (Phillipians 4)###imported-begin###Major Patrick L Rowe###imported-end###

August 28, 2009 at 12:11 PM

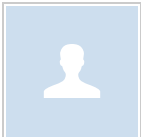


“ Gibson Family, so sorry for your loss. My sister Michelle and I had the pleasure of going to school with Matt & Mitchell, both amazing young men. Please know we're praying for your family during this very difficult time. Mitchell will be missed by everyone he knew, personally and professionally.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Stafford Ellis###imported-begin###Susan Stafford Ellis###imported-end###

August 28, 2009 at 11:28 AM



“ Matt, I'm so sorry to hear about your brother. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Please let me know if there is anything I can do. Warm regards,

Michelle###imported-begin###Michelle Carrington###imported-end###

August 28, 2009 at 11:10 AM



“ Our prayers are with you and your family in your time of loss, may our God Bless and keep you safely.##imported-begin##SFC Keys, James E. ##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 10:54 AM



“ Andrea & Emma,
We are so sorry for such a horrible loss. Our hearts go out to both you and the entire family and friends. We loved mitch very much and it hurts us very much to know he is no longer with us. We know the days, weeks, months, and even years to come will be very tough but we just wanted to let u know we are here if you need anything at all. Please let us know whatever it is you may need. We love you both very much!
Love,
Theresa, Christy, & Justine

P.S. I'm so very sorry I couldn't be there for the services. I'm out of town but I want you to know my heart is with you and emma. I will talk to you soon and remember anything you guys need I'm here.
Theresa##imported-begin##Theresa, Christy, & Justine ##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 10:17 AM



“ I am so sorry to learn of this loss. Mitch was a good man and so friendly and kind to me whenever we met. His Army awards are very impressive and reflect his honor and dedication to his country. He will be missed. My love and thoughts are sent to Andrea and Emma and the rest of the family.##imported-begin##Alice Hertli##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 10:11 AM



“ Andrea-We are so sorry for your loss. We want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Mitch was a wonderful person and a friend. We are there for you if you ever need us. We will be stopping in to see you very soon.

Our love and prayers,

Sarah, Lee, Tinleigh and Jack Hines##imported-

begin##Lee,Sarah,Tinleigh, and Jack Hines##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 09:51 AM

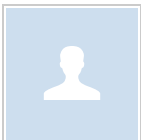


“ Andrea and Emma,

I have such fond memories of Mitch. He was such a great person and father. I pray that God will comfort you and bring you peace in the days ahead. All my love and prayers.

Love, Aunt Karen##imported-begin##Karen Harris##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 09:30 AM



“ Mitch was always one of my favorite soldiers. I enjoyed his fun loving nature and his dedication to the Army. My heart goes out to the family.##imported-begin##MSG Pennie Cason##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 09:27 AM



“ Although I had only known you a few very short weeks, I knew Emma had a father that truly loved her and wanted only the best for her. May your pain be eased now!##imported-begin##Debbie Riney##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 06:58 AM



“ My daughters are the apple of my eye and after having three I never wanted a son. After the bond with Mitch Gibson I realized that a son would not have been a disappointment. But that earthly bond has been broken but the heavenly bond will never be broken. I love you son##imported-begin##Don Weightman##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 02:32 AM



“ I will miss you Mitch so very much. You were a wonderful brother in law and a wonderful Uncle to Maddison and Mason. We will truly miss you for the man you were, the friend you were, and the uncle you were. I am so sorry Mitch you felt you had no way out. I love you so much and I can't wait to see you when I get to heaven. Love you so much, Tiff##imported-begin##Tiffany Weightman##imported-end##

August 28, 2009 at 02:14 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Gibson family. Mitch was good soldier, it was a privilege and honor to serve this country with him. He will be missed!##imported-begin##Melvin Miller##imported-end##

August 27, 2009 at 10:15 PM



“ We'll miss you Mitch. God bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Jeff Sisson##imported-end##

August 27, 2009 at 10:15 PM



“ I will miss Mitch greatly... My heart goes out to all of his friends and loved ones.##imported-begin##Lisa Godwin##imported-end##

August 27, 2009 at 10:11 PM



“ Mitch was a unique and wonderful person and I feel honored to have known and worked with him for the last 8 years.##imported-begin##Roger Battleson##imported-end##

August 27, 2009 at 09:16 PM



“ I offer my deepest condolences and prayers to the family of Mitch. He was truly a wonderful individual. He was great soldier and friend. I will miss him greatly.##imported-begin##Kenneth Calloway##imported-end##

August 27, 2009 at 07:52 PM



“ Goodbye, my friend. Thank you for everything lil' sarge##imported-begin##Walter Creamer##imported-end##

August 27, 2009 at 07:21 PM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. He was a very nice, polite man. We loved him. I wish we could be there for you.##imported-begin##Margie & Matt Lorey##imported-end##

August 27, 2009 at 06:01 PM



“ Mitch, You were a great guy. It was a joy working with you. I'll truly miss you! Joe##imported-begin##joe clements##imported-end##

August 27, 2009 at 05:18 PM