



Howard K. "Red" Sibley

April 4, 1932 - May 28, 2018

A great husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend, Howard K. Sibley departed this earthly life at the age of 86 on May 28, 2018 with his family by his side.

He was born on April 4, 1932 to P.W. and Lena Sibley with whom he has joined in Heaven, along with his 2 sisters, Katherine Berhman and Gloria Morel, and a brother P. W. Sibley Jr. Most importantly, he is with his youngest daughter, Alice Marie Sibley, who we know was waiting for him.

He leaves behind his wife of 61 years, Bonnie Sartwell Sibley; as well as one son, Joey and wife Donna; two daughters, Lea and Guy McDonald, Julie and Lonnie Watts, and Alice's spouse, Don Amos; and his two brothers, Glenn Sibley and wife Rose, and Ralph Sibley and wife Sandra.

'Poppa Red', as he was affectionately known, loved his whole family and was very proud of each one of them. He has 8 grandchildren and their spouses, Jacob and Monica, Mandy and David, Coy and Kristin, Jennifer and Phillip, Kerri and Bradley, Elizabeth and Tyler, Claudia and Hannah. His love for his family did not end with the 8 grandchildren but extended to the 12 great-grandchildren and the 3 more on their way.

Poppa Red said that he had a 'great life' which included serving during the Korean Conflict. This led him to Southeastern College where he received a Bachelors, Masters, and plus 30 degrees. He used this education to become a teacher, coach, and eventually a Principal. After retirement he and Bonnie spent many great years traveling and working in their antique shop. Countless

hours were spent in his 'outback' shop and yard repairing and building furniture.

Pallbearers will be his grandsons with honorary pallbearers; Dennis Ducote, Jack Watson, Jeff Taylor, and Jude Bailey.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Livingston United Methodist Church at P. O. Box 155 Livingston, LA 70754 in honor of Papa Red.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the visitation at Livingston United Methodist Church on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. until the Celebration of Life Service at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Rick Wright will officiate the service and interment will follow in Sibley Cemetery on Cane Market Road.

Cemetery Details

Sibley Cemetery

Hwy 1024
Walker, LA 70785

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Livingston United Methodist Church
29725 S Poplar St.
Livingston, LA 70754

Funeral Service

MAY 30. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *He was a wonderful principle when I was kid.
He was very kind. Praying for the family.* ”



Lynn Balderrama - June 04, 2018 at 07:32 PM



“ *Over the years, I have met many wonderful people who have enriched my life beyond their knowing. Red Sibley is one of those. I shall always remember Red for his devotion to his family, to his church, and to the high ideals that make life worthwhile. Today, heaven is richer and we are poorer. He has made the journey we all shall make. He made that journey strong in character and in faith. He leaves an example of how well life can be lived.* ”

May God's grace and love sustain his family and all who have had the privilege of knowing Red Sibley.

Richard Stiltner

Richard Stiltner - May 30, 2018 at 03:51 PM

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“ I will always have great love and affection for my mentor and dear friend, Mr. Red Sibley. I have too many memories too share so I will say that from my childhood and into adulthood he taught me that discipline can be accepted when it is handed out in fairness and with love. Mr. Sibley, you did this throughout my school years and into my teaching career. 😭 I love you so and will miss looking out my front door to watch you drive your golf cart around everyday. Most of all I will just miss those little talks we would have occasionally in the yard or at the post office. I know you are at peace now and with our dear Alice.

Vickie Leader - May 30, 2018 at 10:59 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Howard K. "Red" Sibley.



May 30, 2018 at 09:15 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard K. "Red" Sibley.



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Howard K. "Red" Sibley.*



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“ *Mr. Red was one of the best teachers I ever had. Classes all thru school, then as principal when my kids started school. Kimberly wrecked her car, in the ditch, in front of Outback! She claimed a dog ran in front of her! When we got there, Mr. Red said he had not seen that dog, but he would be looking out for it! Ben was in Kindergarten, they went on a trip to the zoo. The bus broke down in Scotlandville, the bus was late. I got a call explaining why they were late. I get to the school, Mr. Red was waiting out front of the school. Telling all us moms to calm down. They were all ok! Bless his heart! He will be missed.*

gwen thomas - May 29, 2018 at 07:05 PM

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“ Mr. Sibley was kind enough to take a chance on me. He hired me fresh out of college for my first teaching job. I always loved and respected him, and I never wanted to let him down. I remember one day he walked into my room and made his rounds as usual. As he prepared to leave, he motioned for me to come into the hallway. Boy was I scared. He started laughing and said, "You might want to check the usage of chose in that poster you have on the wall." Then he walked away. I looked at the poster, and sure enough I had spelled choose as chose. I was so embarrassed. That afternoon I went into his office and thanked him for correcting my mistake. Over the years, I could always count on Mr. Sibley for a reference or anything else I needed. Throughout the years, he always greeted me with a hug and a smile that made me feel like he was really glad to see me. I recently ran into Mr. Sibley and Mrs. Bonnie in Walmart. I am so thankful that I saw him. He will always have a special place in my heart. Mr. Sibley had a great impact on my life. I would not have had the success I had as a teacher without his guidance and mentorship. I know his family knows what a great man he was. I am so sorry for your loss.

Bobbette Larkey - May 29, 2018 at 06:31 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Howard K. "Red" Sibley.



May 29, 2018 at 03:00 PM

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“ Such a sweet and wonderful man. Truly blessed to have known him and his family. May God bring peace to you and your family at this time.

Susan Carpenter-Kennedy

Susan Carpenter-Kennedy - May 29, 2018 at 02:16 PM

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“ So many great memories of Mr. Sibley!!! To many to write here . In Elem. he trusted me enough countless times to get his coffee from the Home Economics room . In Jr High and High School I loved being a cheerleader as he coached the football team . He was my and Connie Berthelot Courtney’s drivers Ed instructor. I enjoyed his country music but never did get the hang of parallell parking not that he didn’t try! 😂 After college he gave me my first teaching job at Doyle Elem .(so thankful) 🙏 One day after he retired I ran my car into the ditch on his road and he pulled me out. I was embarrassed mostly because he had been my drivers Ed teacher! He was so sweet and said not to worry it could happen to anyone!! Lamar and I got to visit with him at Keri’s wedding recently such a precious time! He was a wonderful leader , mentor, teacher , principal and man ! Mr. Sibley made such a positive impact on MY life ! Love , prayers and hugs to his sweet Mrs. Bonnie and family!

Stacy Picou - May 29, 2018 at 01:54 PM