



Zachary T. Gibbs

August 9, 1977 - September 12, 2025

We are heartbroken to announce the sudden death of Zachary Taylor Gibbs, Lieutenant (Retired), Anne Arundel County Fire Department, on September 12, 2025.

Zach leaves behind two amazing teenage boys — Evan Gibbs, 17, and Sam Gibbs, 14 (Centerville, MD) — his father Tom Gibbs (Fairfax, VA), his sister Anna Martin (Auburn, WY), his niece Sophie Martin (20), his nephew August Martin (19), and countless other brothers and sisters in the first responder family.

Zach was a lifelong fire service professional and volunteer firefighter paramedic (33 years), a dedicated father, and incredible friend. His boys, his family, and his friends were the absolute center of his universe, and anybody in his orbit felt his love and light.

Zach's 33-year career as a first responder was marked by unwavering dedication — he proudly served with the Anne Arundel County Fire Department from 2001 to his retirement in 2025. His path of service began as a volunteer at the age of 15 at Dunkirk VFD in Calvert County (1992), followed by Ritchie VFD in Capital Heights (1997), and Calvert Advanced Life Support (1998). His education included Montgomery County Community College (Fire Science), Anne Arundel Community College (Paramedic), and a Bachelor of

Science degree in Management from Johns Hopkins University.

Born into a Navy family in Key West, Florida, Zach's childhood was filled with adventure as his family moved across the country and lived overseas—from Key West to Oak Harbor, Washington; Camarillo, California; Oslo, Norway; Owings, Maryland; and Centreville, Maryland. He graduated from Northern High School in Calvert County, where he forged lifelong friendships and began his remarkable journey as first responder.

Zach's family (maternal) has a long history in Maryland, particularly in Annapolis. Two of his great grandfathers were Maryland governors — pre- and post-revolution — and there are not many historic places in Annapolis that are not directly tied to Zach's family.

Zach was particularly proud of his family's military service to our country — both his father, grandfathers, cousin, and other extended family members having served. His family (paternal) also includes a long history of historic adventure in the United States, making him a least a 10th generation American.

Zach spent his whole life being a blessing and support to others, and we look forward to honoring him with the same love and joy he gave so freely.

Memorial service and celebration

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Please feel welcome to come to just the memorial service or celebration. We welcome seeing you at either or both!

Memorial Service:

Time:

9:00 am — 12:00 pm (Respects)

10:30 am (Service)

Location:

Orchard Beach VFD

7549 Solley Rd,

Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Dress:

In honor of Zach, we kindly request that all service members attend in "dress blues" to create a Sea of Blue for his service. For non-service members (civilians) please dress respectfully but avoid wearing black.

Celebration of Life:

Time:

12:30pm — 4:30 pm

Location:

Red Eye's Dock Bar

428 Kent Narrow Way N

Grasonville, MD 21638

Dress:

We invite everyone to change into their "Jimmy Buffett" best - Hawaiian shorts, bright colors, flip=flops and beachy vibes are welcome.

Please feel welcome to join either or both the service or celebration

Out of town guests:

Please contact us for airport transport and accommodation assistance

Primary contact:

Anna Martin

(443) 622-9161 (text please)

If anyone has pictures or stories to share for his memorial, please send to the above as well.

In-lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution and/or support of the Anne Arundel Firefighters Emerald Society.

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/donation-form/fund-to-honor-zach-gibbs>

Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP 21. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Orchard Beach VFD
7549 Solley Rd.
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

Class A Optional, Casual attire appropriate (No black)

celebration of life

SEP 21. 12:30 PM - 4:30 PM (ET)

Red Eye's Dock Bar
428 Kent Narrows Way N.
Grasonville, MD 21638

Dress: Casual, Hawaiian shirts and flip flops preferred, please no formal attire

Tribute Wall

MH

“ Manfred H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zachary T. Gibbs.

Manfred H. - September 18, 2025 at 10:53 PM

LF

“ Lonnie Allen & family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Zachary T. Gibbs.



Lonnie Allen & family - September 18, 2025 at 06:20 PM

WT

“ With love, Jim and Norma Todd purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Zachary T. Gibbs.



With love, Jim and Norma Todd - September 18, 2025 at 03:50 PM

YF

“ your forever Monkton family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Zachary T. Gibbs.

your forever Monkton family - September 17, 2025 at 01:21 PM

YF

“ *your forever Monkton family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Zachary T. Gibbs.*



your forever Monkton family - September 17, 2025 at 01:21 PM

TL

“ *Tony and Candy LaPerna purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Zachary T. Gibbs.*



Tony and Candy LaPerna - September 16, 2025 at 03:25 PM