



## Donald Gibson

May 6, 1935 - March 27, 2017

. Peacefully, with his family by his side at C.E.E. Hospital, Petrolia on Monday, March 27, 2017. DONALD LLOYD GIBSON, of Petrolia, was in his 82nd year. He was the loving husband of 57 years to Marilyn (nee Stephenson). He was the loved father to Lynn and Mike Villalta and Lyse Gibson and Ryan DeBattista., grandfather to James Stotts and Karley Bailey, and great grandfather Leila Michelle Stotts. Don was predeceased by two grandchildren, Stuart Michael Villalta (2006) and Michelle Lee-Ann Stotts (1999). Don was a brother to Gayle and June Gibson and Graham Gibson, all of Toronto. Don was a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 216, C.E.E. Hospital Auxiliary, and was former Canadian JCI Senator. Don retired from Suncor and was a member of Local 663 of the Plumbers and Pipefitters. Visitors will be received on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm at the Needham-Jay Funeral Home, Petrolia, where a funeral service will be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. The Royal Canadian Legion will conduct a memorial service on Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. Interment will be at a later time in Hillsdale Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy, memorial donations may be made to the C.E.E. Hospital Foundation or the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 216. Memories and condolences may be shared on-line at <http://www.needhamjay.com>.

# Cemetery

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## Hillsdale Cemetery

3725 Petrolia Line  
Petrolia, ON, N0N 1R0

# Events

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**MAR 29 Visitation** 02:00PM - 04:00PM  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home  
4059 Petrolia Line, Petrolia, ON, CA, N0N 1R0

**MAR 29 Royal Canadian Legion Service** 06:45PM  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home  
4059 Petrolia Line, Petrolia, ON, CA, N0N 1R0

**MAR 29 Visitation** 07:00PM - 09:00PM  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home  
4059 Petrolia Line, Petrolia, ON, CA, N0N 1R0

**MAR 30 Funeral Service** 01:00PM  
Needham-Jay Funeral Home  
4059 Petrolia Line, Petrolia, ON, CA, N0N 1R0

# Comments

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“ I am sorry to hear Don passed away, my sincerely condolences to his family. I first met Don over 10 years ago while working at the Lambton Room in Wyoming and have worked with him in my current role at Lambton Heritage Museum. Don's enthusiasm for military history and his family history was always impressive. He will be missed by many.

**Laurie Webb** - March 30, 2017 at 01:00 PM

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“ So sorry for your loss. Sending our condolences and love from Ottawa. Ricardo and Leila Vidale

**Ricardo vidale** - March 30, 2017 at 11:50 AM

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“ Thinking about all of you today. For all the times you were there for Lynn and I, to fix a light or a stove when we were in our early 20's I am forever grateful. Always there to lend a skillful hand. Thank you,  
Bev



**Beverly Gregg** - March 30, 2017 at 10:57 AM

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“ My sincere condolences. May wonderful memories fill your heart.  
Lori Armstrong



Lori Armstrong - March 29, 2017 at 12:58 PM

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“ Erica Freer lit a candle in memory of Donald Gibson



Erica Freer - March 29, 2017 at 10:18 AM

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“ His dedication to the Legion & the Hospital was impeccable. Proud to have known you Don. RIP.

Paula, Kevin Hoskin & Family



Paula Hoskin - March 29, 2017 at 07:48 AM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Gibson.



March 29, 2017 at 07:48 AM

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“ Dear Marilyn&family,  
I am so sorry to learn of Don 's passing.I shall always be grateful for his advice & help in getting the Canadian Veteran's Maple Leaf marker for my dad's gravesite in Merrickville ON

**Sharon Livingston** - March 28, 2017 at 07:07 PM

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“ I have known Don since the day I was born. He was sunshine in my life from when I was a small child to when I lost my father. He lit up when I saw him and always had a funny story to tell. I am honored to have known him all of my life. May you all find peace in the remembrance of your husband, Marilyn, your father, Lynn & Lyse... That he was such a good man. Much Love to you all, Leza Armstrong-Wallis

**Leza Wallis** - March 28, 2017 at 06:35 PM

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“ Mike and Judy Pariseault purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Donald Gibson.



**Mike and Judy Pariseault** - March 28, 2017 at 06:34 PM

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“ Sandra and Bob Carriere purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Donald Gibson.



Sandra and Bob Carriere - March 28, 2017 at 01:04 PM

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“ 56 files added to the album LifeTributes



Needham-Jay Funeral Home - March 28, 2017 at 12:42 PM

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“ I am proud to have known Don through his help delivering The Independent to CEEH on Wednesdays. A man with true integrity and a wonderful sense of community. God Speed, Don. You will be missed and remembered fondly by so many.  
Sincerely,  
Kathy Ehman

Kathy Ehman - March 28, 2017 at 12:29 PM

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“ Don was such a fixture in Petrolia, he was always there ready with a smile, a wave and a story. He was one of the first people to greet us when we moved here in 1974 and was a good friend for many years after. The whole town mourns his passing with you. God bless you and keep your family in his care as you heal from this loss.

Julie Leslie

Julia Leslie - March 28, 2017 at 10:45 AM

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“ Marilyn & family our deepest sympathy & prayers at this time of your great loss. Don was a special man and will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him Jim & Mary-Ellen Stapleton

**Jim Stapleton** - March 28, 2017 at 10:23 AM

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“ Marilyn, we will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

**Kathy and Peter Davey** - March 28, 2017 at 08:43 AM

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“ Our deepest condolences at your loss. Don was a great dad, grandpa and great grandpa. He had many good laughs working with my dad. Hugs to your family Lyse. Sorry I am unable to make it down. Caroll & Stephen and family



**caroll** - March 28, 2017 at 08:42 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Marilyn, Lynn and Lyse and all the family. Thinking of you. Love Rosaleen Brannigan

**Rosaleen Brannigan** - March 28, 2017 at 07:22 AM

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“ I have so many memories of Don while I was a tiny neighbour kid across the street ! I am so happy I got to see him last Christmas when we stopped to visit . He was a great man, a funny storyteller, and a constant around Petrolia ! My heart goes out to the family and especially his girls (including Marilyn) I am sending huge hugs from Toronto and I am sorry I won't be able to get there for the funeral know that you are all in my thoughts

**Robin (Webster) Watson** - March 28, 2017 at 07:08 AM

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“ Paulette Taylor lit a candle in memory of Donald Gibson



**Paulette Taylor** - March 28, 2017 at 06:48 AM

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“ Marilyn, Lynn, and Lyse and Families, so sorry to hear about the passing of Don. I had only known Don for a short time but what a nice man and interesting to talk to. He had some really nice stories that we had heard and had did so many things. Thinking of you all at this difficult time. He will be missed by so many and he was such a pleasure to have at our program. Love Always Maureen Bailey from AEC at LMV!!!!

**Maureen Bailey** - March 28, 2017 at 04:52 AM

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“ Bill And Sharon Stonehouse lit a candle in memory of Donald Gibson



**Bill and Sharon Stonehouse** - March 27, 2017 at 08:14 PM

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“ Marilyn we will be remembering Don at our Auxiliary meeting Tuesday .he will be missed by a lot of people

**Joy Smith** - March 27, 2017 at 07:34 PM

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“ Our sincere condolence to Marilyn and the family on Don's passing He was a great contributor to our community. We shared many interesting stories  
Norm and Phyllis Sutherland Tucson AZ

Norm and Phyllis Sutherland - March 27, 2017 at 07:07 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of Don's passing, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Steve, Nicole and Hunter Willis

Nicole, Steve and Hunter Willis - March 27, 2017 at 06:54 PM

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“ Jan Moran lit a candle in memory of Donald Gibson



Jan Moran - March 27, 2017 at 06:15 PM



“ Thinking of you sending big hugs your way xoxoxo

Jan - March 27, 2017 at 06:16 PM

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“ Marilyn and Girls we are very sorry to hear of Dons passing.Our thoughts are with you all at this sad and difficult time.Nancy Hibbert and Ace Plaine

Nancy Hibbert - March 27, 2017 at 05:35 PM

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“ Brenda Duke lit a candle in memory of Donald Gibson



**Brenda Duke** - March 27, 2017 at 05:33 PM

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“ Rest in peace Don, your work on earth is done, you deserve the rest now. I always loved your stories while riding to work and home with you over the years. You will be sadly missed here. My thoughts to the Family, he was a strong and caring person.

**Richard Ward** - March 27, 2017 at 05:27 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of Don's passing - thinking of you Marilyn, Lynn, Lyse and family. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. He was such a kind man, always smiling.  
Christine Maniuk-Piggott

**Christine Maniuk-Piggott** - March 27, 2017 at 04:39 PM

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“ Dear Mern & family condolences  
We here in Thessalon have many, many great memories of your trips here to visit family.  
Donald always had stories to share of family history, his collection of war metals,.  
Can you imagine the chatter up there with the Beadles, it was 19yrs. today that Andrew bid us farewell.  
Our thoughts are with you today  
Helen, Ashley & Angela

**Helen Beadle** - March 27, 2017 at 03:49 PM

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“ Sorry to hear of Don's passing, Marilyn. He was a faithful volunteer at CEEH.  
Bev & Earle Woolaver

**Bev Woolaver** - March 27, 2017 at 01:40 PM