



Deborah "Debby" Gibson

April 10, 1951 - December 23, 2023

Deborah "Debby" Ellen Marr Gibson passed away December 23, 2023 at her home in Ocala, Florida with her beloved husband, daughter and pets by her side. Debby was born on April 10th, 1951 in Miami, Florida. She graduated from Ocala High School in 1969 and attended Stetson College, and went on to study abroad in Switzerland. When she returned from Switzerland, she began working at Hobo Farm in Ocala where she galloped racehorses. It was at Hobo Farm that she met her future husband Phillip Gibson and they went on to marry in 1971. In 1972, Phil and Debby moved to Jacksonville, Florida to work for Mr. and Mrs. George Hodges' Deep Forest Stable. At Deep Forest Stable she taught lessons, rode and showed horses. Teaching the kids and hosting the summer camps were some of her favorite activities. She was very active in the horse industry including being the President of both North Florida Hunter Jumper Association and Marion Saddle Club for many years. In 1987 she gave birth to their daughter Jaime Fox Gibson, who would be seen on a horse before she could walk. In 1997, they returned to Ocala, Florida and started their family run show farm, Foxflower LLC. She was an active supporter in her daughter's riding career and was able to witness her become national champion multiple times with different horses and ponies. One of her favorite moments was seeing her pony Nautiqua compete and become the winner that Debby had hoped she would be. Her hobbies included: needlepointing, tending to her outside plants, her orchids inside and taking Zina and Lenny to fast cat dog racing. In October, Zina ran one of her fastest

times making Debby so proud. It was amazing to watch the excitement between them. Debby leaves behind her beloved husband Phillip Gibson and daughter Jaime Gibson of Ocala, Florida. Her brothers Jeff Marr of Ocala, Florida and David Marr of Vero Beach, Florida and a numerous amount of nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Stirrups N Strides Therapeutic Riding in Ocala, Florida.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

DEC 30. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel

606 SW 2nd Ave

Ocala, FL 34471

(352) 780-1267

<https://www.robertsfunerals.com/>

Tribute Wall

ED

“ *Debby was my first riding instructor at Oak Hill Hunt Club around 1970. She taught me to jump, something I still, at 69 yo, do today. She was quite the athlete and I remember her arms and the muscles she had from exercising TB on the track before she came to Jacksonville! We reconnected on Facebook about 15 years ago and she remembered me. I'm so sorry that she has left us so soon. My heart goes out to her daughter and husband. I know she's up there riding her favorite horses that have gone before. She's young and with that beautiful red hair. She will be missed. Erin Taylor Dresser*

Erin Dresser - May 15 at 01:07 AM

CH

“ *I'm so glad I got to see and speak with Debby when you judged the Oct. RCHJA show. Sebby you will be missed by many and remembered always. Thank you for your kind words to me over the years.*

Chris Hanrahan - January 02, 2024 at 04:59 PM

CC

“ *Debby was a wonderful lady always kind helpful and knowledgeable and shared encouragement like candy. Hugs to her family and all her friends and heaven gained a beautiful angel.*

Cheryl Cerny - January 01, 2024 at 10:05 AM

CR

“ Debby welcomed not just my daughter and I but the entire family at Foxflower. Always helpful , always encouraging to everyone. She and her wide brimmed sunvisor! Will miss her so very much. 💜



Candace K Reed - December 30, 2023 at 07:10 PM

DM

“ Diana McCarty lit a candle in memory of Deborah "Debby" Gibson



Diana McCarty - December 30, 2023 at 09:33 AM

DM

“ I will always be Grateful to Debby for all she has done for My Granddaughter Alyssa.. She gave Alyssa so much that she had lost, working on the farm, helping with the horses and putting her in horse shows💜. Alyssa loved that so much, but mostly spending time with Debby and Jamie!!
Thank You Debby💜

Diana McCarty - December 30, 2023 at 09:31 AM

FG

“ FRANCES GOGAS lit a candle in memory of Deborah "Debby" Gibson



FRANCES GOGAS - December 30, 2023 at 08:52 AM

TB

“ Always polite, caring, and supportive.

Tracy Bregman - December 30, 2023 at 05:20 AM

RC

“ Ralph Colbert planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah "Debby" Gibson.

Ralph Colbert - December 29, 2023 at 07:54 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Deborah "Debby" Gibson.



December 29, 2023 at 02:51 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah "Debby" Gibson.



December 29, 2023 at 11:11 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Deborah "Debby" Gibson.



December 29, 2023 at 10:36 AM

EO

“ Everyone at Western One planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Deborah "Debby" Gibson.

Everyone at Western One - December 29, 2023 at 10:36 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Deborah "Debby" Gibson.



December 29, 2023 at 07:42 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah "Debby" Gibson.



December 28, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Deborah "Debby" Gibson.



December 28, 2023 at 03:33 PM