



Oleta Spivey Gibson

April 4, 1929 - October 28, 2022

Mrs. Oleta Spivey Gibson, 93, of Sutherlin, VA, passed away on Friday, October 28, 2022 at SOVAH Health of Danville. She had been on declining health and moved to Stratford Health Care in November of 2021.

Thanks to Amie Pilkin (granddaughter) and Dorothy Rodgers for her in the years before she moved to Stratford. Thanks, also, to Billy Matthews for helping take care of her home.

Oleta was born in Galax, VA on April 4, 1929 to Ohlen Chap Spivey and Sue Cox Spivey. Much of her life was spent in Galax before moving to Danville in 1960.

She supported three children while working in Dan River Mills and as a hostess/cashier at various restaurants in Danville.

She married Willard Gibson in 1965 and they had one daughter together. While married to Willard (who predeceased her) she worked at and retired from the Mayflower Restaurant as a hostess.

During their marriage she and Willard were known in the community for canning and freezing various vegetables for themselves, family, and friends.

She is survived by a son, Ernest L. Bedsaul (Mary Ellen), her daughters, Shirley B. Wagner and Pamela G. Alexander (Scott), and one foster child, Judy Barbour. She is also survived by one sister, Ada S. Tucker (Bobby Joe), 12 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and 10 great great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her son, Ohlen C. Bedsaul, three brothers and one sister.

A memorial graveside service, at her request, will be held on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 1:00 P.M. at the Laurel Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Donations in her memory may be made to Laurel Grove Fire and Rescue, P.O. Box 26, Sutherlin, VA, 24594.

Wrenn-Yeatts North Main Chapel is respectfully serving the Gibson family.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

NOV **29**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Laurel Grove Baptist Church Cemetery
136 Church Lane
Sutherlin, VA

Tribute Wall

EB

“ *Mom and me on April 14, 2022.*



Ernest Bedsaul - November 27, 2022 at 06:15 PM

MB

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



MaryEllen Bedsaul - November 27, 2022 at 05:22 PM

MB

“ *I met Oleta Gibson about two years ago but I felt like I'd known her all my life. She was a warm, caring individual who was loved by everyone.*

What struck me most was her sense of humor. And it took courage and tenacity to raise her children, even in the face of adversity.

Her strong faith has carried her through life and now she can enjoy Eternal Peace.

I will miss you dearly Oleta.

Mary Ellen Bedsaul

Mary Ellen Bedsaul - November 27, 2022 at 03:57 PM

MB

Mary Ellen Bedsaul

Mary Ellen Bedsaul - November 27, 2022 at 03:58 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Oleta Spivey Gibson.*



November 27, 2022 at 12:15 PM

JB

“ To the entire Gibson, Wagner, and Spivey family thank you for your love. Oleta and Willard demonstrated love for each other, family and community through their words and deeds.

So much of who I am as an adult is attributed to their loving example of what family really is.

The example of loving everyone no matter their background was instilled in me as they and their loving family accepted me as their own. To the Gibson's far and wide to the Spivey's north and south I learned about the importance of family and showing love in word and deed. So many reunions, family gatherings, and visits still flood my memory.

Oleta was a great cook so true, I remember her muffin recipe, simple but good. The canning and cooking were more than activities it was her way of showing how much she loved those that were lucky enough to have a taste.

Oleta, Willard, Pam and the relatives were my family for a little while in my life but everything good thing that made me I contribute to them. Because of all of them I know and hold dear my own children and grandchildren just like the Spivey's demonstrated to me, I have salvation because Willard and Oleta took us to church, have a strong work ethic because Oleta worked from morning to night raising her family, and I love the mountains because we went often to visit Grandma and Grandpa Spivey.

So in closing, let me say thank you Oleta for sharing your life and love, you touched many lives, made a difference to many people for time to come and made this little foster girl the mother, grandmother, and person I am today.

Judy Barbour - November 26, 2022 at 07:47 AM

OM

“ *Our Love, Ernest Lee & MaryEllen purchased the Touching Tribute Spray for the family of Oleta Spivey Gibson.*



Our Love, Ernest Lee & MaryEllen - November 25, 2022 at 02:20 PM

KS

“ *Aunt Oleta was quick to smile and laugh. She personified perseverance. She fiercely loved her family, nieces and nephews included. She was loved and will be missed.*

Karen Tucker Sumerauer - November 17, 2022 at 03:29 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Oleta Spivey Gibson.*



November 17, 2022 at 07:28 AM

LB

“ *She made the absolute best homemade preservatives you will ever have...also available in sugar free! She was a very much a hard working, independent woman when life lead to those circumstances and a loving person who is and will be missed. Love you grandma!*

Lee Bedsaul - November 15, 2022 at 09:21 PM