



## Joe Wayne Gipson

April 14, 1944 - October 7, 2019

Joe Gipson, 75 of Bonita Springs, FL passed away on Monday, October 7, 2019 at Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs. Joe became a full time resident of Bonita Springs in 2014 when he moved from Linden, Michigan. He was born on April 14, 1944 in Kennett, MO and moved to Flint MI in 1954. He attended Utley School and graduated from Ainsworth High School in 1962 and attended Mott Community College.

Joe worked for Montgomery Ward and Consumers Power Company in Flint before beginning a career with General Motors, eventually became an assembly line inspector at their V-8 engine plant in Flint. Joe retired from General Motors in 1997; he earned a builder's license and spent the rest of his life in the building trades, which he truly loved.

A devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend, Joe is survived by the love of his life and spouse of 40 years, Angela (Nee; DiAdamo), his children, Dawn Marie Schuetz (David) and Jeffrey Wayne Gipson (Bobbie), sisters, Barbara Ann (Harry) Janiski, Inez (Danny) Parker and Nancy (Roger) Thornton, as well as his beloved Aunt Betty Walker and grandchildren Amanda (Brian) Schneck and Kenneth Charles Schuetz, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, James Warren and Imogene (Walker) Gipson and his brothers, James Gene Gipson and Bennie Don Gipson.

Joe loved boating, sailing, the beaches of southwest Florida, hiking, skiing, kayaking, tennis and biking. He was an avid runner and enjoyed participating in races and marathons. Joe loved working with his hands and was known for his willingness to jump in and help others with any project. He had a smile that lit up a room and had a zest for life. He will be deeply missed by family and many friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 11:00 A.M at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail South, Bonita Springs, Florida 34134.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joe's memory to Community Cats of Bonita Springs, PO Box 366034, Bonita Springs FL 34136, [communitycatsofbonitasprings.org](http://communitycatsofbonitasprings.org); or Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Ft. Myers FL, 33908, [hopehcs.org](http://hopehcs.org).

Online condolences may be offered by visiting [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
(239) 992-4982  
[bonitafhbill@comcast.net](mailto:bonitafhbill@comcast.net)

# Tribute Wall



“ *Joe Wayne Gipson*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Joe Wayne Gipson.*



October 23, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ *What can you say about Joe? You can say that he was the kindest, most caring person you could know. A loving husband to Angela and all of our family--he will be sorely missed--your loving brother-in-law--Joey.*

**Joseph DiAdamo** - October 20, 2019 at 11:40 AM



“ *Joe was the most wonderful brother-in-law anyone could have. He was always so willing to help with any project you may have, and always with a smile. In all the years he was a part of our family, I don't ever remember him raising his voice or exhibiting anger toward anyone. He was always so excited when anyone would travel to visit them and could never do enough to make you feel at home...by the way he always made the best pancakes for breakfast.. Joe was truly an asset to our family and he will be forever missed by all of us. Love Always.. Louise & Anthony Ezzi*

**Louise Ezzi** - October 17, 2019 at 07:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joe Wayne Gipson.



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October 13, 2019 at 09:08 PM



“ *"Good things come, to those who wait, so here I stand". These are the prophetic words, written next to Joe's Senior picture, in his class of 62' yearbook. How true those words were. Joe got everything he wanted out of his life and more, he lived life to the fullest. Now the best, is yet to come, as he has joined our heavenly father, Jesus Christ. I have known Joe, since he came to Utley school when we were 10 years old, now 65 years later, our friendship was still true. He was a great athlete, student, and buddy, that you could always count on. If Joe told you something, you could take it to the bank! There were about 15 of us buddies from Utley, that graduated in 62', now with Joe's passing, we are down to seven. He joins Earl, Bill, Howard, Dale, Charlie, Harold, & Teddy, all gone but not forgotten, by those, whose lives they have all touched, from then until now. My prayers, respect, and condolences, go out to Angela, and the entire Gipson family, for the love and support that you all gave to Joe, as he ran his hardest & final race. The last words that Joe and I said to each other, just a few months ago, were " I love you bro"!! Go rest high on that mountain my old friend, and give Bill a big bear hug, tell them all, to keep a light on, for the rest of us! Tom Harmon, St. Helen, Mich*

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**Tom Harmon** - October 11, 2019 at 10:09 PM



Angela Gipson

*Thank you for sharing this Tom. His Utley friends meant so much to him and how all of you are still friends and close after all this years is just amazing. One of the hardest losses in Joe's life was losing his dear friend, Bill. I know without a doubt they are together again.*

Angela Gipson - October 16, 2019 at 06:08 PM



“ *I remember the many trips to my house to help with household problems (he always had a solution)...His love and consideration of animals of mine/and his...and his cheerful attitude to make sure I was satisfied- my problem was solved.. Talented, loving he was.*

Edith Campbell - October 10, 2019 at 07:43 PM



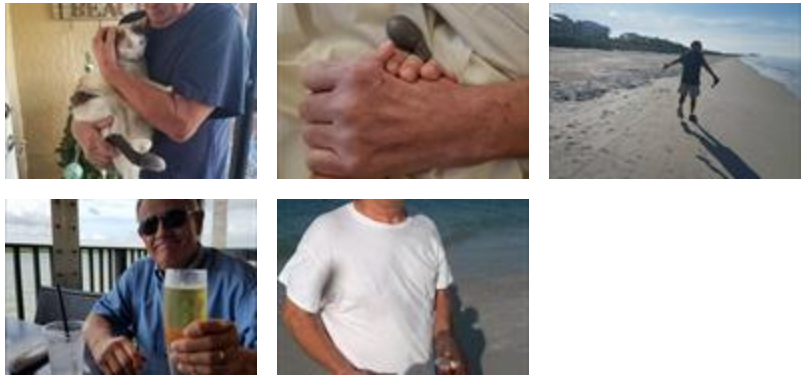
Angela Gipson

*Thank you Edith... he amazed me how he could do so much and know so much. Miss you.*

Angela Gipson - October 16, 2019 at 06:12 PM



“ *7 files added to the album Memories Album*



Angela C Gipson - October 10, 2019 at 05:07 PM

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“ Joe was the kindest Utley Classmate I ever had the pleasure to know. Joe, I love you as Christ loves you. Jesus said. "My Peace I have, My Peace I give you." I know God will be able to say, "Well done Joe. My good and Faithful Servant." May God wrap you in His loving arms that never let go. You will not be forgotten. Margaret Carlisle

Margaret E. Carlisle (Carwile) - October 10, 2019 at 03:06 PM

EC

“ Joe was one of if not the most caring individual I have ever met. Quick to help and slow to anger. It was a privilege to have known him. We are praying for God's comfort to be with Angie during this time of sorrow. We love you both.

Ed and Terry Chiles - October 10, 2019 at 06:17 AM



Angela Gipson

Love you both too. We have so many great memories together.. all those road trips with the band. Lots of laughs and lots of good times. Thank you for all your support throughout this entire ordeal. He is at peace and I am relieved that he is no longer suffering.

Angela Gipson - October 16, 2019 at 06:14 PM

LJ

“ Angela, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and all of Joe's family, we have all lost a kind, sweet, thoughtful person, I have many sweet memories of when we were kids that I will treasure always. He will be so missed. God Bless You. Linda Walker Joslin



Linda Joslin - October 09, 2019 at 11:38 PM



Amanda  
Wright  
Weeks

“ Amanda Wright Weeks lit a candle in memory of Joe Wayne Gipson



Amanda Wright Weeks - October 09, 2019 at 10:24 PM

AL

“ He was always willing to help us with all of our house projects from simple to big! Without Joe we would have never been able to do all we did. I will always think of him when I see a big ass burger or a stick of dynamite (not that often ha). Drinking margaritas and playing Mexican train, him saying “whatever” when I’d ask him where he wanted to go for dinner and then following up saying “I can eat anywhere” and he could! He ate so much for a smaller man and never gained an ounce. He genuinely loved us and showed us every time we were with him. We will miss him so much for the rest of this life. ❤️💔

Anne LaFriniere - October 09, 2019 at 09:55 PM

AG


Yes, Eddie & Joe - "I could eat!"

Angela C Gipson - October 10, 2019 at 05:02 PM

BF

“ Joe was a wonderful man and I am blessed to have known him and his wife. Joe would offer help and advice as needed. I will miss him and his smile

barbara fisher - October 09, 2019 at 09:47 PM

 Karen  
Cain

“ *Sending our heartfelt sympathies to you  
Angie and family. RIP Joe.  
Karen and Dick Cain*



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**Karen Cain** - October 09, 2019 at 03:49 PM