

**Allen "Big Al" Gibson**, 55, of Gettysburg, passed away Saturday, June 1, 2013 at Sanford Health, Sioux Falls, SD.

Allen was born August 30, 1957 to Arch and Darlene (Russell) Gibson in Gettysburg, South Dakota. He grew up in the Gettysburg area, attending school and graduating from Gettysburg High School. He went on to attend school at Mitchell Vo-Tech.

After schooling, Allen spent time in many places. He lived in Austin, Texas while working for a refrigeration company. He then moved to Redfield and worked for the SD Developmental Center. Later Al moved to Aberdeen and worked for the School for the Visually Impaired and eventually moved back to Potter County where he worked as a farm hand for various farmers.

Allen loved riding his motorcycle, and he belonged to a group of motorcycle friends called "Just Bro's". He enjoyed fishing in his free time and crocheting blankets for kids around Gettysburg. Allen also took pride in becoming a member of the United Methodist Church.

Allen is survived by his brother, Bill Gibson of Gettysburg; his nephew, David Gibson of Aurora, SD; his great nieces: Presley, Courtney, Sydney, and Kennedy Gibson of Aurora, SD; and many friends.

Allen is preceded in death by his parents, Arch and Darlene Gibson; and his grandparents, Bill and Floss Russell.



*And since I have no gold to give  
And love alone must make amends  
My only prayer is while I live -  
God make me worthy of my friends*

**Allen "Big Al" Gibson**  
1957 ~ 2013



### **Ridin With My Long Shadow**

When sun sets low,  
upon the breaks  
Long shadows come to play.  
Dark fingers pointing to the east,  
They signal, end of day.  
The cool ride home, on Ole V-Twin  
Is never without friend.  
He stays with me, like hand to glove,  
Thru every winding bend.  
Sometimes he's right beside me,  
To left, or at my right.  
Sometimes he rides out way ahead  
Then closes in real tight.  
And even after sunset, when night is  
Black as tar -  
My faithful Shadow Brother,  
Is never very far.  
When riding with my long Shadow  
The feelings pure and FREE!  
My trusted friend, 'til bitter end  
His name, well----JUST ME----

By Big Al



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*In Loving Memory of*

### **Allen "Big Al" Gibson**

August 30, 1957  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

June 1, 2013  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

#### **FUNERAL SERVICES:**

1:00 p.m., Saturday, June 15, 2013  
United Methodist Church  
Gettysburg, South Dakota

**OFFICIATING:** Pastor Jeff Adel

**EULOGIST:** Tim Neyhart

#### **HONORARY CASKETBEARERS:**

Just Bro's Motorcycle Club  
All of Al's Family and Friends

**USHER:** Karen Willey

**ORGANIST:** Gail Larson

**VOCALIST:** Kayla Thompson

"How Great Thou Art" "Amazing Grace"

#### **CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:**

"In the Garden"