



Tonya Gibson

June 30, 1977 - May 21, 2016

Psalm 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble
Our Beloved Tonya went home to be with her Lord Jesus on Saturday, May 21, 2016.

She was married to an incredible man of God, Charlie Gibson for over 10 years and they have two adorable children, Cohen and Cayden.

Tonya was a member of the loving church family at Riverside Baptist Church. Anyone who knew Tonya saw her strength, both mental and spiritual. God has touched so many lives through her, and many have shared of renewing and strengthening their walk with Him. Phil. 1:3

Surviving with her family are father and mother, Steve and Vicki Hardee of Fountain Inn; her father-in-law and mother in-law, Jerry and Libby Gibson; brothers-in-law, Clint Gibson and Clark Gibson and sister-in-law, Kimberly Gibson all of Greenville; her grandparents, Ted and Carolyn Owings of Woodruff; grandmother, Joan Hardee of Woodruff; her aunt, Donna N. Miller; and uncle, Lee Hardee.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 p.m. Thursday at Riverside Baptist Church, conducted by Dr. Marcus Buckley. Burial will follow in Hillcrest Memory Gardens.

Pallbearers will be Freddie Blanton, Jason Galloway, Brent Chandler, Jerry Bruce, Steve Shannon, Tim Bridges, Michael Stokes and Stephen McLean.

Visitation will be held 1:00-2:45 p.m. Thursday at the church.

The families are at their respective homes.

Memorials may be made to Charles Thomas Gibson: Cohen and Cayden
Gibson memorial fund, c/o First Citizens Bank.

Online condolences may be made at www.thewoodmortuary.com

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Memory Gardens

14050 East Wade Hampton Boulevard
Greer, SC 29651

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 26. 1:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Riverside Baptist Church
1249 South Suber Road
Greer, SC 29650

Service

MAY 26. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SG

“ I worked with Tonya for many years at LTAT. She was a delight to work with and was a friend to all. She was so "crafty" and "creative". My favorite was the robot she mad for Cohen's birthday bash. I too have followed her journey on FB. Such an inspiration to us all. Never lost her faith during her battle. She fough with a smile because as she said, she is where God needs her to be. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Susan Guest - May 26, 2016 at 05:46 PM

HB

“ I went to school with Tonya. She was a year/grade older than me but we had a class or two together. I remember her always having a sweet spirit and kind heart. I pray God shows her family those same limitless virtues during this time, and always!

Heath Bruce - May 25, 2016 at 07:25 AM

TL

“ We knew Tonya as she was a teen & young adult. She was such a sweet person. We Have kept up with her battle these last few years thru our Daughter Stephanie. So sad to hear she lost her battle. But heaven just got a precious new angel. Prayers to her family. Steve & Tammy Lister

tammy lister - May 25, 2016 at 06:24 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tonya Gibson.*



May 24, 2016 at 09:44 PM



“ *I cried when I read the news of Tonya's passing. I remember dancing with her a middle school dances, cheering with her, practicing toe touches off of the back of pickup trucks. Tonya was beautiful and talented. She always had a smile on her face. Fond memories of such a sweet lady will live on forever.*

Cate Thompson - May 24, 2016 at 08:44 PM



“ *Tonya , I will never forget you! You were an inspiration to us all. My favorite memory was when we danced to "Shine" by the News boys @ Ski Invasion. And most recently 2 years ago I seen you during the Breast cancer walk... You were as lively and full of joy then...we were able to dance together and laugh @ how bad I missed the steps.. But, you kept pushing me. You will always to an inspiration! Thank you , till we meet again.*

Ashley (Freeman) Hendrix - May 24, 2016 at 06:47 PM

Janie Ferrell

“ Tonya was my student at Emanuel Academy several years ago. She was extremely outgoing and always had a good word for everyone. She found good in everyone and never put anyone down. Her excitement for cheering was endearing and she always wanted to help others learn the cheers. I think she would rather cheer than eat lunch. She and some of her close friends would get the giggles (mainly Angela Lee Sox). They would giggle till they turned blue! I did not know she was sick. I am praying for the family now, that they would find comfort in her home-going She fought a good fight with cancer for 2 years. Now she is healed. Tonya, Roger is there. I know he will rejoice to see you. I have a little friend that made his journey there on Mother's Day. His name is Furman Broome. Be sure to look him up. I am honored to have been your teacher. You were a good student.

Janie Ferrell - May 24, 2016 at 01:16 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Tonya Gibson.



May 24, 2016 at 10:46 AM

KW

“ I am so sorry for you loss. I didn't know Tonya with being new to SC and RBC, but I heard about her and saw her get baptized. That was a beautiful ceremony and I was trilled to be a part of that. Kim

Kim Woods - May 24, 2016 at 10:16 AM

NH

“ You are already missed so much my sweet friend. Prayers for your family and hoping they find comfort during this time.



Nikki Hamby - May 24, 2016 at 09:00 AM

Jim Bomar

“ In my wife & I's 35 years of ministry we have now seen three of the children we ministered to depart this earth. Tonya was one of the two girls that we carried to summer camp in 1987. Tonya was a sweet loving and energetic young lady that danced in the children's dance team's and grow strong in the Lord during those formidable years. Heaven really did reach down and select the very best we had to offer this time.

Pastors Jim & Valeria Bomar

Jim Bomar - May 24, 2016 at 07:58 AM

SH

Thank you so much. Steve & Vicki

Steve Hardee - May 24, 2016 at 02:53 PM

KH

“ Kaye Hirst lit a candle in memory of Tonya Gibson



Kaye Hirst - May 24, 2016 at 07:45 AM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Tonya Gibson.*



May 23, 2016 at 10:29 PM



“ *I remember a special day when a precious baby girl was born. She became a beautiful young woman with a tremendous faith in God. She has helped others with their walk of faith (we will never know how many). Until we see you again-----love you.
Papa and Grandma Owings*



Carolyn Owings - May 23, 2016 at 09:45 PM



“ *Tonya was a bright light and shining ray of God's love and faithfulness. I am honored to have known her see the strength she had.y love and prayers are with Charlie and the kids, as well her entire family. You will be missed by so many and remembered always by all. Love and prayers, Sharon K Hyatt*

Sharon K Hyatt - May 23, 2016 at 08:32 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of your loss Vickie, Steve and the family. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love you Royal*

Royal Cole - May 23, 2016 at 08:12 PM

CK

“ Find comfort in knowing that Tonya was such inspiration to many through her journey! I will miss her encouraging words. Her God did heal her as she knew he would, but selfishly not the way we wanted. Prayers to all of you!

Christy Kinard - May 23, 2016 at 04:02 PM

LS

“ Lynn Strossner lit a candle in memory of Tonya Gibson



Lynn Strossner - May 23, 2016 at 02:10 PM

CF

“ Through the heartache and range of emotions, I can see Tonya dancing with Jesus and thankful she is pain free! All our love to the family and continuous prayers for all!! She greatly impacted everyone she came in contact with!

Chad and Tonya Forrester - May 23, 2016 at 12:42 PM

TF

Tonya has always been a special young lady with a contagious smile!! I will miss her Facebook posts that were always encouraging no matter what she was facing. Steve and Vickie did an amazing job their sweet daughter! Love and prayers to you all!!!

Theresa Few - May 23, 2016 at 06:16 PM

BY

Vicki and family, I am so sorry to hear of Tonya's untimely passing. Such a sweet girl. Prayers to each of you.
Brenda Yoder

Brenda Yoder - May 24, 2016 at 09:12 AM

DH

Vicki, you and your family are in my prayers. Debbie Stewart Howell

Debbie Stewart Howell - May 24, 2016 at 03:14 PM

TS

Charlie and Tonya are considered family from a distance of only 100 yards. As neighbors we found time to laugh and share stories together. We enjoyed watching Tonya sitting in a beach chair in the driveway watching the kids play in the yard. We know that God will continue to allow Tonya to watch over her family from the right seat of Christ. GOD Speed to you Charlie and the family during this time of bereavement - Travis & Maya Smith "The Reserve @ Riverside."

Travis Smith - May 26, 2016 at 03:19 PM