



## Mr. Donald Gibbs Pickering

February 11, 2019

Gibbes Pickering, 41, died unexpectedly February 12 while on a business trip in South Carolina. Pickering is survived by his parents, Cynthia and Ellis Calvert of Orange Beach, AL; a brother Craig W. Pickering of Tuscaloosa, AL and a host of aunts, uncles and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Joyce and Denton Gibbes of Laurel, MS.

Gibbes was born in Hattiesburg, MS, graduated from Foley High School and was employed for almost 20 years in the cellular tower construction and maintenance industry - a profession which took him to great heights across the country.

Gibbes battled bipolar depression for most of his adult life – a fight he had pledged to himself and others to win; and in fact had just begun a promising new treatment.

He took great solace in returning to Orange Beach, to feel the sand between his toes and the breeze in his face. The place where all was right with the world...that testament found in his countless photos of sunrises, sunsets, an occasional dolphin, a still silhouette of his face toward the sun.

A memorial service is planned for 3 p.m. Saturday, February 23 at the home of his parents in Orange Beach. The sand and the breeze will once more give

their warm embrace.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to NAMI Alabama (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 1401 I-85 Parkway, Suite A, Montgomery, AL 36106.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Donald Gibbs Pickering*

October 04, 2023 at 01:12 PM

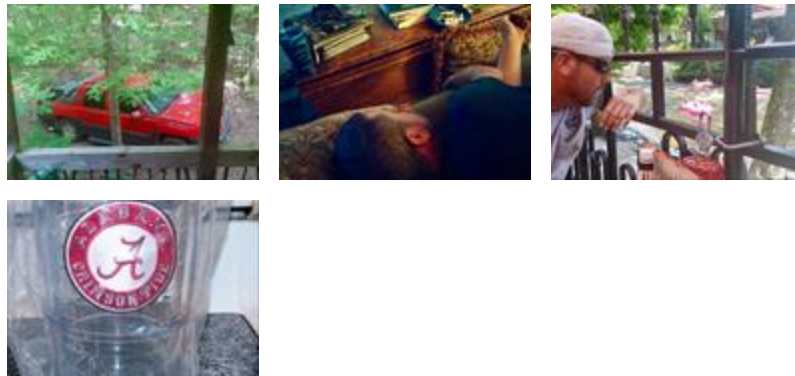


“ *Mr. Donald Gibbs Pickering*

November 08, 2022 at 06:34 PM



“ *Miss you. Love you. DEVASTATED.*



**Jennifer Sunday** - April 28, 2019 at 01:17 AM



“ *We had good times. I just talked to you a few weeks ago and it was great. I will always love you and miss you.*



**Caitlin Buehler** - February 23, 2019 at 04:37 PM

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“ Although we haven't kept in touch over the years you will always have a place in my heart. I'm sad I won't get to see you again. You will always be remembered and loved. RIP Gibbers

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**Kristin Phillips** - February 22, 2019 at 07:39 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear of your passing! You had a great heart and it showed. Rest in peace brother. My sincere condolences to your family and friends.

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**Amber Ferris** - February 18, 2019 at 04:45 PM

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“ We're so sad to hear of Gibbes' passing and are praying for strength and comfort for Cynthia, Ellis, Craig and the rest of the family.

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**Eric Blomquist** - February 18, 2019 at 02:28 PM

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“I love you brother”...Last words I heard from Gibbes just a week or so ago after I survived a transplant surgery and I told him the same. That's what made Gibbes so special. Although I talked to him more than anyone else in our group of longtime friends, a few calls per month and I always got a visit. We had gone through our own ordeals, but no matter the situation the second we saw each other any ill feelings were gone and we got on like we were back in 4th grade-the year I met him. We met, became great friends. We lived in many houses after High School as we were working hard as beach attendants, and those years are when I realized although he tried to hide it sometimes, he was a very good man, the greatest best friend a guy could ask for and most of all, a unique soul that had a major influence in my life. I LOVE YOU GIBBES AND WILL ALWAYS MISS YOU.

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**will hoke** - February 14, 2019 at 03:16 PM