

Douglas John Gibbons, of Picture Butte, passed away peacefully at the St. Michael's Health Centre – Palliative Care Unit, surrounded by family on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at the age of 66 years.

He is lovingly remembered by his sister Diane; nephews Vince (Tracy), John (Kim) and Dennis (Heather); great-nephews Zachary, Jarrett, Carter and Connor; great niece Peyton and numerous cousins and friends.

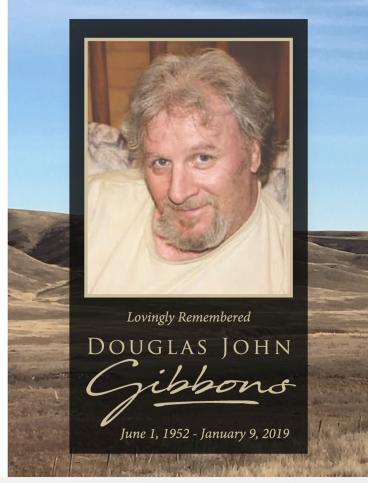
Doug was predeceased by his parents, sister Shirley and brother-in-law, Jon.

Doug was the youngest of three children born to Maurice and Jagie Gibbons, on June 1, 1952, in Lethbridge. His two loving older sisters, Shirley and Diane, were thrilled to welcome him into the family.

Doug spent his formative years working at the JM Gibbons and Sons store in Picture Butte for his father before attending Mount Royal College in Calgary, where he earned a degree in Media Arts. After several years in the media field, working in Lethbridge, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver, he returned to Picture Butte to help his dad at the family pasture. This is where he also started his own business; video recording weddings, graduations and other special events. Prior to his parents' deaths, he was their main caregiver.

Doug loved working down at the pasture and in his spare time you could find him working on rebuilding or fixing Apple computers, almost always, with a glass of Coke in his hand. For many seniors around Picture Butte, including Ann Gibbons and Helen Boras, Doug was always willing to lend a hand by driving them to appointments or picking up groceries. For the past five years Doug has been an active member of the Picture Butte Elks Club. His generosity with his time and energy was always appreciated and his friendship will greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice.



FUNERAL MASS

St. Catherine's Roman Catholic Church 762 Crescent Avenue | Picture Butte, AB Saturday, January 19, 2019 at 11:00 A.M.

Celebrant - Father Ian Gagne Organist - Laurel Van Vaerenbergh Soloist - Nicki Murray Guitarist - Jim Robinson

Congregational Hymns

Processional: How Great Thou Art Offertory: On Eagle's Wings Communion: I Am the Bread of Life Commendation: Songs of the Angels Recessional: Going Home

Readings

First Reading read by Pam Bosnak Second Reading read by Vince Stevens Gospel read by Father Ian Gagne Prayers of the Faithful read by Pam Bosnak & Vince Stevens

Gift Bearers - Zach Stevens & Jarrett Stevens Honour Guard - Elk's Lodge #268 Honourary Pallbearers - All of Doug's family and friends

RECEPTION

Following the Funeral Mass, family and friends are invited to further share this day in the St. Catherine's Church Hall

INTERMENT

Doug will be laid to rest in the **Huntsville Cemetery**