

Phil Gibbons remembered



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JRC—he originally worked in the Cowles Dining Hall. As a Call-In Cashier, he worked checking guests into the Dining Hall, earning the nickname "Slow-Swipe Phil" because of his prolonged P-Card swiping technique, which allowed him to make small talk with students.

Gibbons enjoyed his job in Dining Services; his wife remembers him as the "cheery checker."

Gibbons previously had a long career as a restaurant manager and also held a job with Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Corporation in Des Moines, while working part-time for the College.

Religion was important to Gibbons, as well as he was involved in St. Mary's Church in Grinnell.

He is fondly remembered by co-workers and friends.

"I loved when Phil was working; he was always happy to see everyone, wanted to make sure everyone was having a good day and help anyone anyway he could," said

Jeanette Moser, Associate Director of Dining Services. "Phil was a joy to be with."

Phil Gibbons, 61, a Call-In Cashier in Dining Services, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 12. Born on December 22, 1951 in Abington, Pa., Gibbons attended Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania and subsequently traveled before settling in Grinnell. He was married to Jo Gibbons, Development & Alumni Relations. Gibbons has been working at the College since before the construction of the

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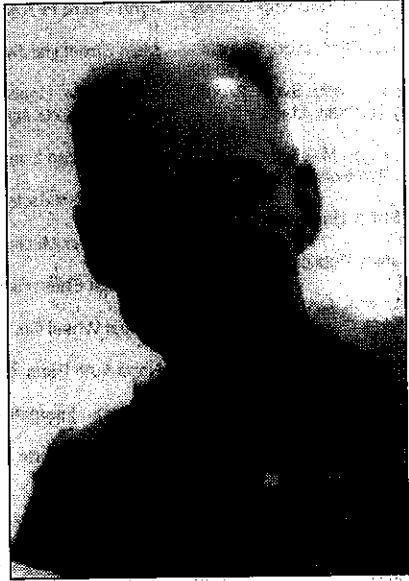
Phil Gibbons, 61, of Grinnell, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013, in Des Moines. Mass of the Resurrection will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 16, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. Interment will be at Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

Friends may call at Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning at 12 noon Friday and the family will be present at the funeral home from 5:30 to 8 p.m. that evening.

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11-18-2013 Phil Gibbons

Phil Gibbons, 61, of Grinnell, died on Tuesday, November 12, 2013, in Des Moines.

Mass of the Resurrection was held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, November 16, 2013, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell with Rev. Ron Hodges, pastor of the church, officiating. Music was provided by Marilyn Kriegel, organist and St. Mary's Choir. Casket bearers were Nathan Andrews, Ron Graham, Chuck Griffith, Craig Klocke, Bob Maschmann, Jack Montgomery and John Mottet. Interment was in the Calvary Section of Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.



Friends called at the Smith Funeral Home in Grinnell beginning 12 noon on Friday and the family was present at the funeral home from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday. A scripture service was held at 5:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Should friends desire, memorials may be directed to the Building Fund of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Phil was born on December 22, 1951, in Abington, PA, to John E. and Ruth L. Sibert Gibbons. He grew up in Mountain Top, PA, and he graduated from Archbishop Wood School in Warminster, PA. He also attended Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania. Following his education he traveled throughout the United States before moving to Grinnell in the mid-1970s.

On January 21, 1978, he was married to Jo Ellen Montgomery in Grinnell. Following their marriage the couple lived in Kellogg, Grinnell and Ledyard, CT, before returning to Grinnell in 1996. Phil worked in the restaurant business as a manager for many years. Most recently he worked for the Wells Fargo Home Mortgage Corporation in Des Moines.

Phil was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Grinnell. He was a strong man of faith, an avid Hawkeye fan and a committed family man, who enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. Phil loved meeting and talking with people.

He is survived by his wife, Jo Gibbons of Grinnell; his children, Charlie (Lisa) Gibbons of Newton, IA, and Toby (Robert) Steele of Tallahassee, FL; three grandchildren, Garrett Ficken, Elijah Yeboah and Jack Steele; two sisters, Margaret Gibbons of Landsdale, PA, and Patti (Joseph) Sauerwine of Wapwallopen, PA; and his twin brother, William (Susan) Gibbons of Tunkhannock, PA.

Phil was preceded in death by his parents and his father and mother-in-law, John and Pat Montgomery.