



Laura Mae Gibson

April 9, 1944 - May 24, 2020

Laura Mae Gibson of Byars, Oklahoma was born April 9, 1944 in Roosevelt, Oklahoma to Tommie Edward McElreath and Marie Cooper McElreath. She passed away May 24, 2020 in Lindsey Manor Nursing facility at the age of 76. She grew up in Hobart, Oklahoma and attended school there. She lived in Hobart until 1978 when she moved to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She married Cecil A. Gibson on February 14, 1980 in Oklahoma City. She and Cecil moved to the Byars/Stratford area 25 years ago where they owned a Ranch and raised livestock. She loved the country life, all the animals, and her flower gardens. She attended the Byars Pentecostal Holiness church.

Preceded by; her Parents, Brother Floyd McElreath, Infant son, Shane Senter, and Nephew LCpl Randall L. McElreath, USMC.

Laura is Survived by; her husband Cecil Gibson of the home;
Son; Travis Alderman JR. & wife Donna of Hobart, Oklahoma
Kelley Gibson & wife Donna of Roswell, Georgia.

Gina Gibson & husband Bruce Senay of Clearwater, Florida.

3 grandchildren; Tia Alderman of Moore, Oklahoma; Lauren Gibson of Chicago, Illinois; and Blake Gibson of Atlanta, Georgia cousins; Jeanette Ball & husband Terry of Branson, Missouri; Terry Stamper of Lawton, Oklahoma, Nephew Rick L. McElreath & wife Ann of Reno, Nevada and their families and a host of friends.

Memorial Services; 1:00 PM Saturday May 30, 2020 at DeArman/Pickard
Chapel Stratford, Oklahoma. Officiating; Rev. Frank Trent.

Tribute Wall



“ *Laura Mae Gibson*

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“ I don't know where to start when talking about Laura and the friend she was to me. We met in 1978 she was newly divorced and moved to OKC when I worked for Olan Mills Portrait Studio from 1976 to 1980. Laura was a photographer. The employees at Olan Mills were a very close knit bunch. We had many parties and shared our ups and downs in life with our fellow employees.

Laura took photos of many people who had their portraits taken at Olan Mills south OKC studio and the Moore studio. After I think late 1979 or early 1980 Laura quit Olan Mills and started her own studio The Cat's Eye Photography out of her home. She took portraits of my oldest daughter many times and she took my senior photos. Laura had such a great eye for photography and artistic license when it came to capturing portraits.

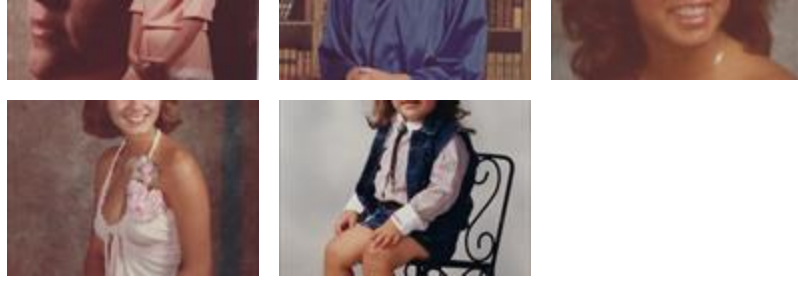
We kept in touch for many years after she moved to Byars. We exchanged Christmas cards for many, many years. I am so sad to hear that Laura is gone now. We always talked about getting together...but life gets so busy we never made that date.

You and your family are in my prayers Tia, - Cecil, your daddy Junior, Terri, and your entire family. Laura was such an extraordinary woman I know she touched the lives of so many people who came in her life. Some people don't even know that she is the one who took their beloved keep sake portraits and family portraits.

I miss having an Olan Mills studio on every corner. Sadly, those days are in our past and a small bit of American history and Laura was on the front lines taking family photos contributing to this era.

Fly high beautiful friend, fly high. I will never forget you and you will hold a special place in my heart forever. Knowing you made me a better person. I love you Laura Mae.





Michale Edwards - May 30, 2020 at 04:29 PM

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“ *Laura was one of the sweetest lady .She was always kind to everyone.I will miss her dearly.* ”

Glenda Fisher - May 28, 2020 at 11:50 AM