



John Carl Gibb

March 31, 1991 - March 21, 2023

John Carl Gibb, 31, of Ocala, Florida, passed away unexpectedly on March 21, 2023.

John was born on March 31, 1991, in Fairlea, West Virginia to Scott D. Gibb and Melissa S. Gibb. He is a 2009 graduate of Pocahontas County High School. After high school, he went on to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in Print Journalism at Marshall University and then proceeded to earn his Master of Science degree in Mass Communication at the University of Southern Mississippi. Prior to his passing, he was pursuing a Masters in Educational Leadership with the American College of Education.

John was a Journalist for the Charleston Daily Mail in Charleston, West Virginia prior to moving to Florida in 2016. Once in Florida, he began substitute teaching, which ignited his passion for teaching and kickstarted his career as a full-time educator for Marion County Public Schools at Lake Weir High School. During his 7-year tenure at Lake Weir High School, John taught Pre-IB English, Journalism, AICE General Papers, and English. He was recognized as the Rookie Teacher of the Year in 2018. In 2023, he was recognized as a Golden Apple Teacher for Marion County Public Schools, a highly esteemed and prestigious recognition. In addition to serving as an educator, John was a mentor teacher, Yearbook Advisor, Speech & Debate Coach, Student Government Co-Advisor, and Freshman Class Sponsor. John is survived by his parents, Scott and Melissa Gibb of Marlinton, West Virginia, brothers, Tim Gibb (Katie) and David Gibb of Marlinton, West

Virginia, Andrew Gibb (J.T. Robinson) of Orlando, Florida, and a beloved nephew, Christopher Gibb of Marlinton, West Virginia. He is also survived by maternal grandparents, Freddy and Linda Gravely of Marlinton, West Virginia and his paternal grandmother, Linda Gibb of The Villages, Florida. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandfather, James (Jim) Gibb of The Villages, Florida.

John's passion for education and teaching was immeasurable. John had a unique way of connecting with students that changed perceptions of the traditional teacher. Beyond that of an educator, John was a mentor, friend, and a guiding light for countless students. Through his unwavering dedication, John inspired a love of learning and instilled values that will continue to shape the lives of children for generations to come. While speaking at the 2023 Golden Apple Gala in February, 2023, John shared a quote that he lived by, "Whatever you do in life, make sure it is meaningful and purposeful." John truly embodied this as he lived each day with intentionality and purpose, always inspiring those around him to do the same. His passion and love for life, his students, and his family was evident as he strived to make a positive impact on the world around him.

Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 12:00 PM at Roberts of Ocala Downtown Chapel, located at 606 SW Second Ave Ocala, FL 34471. A Memorial Service will be held in Marlinton, West Virginia at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be made to the John Gibb Memorial Fund (10351 SE Maricamp Rd. Ocala, FL 34472-2517). This memorial fund, founded in John's name, will help serve as a lasting tribute to John at Lake Weir High School and will ensure that his legacy lives on.

Friends and family wish to extend their gratitude to Marion County Public Schools, the Public Education Foundation of Marion County, colleagues, and students for the joy, love, and kindness you brought to John's life.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

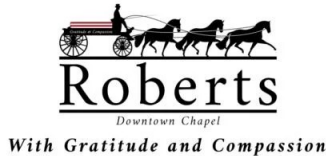
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Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations
6241 SW State Rd 200
Ocala, FL 34476

Tribute Wall



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Webcast in memory of John Carl Gibb*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - March 25, 2023 at 09:26 AM

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We don't know where to begin and words can't express how sorry we are for this tragedy.

John was one of my best friends. He was a kind soul, so sweet, so generous, extremely smart and talented and loved by all. He helped so many and touched so many hearts and I'm thankful for everything he has done for us and thankful for our friendship and will forever call him as a brother to us. John you will continue to live on in all our hearts, you always be loved and you have encouraged so many to continue to go for their dreams. We love you and again sent heart felt condolences and prayers to your loving family. Until we meet again my brother, friend, bestie. Heaven gained an angel and a light to all. Rest in peace love.

- Alexis (Lexie) and Joshua (Josh) Polk

Alexis Polk - March 25, 2023 at 11:57 AM



“ *Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of John Carl Gibb*



Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - March 25, 2023 at 09:26 AM



“ *Words cannot express my broken heart and sadness surrounding the loss of my good friend John, We will keep your memory alive John. You will always have a place in my heart. Mary Keip*

mary keip - March 25, 2023 at 11:48 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Carl Gibb.*



March 24, 2023 at 11:09 PM



“ *Sympathy Gift Vintage Wind Chime - "I Have You In My Heart" was purchased for the family of John Carl Gibb.*



March 24, 2023 at 08:21 PM

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“ We were so very sorry to hear about the loss of John he was a very sweet young man ...prayers and condolences for his family and friends....God gained another Angel Rest In Peace...Brenda & Johnny Dean

Brenda & Johnny Dean - March 24, 2023 at 08:27 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Carl Gibb.



March 24, 2023 at 08:26 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Carl Gibb.



March 24, 2023 at 05:19 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of John Carl Gibb.



March 24, 2023 at 01:33 AM

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“ him and i had a rough start to our relationship but as time went on, i'd like the think we got better. i was never his student but i'd sit and talk with him just because everyone loved him and i saw why. towards the end of my senior year, we had gotten to a point of our relationship where we would see each other in the halls and we'd crack jokes to each other. despite our relationship in the beginning and me never being his student, he'd still encouraged me to chase my passion and my dreams. he was a part of my academic journey that i'm gonna carry forever. to his family i'm forever sorry. my love goes out to all of you. rest easy gibby. see you on the other side ☐

Izabella - March 23, 2023 at 11:44 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of John Carl Gibb.



March 23, 2023 at 11:40 PM

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“ All this year, I would stop by Mr. Gibb's room and talk with him for the 5 minutes between class. It was my favorite part of the day. He always knew how to cheer me up and what to say. Thank you for all the laughs we enjoyed together.

Aspen Battaglia - March 23, 2023 at 10:58 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of John Carl Gibb.*



March 23, 2023 at 10:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Carl Gibb.*



March 23, 2023 at 09:54 PM



“ *I remember when we were doing the mock trial, I had written out my closing statement and Mr. Gibb was reading it and said it was one of the best he ever read. It might not seem significant to others. But it really helped me gain confidence during that time. I wanted to thank him for that.*

Bree Dorsey - March 23, 2023 at 08:18 PM