

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.



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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*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

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"