



## Girdest Gilbert

December 30, 1940 - December 3, 2025

Mrs. Girdest Gilbert, a loving mother, grandmother, and sister, was born on December 30, 1940, in Anniston, Alabama to the late Taylor and Delmas McLemore. She was a vibrant individual who found joy in life's simple pleasures, known for her fun-loving spirit and contagious laughter that lit up the room.

Girdest, affectionately called Dinah, was a member of New Prospect Baptist Church in Choccolocco, Alabama where she embraced her faith and served on the Missionary Circle. She attended Calhoun County Training School, graduating with the class of 1958. Eventually, she attended cosmetology school to pursue her passion for beauty and creativity.

Girdest was an avid music lover and found happiness in melodies and rhythms. Her love for traveling led her on numerous adventures where she was able to create unforgettable memories with her family and friends.

While attending CCTS, Dinah met the love of her life, Samuel Gilbert. Eventually, they were united in holy matrimony and shared 56 years of marriage until his death in March of 2025. To this union, one child was born, their beloved son, Jonathan.

Girdest, at the age of 84, transitioned from this life on Wednesday, December

3, 2025. She was preceded in death by her parents, Taylor and Delmas McLemore; husband, Samuel Gilbert; siblings, Taylor McLemore, Jr., John McLemore, and Freddie McLemore; and a young lady that she loved like a daughter, Eleshei Abernathy.

Dinah's leaves to treasure her memories one son, Jonathan (Sharon) Gilbert; grandchildren, Nathan (Jordan) Gilbert, Malakhi Gilbert, Samuel Hall, Anderson Hall, and Leyden Sloan; brother, James McLemore; sister, Louise Wilson; brothers-in-law, James (Ann) Gilbert and Owens (Elizabeth) Gilbert; sister-in-law, Betty Gilbert; and a host of other family members and friends.

As we gather to remember Girdest "Dinah" Gilbert, let us celebrate the laughter, love, and memories she shared with us. Her legacy will live on in our hearts, inspiring us to embrace life with the same joy and exuberance she exemplified.

# Cemetery Details

## Gaines Cemetery

Gaines Circle  
Choccolocco, AL 36254

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

DEC 11. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

S.M. Goodson Funeral Homes and Crematory- Anniston  
830 Noble Street  
Anniston, AL 36201

## Celebration of Life

DEC 12. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

New Prospect Baptist Church  
120 New Prospect St  
Anniston, AL 36207

# Tribute Wall

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**VIVIAN AND GEORGE KELLEY** - December 09, 2025 at 08:16 PM

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“ VIVIAN AND GEORGE KELLEY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *Girdest Gilbert*.

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**VIVIAN AND GEORGE KELLEY** - December 09, 2025 at 08:16 PM

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**George Kelley** - December 09, 2025 at 07:55 PM