



Nellie Mae Turner Gilbert

February 3, 1927 - February 15, 2021

Nellie Mae Turner Gilbert, 94, of London left this Earth for her home in Heaven on Monday, February 15, 2021. Surrounded by the comforting love of family, she passed in peace.

To many who loved her most, she was known as Mom, Mamaw and Mimi. So admired by her family, she became a namesake to many grandchildren and great grandchildren, who now carry a never fading remembrance in her honor. Throughout her life, she was a light of faith guiding those she loved towards goodness and kindness. She dedicated her life to those she loved the most-God and her family. She served actively as a proud member of Fariston Christian Church, where she was the pianist for 60 years.

Piano was only one of her many gifts. She had a talent for playing the piano with a remarkable softness that matched her own soft beauty. While she was famous for all her desserts, banana pudding and pies were her specialty. There have been heated debates over her best pie flavor, but it always comes down to chocolate and butterscotch. She would make one of each for special occasions. There are many other favorites of her dishes. She is remembered for having the best chicken and dumplings. Coleslaw, which she was an expert at, was so loved by her husband Martin that he had it with every meal. Another of her talents was sewing. She became a seamstress at a young age and was so skilled she made clothes for herself and for her family, some of

which are still cherished today. Though most remarkable of all, was her gift for humbleness.

She is remembered for bringing loved ones together. When her family was together, she always wanted them to sing. Another one of her favorite ways to spend time with family was playing games at the kitchen table while drinking homebrewed iced tea with lemon. Her favorites were Scrabble, cards, and Yahtzee. She taught her grandchildren and great grandchildren how to play these games. She taught them other important things too, like to always wash their hands, just not in the kitchen sink. There are many happy memories of singing and laughter that get to be remembered because she also taught how to turn the other cheek.

The legacy she leaves behind is one of faith, kindness, and a love for family. She will be remembered as being stubbornly independent, modest, and humble. Her light continues to shine through all her family, whose lives have been made better by the wisdom, joy, and love she gave.

Nellie leaves behind three daughters, Martina Yantis of London, Brenda Greer (Sam) of London, Annie Chesnut (Stephen) of Lexington; her daughter-in-law, Grace Boggs Gilbert; nine grandchildren, Dawn Yantis, Shawn Yantis, Cynthia Yantis, Angela Ross, Samantha Woods, Chastity Stringer, Amelia Binder, Rebecca Dattilo, Lucy Chesnut; eleven great grandchildren, Doug Yantis, Abryana Higgins, Nellie Greer, Sam Greer, Kash Buckles, Delanie Woods, Milla Binder, Jasper Binder, Corinne Dattilo, Evelyn Dattilo, Clara Rose Dattilo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Levi Martin Gilbert; her son, Michael Layne Gilbert; her brother, Inman Kash Turner; her sister, Velma Jean Clark; her son-in-law, James Yantis.

The family would like to thank her special caregivers, Bitha Liford, and Ed

Bowling with Hospice.

Funeral services for Nellie Mae Turner Gilbert will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in her honor to

Faith Christian Camp

808 Camp Road

Annville, KY 40402

Tribute Wall

GJ

“ Annie and family, so sorry to read of your mother’s passing. Your tales of her getting ice cream comes to mind. Hoping happy memories bring you comfort.

Gina Jesse - February 27, 2021 at 01:05 PM

BL

“ Bitha Liford lit a candle in memory of Nellie Mae Turner Gilbert



Bitha Liford - February 21, 2021 at 03:18 PM

BB

“ Nell was deeply loved by all. Church wasn’t the same when she couldn’t be there. Her piano playing was beautiful so deeply missed when she couldn’t be with us. Her sweet smile and always a kind word she always had and the calmness about her was something you couldn’t miss.
Love to all,
Buddy & Debbie

Buddy & Debbie Barker - February 20, 2021 at 04:02 PM

MW

“ What a beautiful obituary. It describes Nell perfectly! One of the sweetest, most humble women I’ve ever met. She played and I led singing for so many years. Her beautiful playing has been so missed since she had to stop. Prayers for the family. She was such a treasure!

Marci Wells-Halcomb - February 20, 2021 at 01:47 PM

CG

“ I am truly honored and my life was blessed to know Nell and to have been her pastor, as the minister of Fariston Christian Church for 7 years. One could fill a large book with all the ways that she blessed and made the lives of those around her better. However, the most important thing that can be said about her is that she was a faithful servant of the Lord who has finished the race. She has indeed heard the words of Jesus, “well done good and faithful servant.” She was indeed blessed, as a result of what Chad Woods once called, “clean living.” Thank you Nell for your love, kindness, faithfulness, example and legacy. You will be missed by many, but you live on for eternity and your memory lives on in and through us.

Chad Grondin - February 20, 2021 at 01:43 PM

ES

“ Evelyn Smith lit a candle in memory of Nellie Mae Turner Gilbert



Evelyn Smith - February 20, 2021 at 12:35 PM

DM

“ I have known Nell my whole life. When I would come to church at Fariston she would always talk to me & notice me. As a little kid & into my sixties. I loved listening to her play the piano for church. She will be missed by so many.

Debbie Mcgee - February 19, 2021 at 03:48 PM

JJ

“ *She was a wonderful Christian Lady, a wonderful cook and enjoyed playing scrabble with her many years ago when I attended Fariston Christian Church,
Love and prayers for all of you
May God Comfort you during this difficult time,*

Joyce Johnson - February 19, 2021 at 02:22 PM

JJ

“ *Joyce Johnson lit a candle in memory of
Nellie Mae Turner Gilbert*



Joyce Johnson - February 19, 2021 at 02:19 PM

DL

“ *Denny Liford sent a virtual gift in memory of
Nellie Mae Turner Gilbert*



Denny Liford - February 19, 2021 at 01:26 PM