



## Alice Gibson

November 5, 1928 - December 16, 2025

Alice Maxine Bowen Gibson, 97, of Lake Forest, Illinois died December 16, 2025, surrounded by family. She was born the sixth of eight children on November 5, 1928, to Thomas and Edna Bowen in Dodgeville, Wisconsin. Alice graduated in 1950 from the University of Dubuque, where she met her husband, Renton Thomas Gibson, in an English class. For many years, they funded the University of Dubuque Bowen-Gibson Academic Scholarship, supporting English and political science majors.

Alice was a successful teacher, entrepreneur, and realtor who often said that her favorite job was "...being a mother." She served as an Elder and Rummage Sale Chairwoman and was a weekly parishioner at the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Forest. For several years, Alice was active with the American Association of University Women. In her free time, she enjoyed golf, socializing with dear friends, traveling, and writing. At age 91, she wrote the book *Life at the Condo – The Senior Version*, sharing her belief that love is precious and "something to pass on."

Alice was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Renton Thomas Gibson. She is survived by their children Scott Bowen Gibson, Julie Bowen Gibson; grandchildren Rebecca Joy (Martin) Berkowitz and Alyson Rose Gibson; great-grandchild Beau David Berkowitz.

Services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Bowen-Gibson scholarship fund. Direct gifts may be made out at [www.dbq.edu/invest](http://www.dbq.edu/invest) or by mail to the Office of Advancement, University of Dubuque, 2000 University Avenue Dubuque, Iowa 52001.

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest at (847) 234-9649 or [www.RTfunerals.com](http://www.RTfunerals.com).

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about Alice. Loved her sense of humor, intellect, and warmth!

Jan Gibson - January 01 at 11:47 AM

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“ Oh my heart is sad as we lost another beautiful soul! What an absolute gem Mrs Gibson was, she was my highschool (hugs Julie) as was Mr G. They both brought such love and joy to my world and were special highlights to me when I most needed it. I still hold a special wedding gift she gave me many moons ago of an antique teacup and a beautiful pink shell teapot. I wanted to call my mom of the sad news but caught myself as she is now with Jesus but I know she will be one to greet her as she too highly regarded her. Heaven is a place that is getting easier to embrace. Scott and Julie my heart goes out to you two and I wish you peace. Jules I miss you friend and know I am with u regardless of the miles. Thank you for sharing your parents with me! Love Wendi



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