



Vivian Leigh Gilbert

April 6, 1941 - June 17, 2023

Vivian Leigh Gilbert passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2023 after a yearlong battle with cancer. She exhibited toughness and strength during this fight which was developed over 82 years of hard work. She was exceptionally kind and didn't have a mean bone in her body (except for her hatred of Duke, after Christian Laettner kicked a Kentucky player in the 1992 NCAA Championship). She put up with her husband, Donald Carl Gilbert, for 61 years, which further attests to her kindness. No guest left her house hungry and typically excessively full. She loved and protected her children like a mama bear. She had a passion for flowers and a green thumb. It would be hard to quantify the beans she canned, corn she froze or the quarts of tomato juice she squeezed. It's unlikely there is a murder mystery novel she didn't read, along with many other genres. If there is a world record for crossword puzzles completed, she would have it. She will be sorely missed.

Vivian leaves behind her son, Mark Gilbert & wife Mia; four grandchildren, Bret Rattray & wife Alesha, Blake Rattray, Kailee Gilbert, Declan Gilbert; four great grandchildren, plus a host of other family and friends to mourn her passing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Carl Gilbert; three children, Wade Gilbert, Carla Patricia, Rhonda Kay; and by nine siblings, Clayton Brown, Manuel Brown, Cora Bengé, Reva Brown, Georgia Brown, Pearl Roper, Dorothy Booth, Robert Brown, Bud Brown.

Funeral services for Vivian Leigh Gilbert will be held on Friday, June 23, 2023 beginning at 10:45 a.m. in the chapel of House-Rawlings Funeral Home with Bro. Gene Greene officiating. Burial will follow at Gilbert Sasser Cemetery in London, Kentucky. The family will receive friends on Friday, June 23, 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m. until the funeral hour also at the funeral home. The family has entrusted House-Rawlings Funeral Home with the arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **23**. 9:00 AM (ET)

House-Rawlings Funeral Home
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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Vivian Leigh Gilbert.



June 21, 2023 at 04:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Vivian Leigh Gilbert.



June 20, 2023 at 04:53 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vivian Leigh Gilbert.

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