



Johnny W. Gibson

It is with deep sorrow, shock, disbelief & grief that the untimely death of Johnny Gibson, former member of Space Center Rotary Club, is announced. At age 60, Johnny passed away on Friday, April 3, 2009, in his home. Early speculation of cause of death is a massive heart attack. Johnny is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and children, Stephanie Ann Cockerham, Tommy Warren Gibson, and Holly Carol Gibson. Tommy is also a former member of SCRC. There will be a viewing at Crowder Funeral Home on Medical Center Blvd. from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7th, and funeral at Clear Lake United Methodist Church on El Camino Real on Wednesday, April 8th at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations in Johnny's memory be made to the Space Center Rotary Club of which Johnny had been a Trustee. Johnny will be remembered for his unselfish Service Above Self to Rotary projects and to SCRC. Those of you who have been active in the Endowment Foundation Pancake Breakfasts will remember Johnny and son, Tommy, as the untiring dish washers when we did not use paper plates. Johnny will be missed by all who new and loved him, but we will take comfort in the belief that he is now a member of that great heavenly Rotary Club and was welcomed by so many members of this club and the district who have gone on before him. For this, Johnny can be envied. I wonder what projects they are involved in. Surely, they are some of the most forward thinking and sacrificial ever experienced.

April 6, 2009 Blastoff

#### MEMORIES OF JOHNNY GIBSON

My earliest memories of Johnny were when he first was brought into the Club by Claire Taylor and he volunteered to work with me on the fish committee during Shrimporee. We worked hard, drank a lot of beer and had a lot of fun.

Did I mention the beer??

Johnny became an early member of Space Center Endowment Foundation and worked very hard at the pancake breakfasts - no beer thanks to Jack Lister's choice of locations but the camaraderie was great. Johnny even drug in his son Tommy to join the fun

Johnny continued to work with us on the fish committee as long as he was in Rotary and we missed him when he retired and left the club. Of course the beer consumption dropped accordingly.

Johnny and my golf buddy, Jim Saxe, agreed to co-chair the Shrimporee the year I was president. Along with Jerry Smith and Bill Predmore, they loved to tease/harass me. Somehow they got the idea that the President should wear a shrimp costume before and during the Shrimporee. They had Johnny's wife, Carolyn, secretly build the infamous "Shrimpy" costume and sprung it on me during a Monday meeting. Dutifully I was required to traipse over to Pam

Culpepper's photography business for a series of pictures, one of which was slipped into the Exchange Newspaper by unknown character assassins.

My wife was so impressed that she went to Pam to buy up all of the negatives so that Bill the Shrimp would never be seen in print again!!

Johnny — we all miss you!!

By Club member Bill Lowes May 4, 2009  
Picture from email associated with his passing