



Obituary

Born: Saturday, October 25, 1941

Died: Thursday, October 24, 2019

John Leroy Gibbons "Gibby"
Sydney Mines

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to all, John Leroy Gibbons, better known as Gibby.

Dad enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time at the family spot in Boisdale.

He owned J&J Autobody for over 40 years with his friend Jimmy Young before retirement.

Gibby really enjoyed horses. He spent 45 years in the sport of harness racing. He has had many good horses throughout his career, but his favourite would have to be Beauilly Katherine.

He was inducted into the Cape Breton Horseman's Hall of Fame in 2012. His passion for horses was passed on to his children and grandchildren as they all showed and some continue to show throughout Cape Breton.

Gibby was like a second dad to the many children who lived on Brooklyn Avenue. His house was always a welcome place in the neighbourhood.

Dad was a generous man who always helped when needed. He would give you the shirt off his back. He also had a great sense of humour and loved getting people going (mostly Mom).

Dad & Mom were married for 48 years before she predeceased him in 2012. Together they raised six children, who he was extremely proud of; Gail (Johnny) Murphy, Port Hawkesbury; Deanna (Andrew) Lennark, Dartmouth; John (Sharon), Sydney Mines; Suzanne (Scott) Tobin, Greenwood; Cheryl Gibbons, Kugaaruk, NU & Bonnie (Andrew Lewis), Balls Creek

Poppy had seven grandchildren that were his pride and joy; Jennifer (Michael), Shawn, Jocelyn, Jacob, Katie, Maggie & Jill.

He also leaves behind his brother Bobby, and sister Kay as well as many nieces and nephews.

At Dad's request, there will be no service, visitation only. Visitation will be held in J.M. Jobes Funeral Home, 635 Main St, Sydney Mines, Wednesday, October 30, 2019, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m.

Family Flowers only. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in John's name to the Canadian Diabetes Association and/or the Canadian Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at www.jmjobesfuneralhome.com

Service Summary

No services to be held

Visiting

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, Wed Oct 30, 2019

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Wed Oct 30, 2019

J.M. Jobes Funeral Home

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