His Legacy... Dr. Gibson-Hudson was born on December 18, 1933 in Los Angeles, California to Frank Byler Hudson and Hally Moore Gardner, moving to Oroville in 1939. He attended schools in Thermalito, Bird Street School, and graduated from Oroville High School in 1952. He earned a Bachelor’s Degree from the University of the Pacific, a Masters from the American University of Beirut in Lebanon, and a Doctorate from Fielding Institute in Santa Barbara; teaching & administrative credentials were earned from California State University in Chico. He was retired from the United States Coast Guard in 1964 on a service-connected disability. Prior to his attending OCS at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., he was the founder and first Bandmaster of the U.S. Coast Guard Training Station Band in Alameda, California. Locally, Dr. Gibson owned and operated the Feather Crag Apartments since 1980 and was the last commercial olive producer in unincorporated Thermalito. He spent much of his life in government service overseas. As a member of the diplomatic corps of the United Nations he headed missions in Jordan, Indonesia, Greece, Lebanon & Pakistan, based in Lahore. As an “ad-vocation”, Dr. Gibson was a well known pipe organist, having been a student of the late Richard Purvis of Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, and until his death was Organist of the United Methodist Church, Oroville. He was the financial and spiritual leader in efforts to rebuild, restore and expand the 1928 Rueter Symphonic pipe organ at the Methodist Church. Overseas he was, at various times, Organist of St. Paul’s Anglican Church in Athens, Greece, later named organist of the Royal Chapel and in 1965 on the appointment of the late Queen Fredericka of Greece, and was named Organist to the Royal Hellenic Court. He had the honor of playing for the wedding of King Juan Carlos of Spain to Queen Sophia, then Princess Royal of Greece in the Cathedral of St. Dionysus in Athens. He served as Deputy Organist of Singapore Anglican Cathedral, Organist-choirmaster of All Saints Anglican and Kaiser Wilhelm Kirk in Jakarta, Indonesia. While in Lebanon he served as Organist, at All Saints Anglican Church, Beirut. He will be greatly missed by family and friends.

His Family... He is survived by his brothers, Frank Gregory Hudson of San Diego, William Marvin Hudson of Sacramento, two aunts, Peggy Gardner of Buelton, Kathy Goodenough Gardner of Alexandria, Virginia. His surviving cousins include John Lazzadder of Red Bluff, Slick Gardner of Buelton, Roberta Hael Kelly of Ajo, AZ, Barbara Kelley of Bisbee, AZ, Robert Kelley of Ajo, AZ, Carol and Marilyn Hudson of Dos Cabesos, AZ, Ray Gardner of Prescott, AZ and Nancy Gardner of Seligman, AZ.

His Farewell Service … Episcopal Memorial Services for Dr. Peter Gardner Gibson-Hudson 75 will be held at First United Methodist Church 45 Acacia Ave. Oroville, CA on Saturday June 6, 2009 at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pipe Organ Restoration Fund, First United Methodist Church of Oroville. Following the Requiem High Mass, the Masonic Lodge will conduct private inurnment ceremonies in the family columbarium at Feather Crag. Arrangements have been entrusted to Ramsey Funeral Home 530-534-3877