



Leroy Antoine Gibbs

February 3, 1954 - August 29, 2026

New Albany, Indiana

Leroy Antoine Gibbs died in New Albany on August 29, 2026. He was seventy-two. Born there on February 3, 1954, he grew up knowing the Ohio as work and Louisville as a rumor you could see across the water. He learned a barge line before he learned a classroom. A line, he said, is a kind of promise: it has to hold or the whole story is wet.

He shipped as a young deckhand when the river still felt like a second country: long tows, short nights, and a paycheck that arrived smelling of diesel. Later he stayed ashore and spent decades in a warehouse that fed the bridges, checking pallets, teaching younger men that a forklift is not a toy, and that ice on a ramp is not a story you tell afterward if you have been careful. He did not romanticize the work. He said the river was beautiful from a hill and dangerous from a deck, and that both facts could be true before breakfast.

He married Denise Gibbs in 1977. They kept a house up from the floodwall and a garden they almost never finished weeding. Two daughters grew up knowing how to bait a hook and how to be quiet in a boat. Denise taught school. Leroy packed her lunches with the same seriousness he packed a toolbox. After he retired he walked the riverfront in every month except the ones when the wind made walking a kind of argument.

Friends remember a dry laugh, a refusal to own more than one good coat, and a habit of showing up to help move a freezer as if that were the natural use of a Saturday. He could name the tows of his youth and would stop himself before the list became a lecture. He died in New Albany, the Indiana bank he had always claimed. The bridges still carry the work. He would have liked that the river outlasted the man.

Services

Visitation in New Albany, followed by a simple service. A walk along the river afterward, weather allowing.

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