



Dorris Freeman Gilbert

January 15, 1918 - February 20, 2019

Dorris Sonia Freeman Gilbert passed away on February 20th, 2019. She was born in Turner County on January 15, 1918 to Alvin Burdette and Annie Mabel Royal Freeman. She spent most of her life in Newnan, Georgia and was a graduate of Newnan High School.

In her 101 years, Dorris never stopped living. She rode camels in Israel and Space Mountain at Disney World. She rooted for her beloved Georgia Bulldogs and cheered on her children and grandchildren in all their pursuits. She loved telling stories of her childhood antics, including singing on a radio show called The Bluebird Club and trying out for the boys' football team. She made the honor roll in school and baked hundreds of coffee cakes for her friends and family. She volunteered as a Pink Lady at the hospital and was a devoted member of Newnan United Methodist Church. Of all her many activities and interests, Dorris most loved her time spent singing in her church choir. What she may have lacked in talent, she made up for in enthusiasm as she took every possible opportunity to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Dorris was preceded in death by her husband Carl Gilbert. She is survived by her sisters, Aldine Askew and Esther Smith; her sons Carl "Sonny" Gilbert (Joan) and Al Gilbert (Susan); her grandchildren Laurie Stephens (Matt), Lon Gilbert (Hillary), Melissa Gilbert (Scott Newton), Justin Gilbert, and Andrew Gilbert (Britt); her great-grandchildren Karli and Norah Gilbert, Asher Newton,

and Samantha Gilbert; great-great-grandson Harrison Logan; and nieces Ann Headstream, Lee Clarke, and Christy Kline .

While Dorris will certainly be missed, we rejoice in a life well-lived. We take comfort in knowing that she is now singing joyfully for her creator and regaling the angels with her fantastic stories. May we all honor her memory by making our own lives into a joyful noise, living each day to its fullest, and never losing our sense of adventure.

A service to celebrate Dorris' remarkable life will be held on Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 3:00 PM in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home to be led by Reverend Gary Parrish and Reverend Charles Robinson. The family will receive friends beginning at 2:00 PM. Interment will follow at Historic Oak Hill Cemetery. Those who may wish to honor Dorris life by a memorial contribution may do so by gifts to Newnan First United Methodist Church 33 Greenville Street Newnan GA 30263.

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 24. 2:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

FEB 24. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Robin Mann lit a candle in memory of Dorris Freeman Gilbert*



Robin Mann - February 28, 2019 at 05:16 PM

LM

“ *What a wonderful childhood of memories created by Doris. Cheese straws at every holiday with stories surrounded by friends and family. We always enjoyed her visits. We love you Doris. Rejoice with the angels on your next adventure.*

Lisa Miller - February 24, 2019 at 10:29 AM

MH

“ *Dear Sonny and family - I was so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mom. Someone once said that the sweetest word ever was Mother. When I had a reason to be at the old hospital, I would always go by the gift shop to have a chat with her if she was there. She was such a beautiful and sweet lady. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers, and just be comforted by the fact that she lived a very long and joyful life. I am so sorry, but I will not be able to attend the service. May God comfort the family at this time, as only he can do.*

Mary Elizabeth

Mary Elizabeth Hughie - February 23, 2019 at 07:06 PM

PP

“ Our now grown daughters Lisa and Annette both say they will always remember Doris making her wonderful cheese straws for them, during the holidays when they were growing up as neighbors of Al and Susan Gilbert.

Paul Paulicelli - February 23, 2019 at 12:05 PM

TK

“ We loved Mrs Dorris , I always made sure to have a word puzzle for her when she came to get her car serviced, Praying for the family . But rejoice for her in her journey home much love Mrs. Doris. Jack & Tammy Kettyle

Tammy kettyle - February 22, 2019 at 08:26 PM

JS

“ Mrs.Gilbert was a. wonderful lady.Praying for the family.
Joe and Linda Strickland

Joe Strickland - February 22, 2019 at 05:47 PM

 Elaine
Luiz

“ I knew her mostly as "Aunt Doris" through Ann, Lee, and Christy. I'm sure she was welcomed through the gates of Heaven with the words "well done, my good and faithful servant!"

Elaine Luiz - February 22, 2019 at 11:53 AM

DM

“ So very sorry for your loss. Ms. Dorris was always so friendly and full of life. I knew her during all my years growing up in the church in Newnan. She will be truly missed! Prayers and love to all of the family. Delilah Meadows

Delilah Meadows - February 22, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ I remember Mrs. Gilbert from church when I was a boy and as my Den Mother. My condolences to her family.

Kirby White - February 22, 2019 at 10:52 AM



“ *"Grammy" had spunk and charm. I was privileged to meet her. Her independence and strength inspires me still. Love and sympathy to Laurie, Susan, and all the family.* Leigh Chambley

Leigh Chambley - February 22, 2019 at 09:58 AM

JE

I always loved talking to Miss Doris. What a wonderful life she lived! I know you will all miss her.

Joan S Exner - February 23, 2019 at 11:24 AM

GP

“ *Those of us who knew Dorris Gilbert were truly blessed. She was always happy, cheerful, and kind. We had many conversations on the phone and in person. If you were feeling "down" she could always say things that would lift you "up". A true Christian. Rest in peace Dorris. My prayer for her family is that they will find comfort in knowing she is now singing with the angels in heaven. God bless you all.*

Gerrie Petty - February 22, 2019 at 09:21 AM

BW

“ *Bobby And Geraldine Welch lit a candle in memory of Dorris Freeman Gilbert*



Bobby and Geraldine Welch - February 22, 2019 at 08:21 AM

JH

“ Several years ago, "Grammy" shared a Thanksgiving lunch with the Stephens' family at Eva's home in Fayetteville. There were little children running around, talking and playing, ladies busy getting food arranged, the men sitting on the sofa talking, and there was Grammy taking it all in. She fit right in with everyone. That was my first meeting with Laurie's grandmother and she was an unforgettable lady. Perhaps those of us who love to sing will remember her this Sunday as we sing our hymns in church. We will be keeping Laurie and all her family in our prayers. Dell and Jack Hagood

Jack Hagood - February 21, 2019 at 09:45 PM

ES

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Eva Stephens - February 21, 2019 at 09:28 PM

KT

“ Oh my goodness. I'm so sad to read of Miss Dorris passing. Miss Dorris and the sisters as I called them were the most precious ladies ever. Miss Dorris was a jewel. I enjoyed talking about the Braves with her. Her laughter was contagious. Heaven gained a very special lady. Our old Newnan Hospital was family. My thoughts and prayers to the family. I sure loved Miss Dorris.

Kristi Cash Thompson - February 21, 2019 at 04:43 PM

JW

“ I considered Miss Dorris my "adopted" grandmother. I think she adopted many folks in First Methodist and Newnan as her own. I'll always cherish Sunday mornings sitting with her at church, my visits in her home and more recently our visits at Christian City. She had so much firsthand knowledge about our church going back over 70 years and would share stories along with pictures from bygone days. Before her health started to slow her down I would also be treated to a homemade goody before leaving her home. Newnan and First Methodist Church are better places because Dorris Gilbert was a part of them. She will be missed.

James Williams

James Williams - February 21, 2019 at 02:33 PM

MM

“ I knew Dorris for many years. She was a great lady who always had a smile for everyone she met. I saw her often, as she was a long-time member of the "Swingin' Singin' Seniors" and also my neighbor for many years. I will miss her. Mary J. Miles.



Mary J. Miles - February 21, 2019 at 01:55 PM

BT

Dorris was a special friend. she and I would go out to eat, we would talk on the phone, I would go and visit her. She was a special person. Barbara Thompson

Barbara Thompson - February 21, 2019 at 08:37 PM