

In Loving Memory of



James Gibbons

Sunrise: May 14, 1920

Sunset: February 21, 2015

Service

Friday, February 27, 2015 - 11:00 a.m.

ST. FRANCIS CABRINI CHURCH

564 Main Street • Roosevelt Island, NY

Obituary

James John Gibbons, 94, known to many as “John” of New York City, NY, passed away peacefully on the morning of Saturday, February 21st, 2015. Born in Harlem, New York on May 14th, 1920 to Ephraim and Jenny Gibbons, John Gibbons lived most of his life in Harlem and on Roosevelt Island. John attended New York City Public Schools and was a member of The United States Army. John met and was married to Daisy Maria Cruise in 1940 and was blessed with three beautiful children from their union.

Although John had a long and fulfilling career of over 30 years with the United States Postal Service, he was mostly well known for his love of photography and most of all jazz music. There was never a Saturday afternoon that you would walk by his home and not hear Coltrane, Blakey, or Davis bellowing out into the hallway. John’s love for music was only surpassed by his love for his family; always offering his assistance, with a strong word of guidance attached, when necessary.

John was preceded in death by his wife of 72 years, Daisy Maria Gibbons (Cruise); sisters, Mary Worrell and Martha Gibbons; and his son, Michael Gibbons. Left to mourn are: his daughters, Janet Norman and Barbara Gibbons; grandchildren, Robert Norman III and Natasha Encarnacion (Norman); great-grandchildren, Kyle, Dante, and Tahlia Encarnacion; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who all share fond memories of John’s life.

Order of Service

Musical Prelude

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Greeting at Church Door and Call to Worship

Blessing with Holy Water

Processional Hymn “Amazing Grace”

Entrance Procession

Placing of Pall and Christian Symbol

Opening Prayer

LITURGY OF THE WORD (Two readers may be family or friends)

Reading #1 (Old Testament) - Psalm 23.....Natasha

Responsorial Psalm “Shepherd Me, O God” (Psalm 23)

Reading #2 (New Testament) - 1 John 3:1-2.....Jose

Gospel Reading and Homily - Celebrant

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn.....Ave Maria

Eucharistic Prayer

Communion Hymn..... “On Eagles’ Wings”

Communion Meditation..... “Sing With All The Saints”

Obituary.....Robert Norman

FINAL COMMENDATION

Invitation to Prayer

Silence

Incensation and Song of Farewell

Prayers of Commendation

Dismissal

Interment

St. Raymond’s Cemetery
Bronx, New York



To Say Goodbye

*To say goodbye is not the end
To all my family and friends
For life goes on, you must endure
For my eternity is sure.
Remember all the good times
The memories we've shared
The precious jewels of laughter
The tender love and care.
I found my resting place
God's peace surrounds my soul
Let love abound in all your hearts
Let heaven be your goal.*

-Author unknown

Acknowledgement

*The family acknowledges with deep appreciation all acts of
kindness extended to them during this bereavement hour.
May God bless you for all your thoughtfulness and concern.*

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