

61-R Vernon 'Chip' and Pamela Gibson

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A Celebration of Life Gathering, to honor the lives of both Vernon "Chip" and Pamela Gibson, will be held 1:00 p.m. Saturday, July 17, 2021, at the Grinnell Elks Lodge. Burial at Our Silent City Cemetery in Kellogg, Iowa, will take place at a later date.

Vernon "Chip" Gibson was born September 3, 1937, in Grinnell, the son of Marion and Florence (Beason) Gibson. Chip was united in marriage to Pamela Purvis on November 22, 2004. He was employed with Miracle Recreation and later Game Time Playground Equipment. He retired in 2003, a career spanning 30 years.

Chip loved the outdoors and was a conservationist at heart; he enjoyed duck hunting, fishing and worked for the DNR. His black labs were his best friends who joined him on many hunting trips. He was a former member of the Kellogg United Methodist Church, Elks Lodge, and Ducks Unlimited.

Vernon "Chip" Gibson died on Monday, July 5, 2021, at his home under the care of UnityPoint Hospice at the age of 83. He is survived by his children Natalie Wissink, Clint Gibson, and Susan Gibson; stepson, Ben Rupe; siblings, Shirley Juregensen and Gary Gibson; 14 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife Pamela; his parents, Marion and Florence; and brother-in-law Paul Jurgensen.

Pamela J. Gibson was born September 9, 1948, in Grinnell, the daughter of Floyd LaSalle and Bessie "Maxine" (McBroom) Purvis. Pam was united in marriage to Chip Gibson on November 22, 2004. She worked as City Clerk and Assistant City Manager for the City of Grinnell. She served her community for 29 years before her retirement in 2003.

Pam was happiest surrounded by her family; she adored her grandchildren. She enjoyed walking and visiting casinos to play the penny slot machines. She was a member of the Kellogg United Methodist Church and a Master Municipal Clerk with the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Pamela Gibson died on Sunday, January 17, 2021, at UnityPoint Iowa Methodist Medical Center in Des Moines at the age of 72. Pam is survived by her son, Ben Rupe; mother, Maxine Purvis; stepchildren, Susan Gibson, Clint Gibson, and Natalie Wissink; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Denise Sedlock; and brother-in-law, Charles Foster. She was preceded in death by her father, Floyd; sisters, Judith Foster and Kathy Foster; and brother-in-law, Steve Foster.

