



Home-Going Celebration

for the Late

Edward Matthew Gibson, Sr.

Sunrise

1922

Sunset

2012



*Calvary Episcopal Church
106 Line street
Charleston, South Carolina*

Father Theodore R. Lewis, Officiating

*Saturday, July 7, 2012
11:00 O'clock A.M.*

~Interment~

*Unity & Friendship Society Cemetery
Charleston, South Carolina*



The Burial of the Dead: Rite Two
The Reverend Theodore R. Lewis, Jr., Celebrant

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reception of the Body BCP Pg.466

Processional hymn (standing) Hymnal 686
"Come Thy Fount"

Opening Sentences BCP Pg. 492
The Collects BCP Pg. 493

The Lessons:
The Old Testament Lesson (seated) Isaiah 25: 6-9

Solo Mr. James Edwards

The Psalm (seated) Psalm #46

The New Testament Lesson(seated)
I Corinthians 15: 20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58

Sequence Hymn (standing) L-58 - "The Lord is My Light"

Gospel Lesson (standing) John 11: 21-27

The Homily The Reverend Theodore R. Lewis, Jr.

The Apostles' Creed (standing) BCP Pg. 496

Prayer for the people (standing) BCP Pg.497

The Peace
Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: and also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Choir Anthem

The Great Thanksgiving: Prayer A BCP Pg. 361

Sanctus et Benedictus es

The Lord's Prayer Congregation

Fraction Hymn Hymnal S-169

The Communion of the People *

Communion Hymns:
Hymnal 325 "Let Us break Bread"
Hymnal 671 "Amazing Grace"
Hymn 685 "Rock of Ages"
Post-Communion Prayer BCP Pg. 498

The Commendation BCP Pg. 499

The Nunc Dimittis Old Hymnal 673

The Blessing / Dismissal

Recessional Hymn (standing) Hymnal 208

"The Strife Is O'er"

* *All baptized Christians who regularly receive communion in their church are welcome at the Altar to received communion.*



Obituary

Edward Matthew Gibson, Sr. was born in Charleston, South Carolina to the late Jennie Gibson and the late Edward Green Gibson on July 26, 1922. He was educated in the public schools of Charleston and graduated from the 11th grade of Burke High School and the 12th grade of Avery Institute.

During World War II, he enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps as an Aviation Cadet and later was admitted to and completed the training necessary to become a Tuskegee Airman. His training took place at Tuskegee Institute, Army Airfield, and at other airfield in several states, including the airfield in Walterboro, South Carolina. Mr. Gibson was eligible for training as a pilot, but decided on becoming a Boombardier / Navigator. In addition, as a Tuskegee Airman, he became friends with General Daniel "Chappie" James, Jr. General James always selected Mr. Gibson's crew for his annual training missions. In 2006, Mr. Gibson became a member of the Hiram E. Mann Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Incorporated. This group meets on the site of the former Army Airfield in Walterboro, South Carolina. In March of 2007 in the Rotunda of the Nation's Capital, he was in attendance with the other members of the group known as ***Original Tuskegee Airmen***, who were awarded the ***Congressional Gold Medal***.

After the war, he returned to the apprentice program at the Charleston Naval Shipyard and became a Ship Progressman (shipwright). He later served as a full-time Equal Employment Counselor at the Charleston Naval Shipyard, handling more than 1,000 cases of alleged discrimination. He retired in 1980 having completed thirty-eight (38) years of continued employment.

In the community, Mr. Gibson has served as a member on both the Supervisory Committee and the Charleston Naval

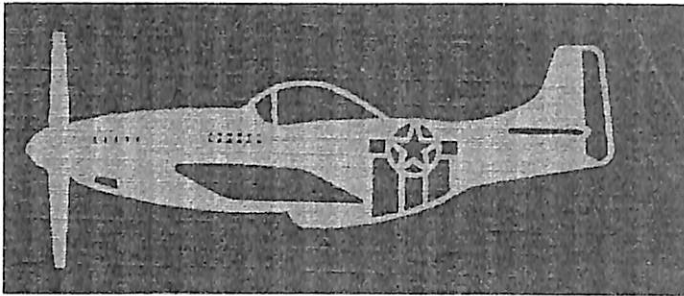


Shipyard Federal Credit Union. He also served as secretary and Chairman of the Credit Committee and Director for the League of Credit Unions for South Carolina. He is a member of Calvary Episcopal Church where he has served in many offices. He is also an associate member of "Mother" Emanuel A.M. E. Church downtown Charleston, Calhoun Street.

His affiliation are many. He is a member and President of the Unity and Friendship Society (a group that has owned and operated its own cemetery since being formed by free Blacks in 1843). He is a member and Past Master of Nehemiah Lodge #51, Free and Accepted Mason, member of George Washington Carver Consistory #162, a thirty third degree Mason and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, Past Potentate of Arabian Temple #139 (Past Imperial Organizer and Honorary Past Imperial Potentate). He is a member of Poinsetta Chapter #129, Order of the Eastern Star, Right of Adoption. He retired in December 2011 from the position of the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary for the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State and Jurisdiction of South Carolina, a position that he held for forty years. He is Right Worshipful Grand Secretary Emeritus. He is also a Past Grand Master for the State and Jurisdiction of South Carolina.

Mr. Gibson is the widower of the late Mrs. Martha W. Gibson. He leaves a loving family to mourn his passing and cherish his memory, which includes his four children Miriam, Edwards, Jr., Shaun and Patrice; two sisters, Mrs. Emily Jackson and Mrs. Eunice Waddy; six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and a host of loving relatives and friends.





*"Let us not mourn his going;
Let us rejoice to know
That earthly labor finished
he was prepared to go.*

*"Let us emulate his virtues,
That men of us may say;
The world is brighter, better,
Because he passed this way."*



"Gone But Not Forgotten"

Tuskegee Airmen



Pallbearers

Edward M. Gibson, III	Michael M. Jackson
Ulysses S. Jackson, Jr.	Toure' Thompson
Kent S. Waddy	Gregory G. Waddy

Honorary Pallbearers

Grand Lodge Officers
Prince Hall Masons of The State of South Carolina

In Appreciation

The family and friends of the late

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wishes to extend sincere gratitude for all of the kindness shown through cards, flowers, food and all other tokens of comfort shown during this period of bereavement.



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