



## JACK RANDALL "RANDY" GIBBONS

July 17, 2025

Jack Randall "Randy" Gibbons left for his heavenly home while surrounded by his precious family on Thursday, July 17, 2025, following extended health challenges. He was born on September 4, 1954, in Birmingham, Alabama, to Earnest Evan and Jacqueline Weeks Gibbons of Fairfield.

Randy was preceded in death by his loving wife and best friend, Connie Coston Gibbons; his mother, Jacqueline Weeks Gibbons; and his grandparents, John and Minerva (Bazel) Gibbons and Henry Jackson and Blanche (Stanford) Weeks. His devoted canine companion, Cola, also passed before him, faithfully paving the trail to heaven's gates where he now waits to greet Randy.

Left to cherish his memory and carry on his beautiful smile are his two daughters, Heather Gibbons Chandler (Josh) and Brandi Blair Gibbons, who were the very center of his heart. He is also survived by his father, Earnest Evan Gibbons; his sister, Melanie Gibbons Hallman (Mike McKay); stepchildren; cousins; extended family; and a host of friends, neighbors, and former coworkers who will remember him with great love and respect.

Randy grew up in the Glen Oaks community, where he developed a deep love of history, the outdoors, and the simple pleasures of small-town life. He attended Fairfield High School, where his tall, lanky frame and natural athleticism made him a standout baseball player. Though his childhood dream of becoming a National Park Ranger never came to pass, the spirit of that dream lived on in his fascination with history, geography, and the world around him. From a young age, he spent countless hours with his nose in books, particularly encyclopedias and history volumes. As an adult, he could often be found reading late into the night or watching the History Channel, with a particular passion for World War II studies. His knowledge was broad and impressive, and he was always eager to share insights, often sparking meaningful conversations with those around him.

Though he carried himself quietly, Randy's humor was unforgettable. His quick-witted one-liners and clever observations became part of his signature personality, always delivered with perfect timing. Those who knew him best often recall that when Randy did choose to speak up, it was always worth stopping to listen, for his words carried wisdom, insight, or humor that lingered long after.

Randy had many loves and passions that brought joy to his life. He was devoted to his Harley-Davidson motorcycles, embodying both the freedom of the open road and the brotherhood of riders who shared his enthusiasm. Saturdays in the fall were a season of good-natured rivalry in the Gibbons household, as Randy loyally represented the Alabama Crimson Tide, while his wife, daughters, and son-in-law stood firmly on the Auburn side. These spirited football debates became a beloved tradition, full of laughter, playful teasing, and unforgettable family memories.

He was also a master on the grill, known for preparing meals that brought people together and created lasting bonds. Friends and family often gathered at the home he shared with Connie, where the sound of laughter, the smell of barbecue, and the warmth of love and fellowship filled the air. Randy's talent with food wasn't just about the meals—it was about the hospitality, the welcome, and the care he poured into every gathering.

Throughout his working years, Randy embodied dedication and leadership. He retired from U.S. Steel after decades of service as a skilled millwright, supervisor, and leader. His work ethic was unmatched, his technical knowledge respected, and his ability to guide and support those around him made him a trusted figure in the workplace. His legacy of hard work and integrity remains an example for his family and friends to follow.

In his later years, Randy cherished quiet and meaningful moments with his family. He especially valued the Sunday mornings he spent having breakfast with his father, sharing stories, memories, and fellowship over a meal. These times became a treasured tradition, strengthening the bond between father and son.

The family wishes to express their deepest gratitude to the many individuals who provided care and comfort during Randy's health journey. Special thanks are extended to Dr. Parvez Sultan and his cardiothoracic surgery team, and the compassionate nursing staff of St. Vincent's Birmingham CVICU and MICU, who worked tirelessly with skill and kindness. They also extend heartfelt appreciation to his personal caregiver, Ms. Brandy Cook; the nurses

and caregivers of Ridgeview Skilled Care in Jasper; and ProHealth Hospice for their dedication and support. The family is also grateful to the EMS providers of Concord Fire District and to Henry and Rita Chandler for their constant presence, friendship, and unwavering help.

Randy will be remembered for his towering presence, his sparkling blue eyes, his humor, and most of all, his beautiful, sweet smile that had the power to light up any room. His life was one of love, loyalty, and quiet strength, and he leaves behind a legacy that will endure in the hearts of those who loved him.

A memorial service celebrating Randy's life will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, September 5, 2025, at Peoples Chapel Funeral Home, Hueytown. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m. prior to the service. Family and friends are invited to gather, share stories, and honor the life of a man who was deeply loved and will be profoundly missed.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Can't believe you're gone, you BIG SMUCK !!!!!!!!!!! Really miss sitting and having adult cocktails, making fun of the idiots on Saturdays at the bar, listening to you and Connie growl at each other and all the other BS we could come up with. I have forever scars to remember you by, but boy those were the days. So long my Friend, maybe one day!!!!!!!!!! Big Daddy*

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