



## Willie Lynwood Gibbs

June 21, 1936 - March 14, 2026

Willie Lynwood Gibbs, 89, of Danville, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2026 at his residence, surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Willie was born in Keeling on June 21, 1936 to the late Aubrey Lee Gibbs and Annie Gibbs Taylor.

Willie worked at Dan River Mills for several years prior to being drafted into the Army. He served his country for two years during the Cold War, stationed in Alaska. He then went on to join the Danville Police Department in November of 1962. He worked his way up the ranks from a patrolman all the way to Captain. He retired in September of 2003 after 41 years of service to the citizens of Danville, but his legacy still lives on today.

He was an avid golfer and liked to travel with friends and colleagues to try out new courses and improve his game. He was also an animal lover and would often watch the wildlife from his back porch while enjoying a cigar. He had a sweet spot for cats, owning several throughout his life up until his death.

Willie is survived by his loving wife of nearly 60 years, Brenda Guill Gibbs, of the residence; son, Alex Gibbs (Amanda) of Danville; brother, Clarence Junior Gibbs (Linda) of Martinsville; and several nieces and nephews.

Willie was preceded in death by three brothers, Edward Gibbs, Johnny Gibbs, and Thomas Gibbs.

Funeral services for Willie will be held at the Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel on Friday, March 20, 2026 at 2:00 PM with Pastor Lee Von Eime officiating. Interment will follow the service in Highland Burial Park with honors by the Danville Police Department Honor Guard. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the funeral home.

Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes, Westover Chapel is respectfully serving the Gibbs family.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Burial Park

3049 North Main Street  
Danville, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 20. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Wrenn-Yeatts Westover Chapel  
5858 Riverside Drive  
Danville, VA 24541  
(434) 793-5511  
info@wrenn-yeatts.com  
<https://www.wrenn-yeatts.com>

## Funeral Service

MAR 20. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Willie Lynwood Gibbs*



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**Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes** - March 20 at 08:39 AM

TB

“ *Brenda and family, my most sincere condolences. He was an outstanding supervisor and friend during my tenure with the dept. The Pooh Bear will be missed!*

*Tim Basden*

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**Tim Basden** - March 20 at 03:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Willie Lynwood Gibbs.*

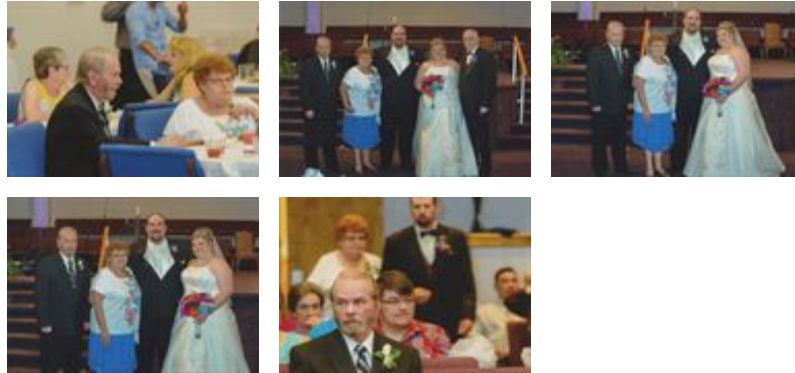


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March 19 at 10:01 AM



“ 22 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Wrenn-Yeatts Funeral Homes** - March 19 at 09:35 AM

KH

“ *I extend my deepest condolences to the family.*

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**Korey Henderson** - March 18 at 11:44 PM

BH

“ *Worked with and for Willie many years. We would agree disagree talk about poker online stocks played golf on Mondays at Cedars many times. Willie had a good sense of humor. when he worked with Fred Duncan always had some form of practical joke going on. He would fuss at me and say can't you talk about anything but your kids. He suffered for a long time maybe now he will get some rest and peace. In police work you always have those certain people who are a legend around the coffee table and Willie we be that kind of person as long as his generation and those who worked with him are around. I know he his sitting around telling stories with his best friend JC already.*

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**butch hall** - March 18 at 05:37 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Willie Lynwood Gibbs.*



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March 18 at 05:01 PM



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

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March 18 at 05:01 PM



“ *Alexa & Amanda,  
I am sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. I remember him from years ago in the Police Department. Both of you have performed a great job taking care of him in his final years. I appreciate everything ya'll have done. Dean*

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**Dean Ingram** - March 18 at 06:20 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Willie Lynwood Gibbs.*



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March 17 at 08:55 PM



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March 17 at 08:55 PM