

Martha Estella Gibson

August 11, 1945 ~ December 7, 2025

Martha Estella Adams Gibson, aka Grammi, aka Auntie Martha, aka Grandma Martha, left us early on the morning of December 7, after a short battle with pancreatic cancer.

She was born a beauty, August 11, 1945 to Hyrum and Estella Adams. Raised in Blackfoot, Idaho with brothers Rodney (Terrie) and Lee Adams, and sisters Debbie (Erik) Goldsberry and Lisa (Clayton) Pratt. She is the loving mother of Steve (Cheri) Vasas and Andrea (Alan) Romero. She met her love, Tom Gibson, and they were married August 11, 1984. This added two more daughters to her life, Jennifer (Randy) Wheatley, and Sherri (Heather) Gibson-Hernandez. Born to be a grandmother, she absolutely adored her 13 grandchildren. She loved her nieces and nephews as if they were her own children and was tickled pink when she gained grand-nieces and nephews and two great-grandchildren.

Martha and Tom lived all over the country following Tom's naval career. Martha worked for Social Security for many years and found friends in every city they lived. They eventually landed in West Jordan, Utah and have called it home for 28 years. Martha and Tom loved to travel the world, go to movies on Tuesdays, play cards with friends, to open their home to everyone, and most of all, they loved each other. After 41 years, they have built a partnership and a family that we are all grateful to be a part of.

Martha was a gatherer. She gathered shoes, books, condiments (she couldn't pass up an interesting relish/jam/salsa) and people (whether they liked it or not). She loved the company of family, friends, and any stray that she felt might need to be included. She treated all with unconditional love, kindness, and acceptance, just the way they were.

We learned many lessons from her. For example; take the trip, buy the shoes, go to Disneyland, cut the pineapple just so, always leave the house completely put together head-to-toe (with coordinating earrings), say yes to the ice cream, laugh at everyone's jokes (even the very bad ones), send cards, put salt on your radishes (and your pineapple, and your watermelon for that matter), and keep out of a woman's laundry room, keep extended family close, show love to everyone, and I mean everyone.

Martha was reunited on Sunday with her daughter Andrea, her brother Lee, her sister Debbie, and her loving parents. We are certain she was welcomed with much happiness.

Nowhere in the world will you find someone like our Martha. There will come a day when we talk of seeing her again, and the fact that she is in a better place, but not today. We have lost the heart of our family, but we are better people because she was ours.

In her honor, Funeral Services will be at 11:00 am on Monday, December 22, 2025, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 8841 South 4800 West, West Jordan, Utah. Visitations will be held Sunday evening,

December 21, 2025 from 6:00-8:00 pm at Larkin Mortuary - Riverton, 3688 West 12600 South in Riverton, Utah as well as at the chapel Monday prior to the services beginning at 10:00 am. Interment will follow at the Memorial Holladay Cemetery.

Funeral services will be streamed and recorded via Zoom for those wishing to attend virtually. To watch the previously held services, please click the "Watch Services" link above.