



James Robert Gibbs

October 17, 1964 - April 23, 2020

James Robert Gibbs passed away April 23, 2020, from an apparent heart attack in his Burbank, California home. Robert, or Rob as most of his colleagues knew him, was born in Escondido, California. He graduated from Orange Glen High School and then went on to pursue his creative talents at CalArts in Santa Clarita, California.

His artistic gifts and love of animation first found expression in his work with Disney, where he worked on Fern Gully, Fantasia 2000, and Pocahontas. He was then hired by Pixar and contributed to favorites, such as Toy Story 2, Finding Nemo, WALL*E, Up and Monsters Inc.--in which his daughter, Mary, was the voice of Boo. While at Pixar, he also directed numerous episodes of the Car Toons: Maters' Tall Tales. He most recently worked with Apple-Plus on an upcoming Peanuts series.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, James and Jo Ann Gibbs; his brother Paul Gibbs; and his nephew Jason Boultinghouse. He was survived by his daughter Mary Gibbs; his brother John Gibbs; and his sisters, Alesa Gibbs, Ruth Woodham, and Philis Boultinghouse. Also by his nephews and nieces: Crystal Boultinghouse, Brandon Gibbs, Victoria Gibbs, Jenny Guitierrez, Josh Gibbs, Jacob Gibbs, Jordan Gibbs, Kathryn Black, Jennifer Jacques, Sarah soon-to-be Hutchins; Christopher Gibbs, and Liana, Ellie, and Mattye Scott.

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Marianne - June 05 at 03:10 AM



“ Together we were the Dolls. Rob was our "Ken" doll. We miss laughing with him every Wednesday with his goofy approach, creative stories, and the big smile on his face every time he talked about you, Mary. Cheers to Rob, our friend and bowling teammate.



Marianne - June 05 at 03:00 AM



“ you are going to hell and youill be directing hump

rodrigo franco - June 01 at 05:07 AM



“ Will miss Rob greatly. I only wish that I had more pictures with him but fondly meeting him during the Monster's Inc, story days. I had to pin and repin his Yeti's cave sequence, so got to spend lots of quality time with him. The last project I worked on at Pixar was with Rob on Mater's Tall Tales. So in a sense, my time at Pixar was bookended with Rob.



Hoon Kim - May 17 at 03:36 PM



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Kevin O'Brien - May 10 at 08:19 PM



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KIM ADAMS - May 10 at 05:58 PM



“ I'm heartbroken over the loss of Rob. He and I worked together for four years at Pixar on 7 short films - the "CarsToons - Mater's Tall Tales." I was a new producer there, and Rob was the kindest, most patient director you could ever work with. I will always be grateful to him. He created the magic formula for "CarsToons" and was a master of short format story telling. He was an incredible story artist, and so funny - he was master of the ridiculous. He brought the characters, Mater and McQueen, into the funniest of situations and found such delight in doing so. He was amazed by the talent of the crew, and they all loved him. We had lots of work trips together - to Vancouver to work with the Pixar Canada team, and to Florida and LA to record voice talent or visit Imagineering. I'm so sad for all the Rob Gibb-ness delight and silliness the world will miss out on. We need more of Rob right now, not less. He had a heart of gold and is gone way too soon. Sending love to Mary and the rest of the family.



Kim Adams - May 09 at 02:41 PM



“ So very sad about Rob’s passing. We met on the film CoolWorld, my first real job upon moving to LA from NYC. We sat right next to each other for about a year and entertained each other with stories and became friends outside of work as well. I’ll always remember his humor, kind demeanor and drawing skills. He passed many a funny drawing over to me over the course of the production and even drew caricatures of me that I don’t know what I did with!!! Maybe I’ll find them somewhere in the future and a huge smile will pass over my face. I’m glad our paths crossed - he was something special who made a lasting impression on my life. Hugs to all who mourn him.



theresa - May 08 at 01:02 PM



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Victor Navone - May 06 at 03:10 PM



“ I spent a couple years with Rob co-directing some of the Mater’s Tall Tales shorts. What a fun, intense time, and Rob made it so much fun. Really warm, funny, and of course talented, and he sure knew how to have a good time! I’ll miss seeing him in his bumblebee costume at Halloween. I’m so sad he’s gone.

Victor - May 06 at 03:12 PM



“ Share the Health was purchased for the family of James Robert Gibbs.



May 04 at 11:02 PM



“ Such a gifted artist and friend, you will surely be missed! Hugs to Mary



Michelle Powers - May 04 at 10:53 PM



“ One of my first friends in LA, 2.5 years ago. We spent at least one Happy Hour together each week for nearly 2 years. His energy is irreplaceable. And love for tiki! I'm grateful to have had the friendship we had. He was one of a kind.



Sarah Woodward - May 03 at 09:19 PM



“ My wife and I went to CalArts with Rob and I shared an apartment with him and three other guys during that time. While he was going to school, he was working at a store called Spatters, where they tie-dyed t-shirts. That's not very interesting but I remember it.

Rob was a great man. In every memory I have of him, I can see his calming, and sometimes mischievous, smile. He was never without it. We will all miss him.

Steve Anderson - May 03 at 07:50 PM



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Kevin O'Brien - May 03 at 04:48 PM



“ Still reeling from the loss of Robert. We were Orange Glen classmates, college roommates and comrades in arms taking on the fickle animation business. Rob could always be counted on for great stories, warm-hearted support and an inspiring sense of humor. Best friends always! My condolences to his family and close friends.



Mike Cachuela - May 02 at 03:38 PM



“ Out wedding reception

Susan Hollands - May 02 at 04:22 PM



“ So many of my fondest memories of Rob including him drawing or teaching us to draw. He used his passion to encourage others in such a beautiful way. I'll miss you Uncle Rob



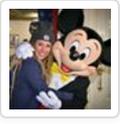
Jennifer Jacques - May 02 at 10:54 AM



“ Favorite uncle in front of his Ford Falcon .. we both loved this model car!



Jennifer Gutierrez - May 02 at 12:16 AM



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Mary Gibbs - April 29 at 06:25 PM