



Gretchen "Gret" Manternach Gibson

January 7, 1938 - December 28, 2025

Gretchen Manternach Gibson, affectionately known as Gret, passed away peacefully to be with the Lord on December 28, 2025. A resident of Mooresville, NC, Gret previously spent many wonderful years in New Bern, NC, following a dedicated teaching career in Michigan.

Born and raised in Warren, Ohio, Gret spent her youth embracing life at the Chautauqua Institution, where she worked alongside her sister and dear friends. Her lifelong passion for the arts and water sports took root during those summers on the lake.

After graduating from the University of Michigan, she met her soulmate, William T. "Bill" Gibson, in Cleveland. Together, they moved to Michigan to raise their family. Upon retirement, Gret and Bill moved to New Bern, where they enjoyed sailing the Neuse River and served as active members of Christ Episcopal Church.

Gretchen was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Bill; her parents, Alvin Stuart and Martha Herlinger Manternach; and her brother-in-law, David Gordon.

She is survived by her sister, Kay Gordon; her children, John (Cathy) Gibson, Bill (Marti) Gibson, and Elizabeth (Charles) Richey; eight cherished

grandchildren and eight cherished great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on January 23, 2026, at Christ Church, 320 Pollock Street, New Bern, NC.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Chautauqua Institution, P. O. Box 28, One Ames Ave., Chautauqua NY 14722 (advancement@chq.org) or Hospice & Palliative Care of Iredell County, 2347 Simonton Road, Statesville, NC 28625.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Gibson family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 23. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Christ Church
320 Pollock Street
New Bern, NC 28560

Tribute Wall



“ *Sandy Janet Shari and Kim planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gretchen "Gret" Manternach Gibson.*

Sandy Janet Shari and Kim - January 21 at 05:17 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gretchen "Gret" Manternach Gibson.*



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