



Elizabeth Sewell "Tibbie" Gibson

October 13, 1924 - January 6, 2026

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Elizabeth Sewell "Tibbie" Gibson, a beloved wife, friend, and community leader, who left us peacefully on January 6, 2026, at the age of 101. Born on October 13, 1924, in Fort Pierce, Florida, Elizabeth embodied the spirit of determination and compassion throughout her remarkable life.

She attended Florida State University and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin. She furthered her academic journey working on a Master's Degree at the the University of Houston. Her entrepreneurial spirit flourished in the competitive world of real estate, where she successfully invested in properties in McLean, Virginia, for over a decade.

In 1976, Elizabeth relocated to St. Augustine with her beloved husband, Retired Navy Captain Freal Justus Gibson. Together, they sought to create their dream home in Crescent Beach, a vision tragically altered by her husband's unexpected passing. Yet Elizabeth persevered, channeling her energy into serving her community and making a difference.

An active political voice, Elizabeth dedicated eight years to the role of Representative State Committeewoman. She played a pivotal role as a charter member and the first President of the St. Johns County Republican Women's Club, paving the way for future generations of women in leadership.

Her commitment to education was evident in her membership with the American Association of University Women, and she was active in the Retired Officers Association.

Elizabeth's legacy is one of resilience, service, and unwavering dedication to her community. Her kind spirit and insightful wisdom touched the lives of many, and her imprint will be felt for years to come.

Elizabeth was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Rubye Sewell and her husband Captain Freal Justus Gibson (US Navy Retired). She is survived by her best friend, Mary Fuller (106 yrs old), her good friend and personal representative, Patty Brundick; Tara, Chris, Joseph, and David West, and her nieces and nephews.

Elizabeth will be laid to rest next to her husband at Arlington National Cemetery. Anyone interested in the details of the service at Arlington, please contact the family at friendsoftibbiegibson@yahoo.com.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Tribute Wall

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“ My family will always cherish many memories of Tibbie. she was a most interesting lady to be around. Tibbie, my mom Helen Whitlow , Goldie Hagenbush and Mary Elizabeth Powell were like the Golden girls of st augustine. They shared many fun times and laughter. Tibbie was quite an inspiration for anyone who became her friend. my brother, Doug and I loved all our many visits with Tibbie and they continued their friendship for the past 20 years when Doug moved to Texas. The message I always got from Tibbie was to stay active and keep learning all you can. She lived her life to the fullest and all of us were blessed to call her our friend. Prayers to all her family and friends with much love and thanks to Tibbie for all her great stories and kind words. from Pam Whitlow

Pam Whitlow - February 08 at 05:37 AM



“ I love and will greatly miss my dear "Aunt Tibbie,". Knowing her my entire life, she was a role model to me and to my children and a dear friend. I will miss our emails, phone calls and yearly visits. I know she is, as she would say, "leaping and twirling" once again now reunited with her beloved Gibby.

Tara West - January 25 at 07:53 AM