



## Martha Hughes Gilbreath

February 22, 1947 - August 15, 2024

Martha Sue Hughes Gilbreath, 77, of Fort Payne, passed away Thursday, August 15, 2024, at her home. She was born in DeKalb County, Alabama on February 22, 1947 to the late William Clarence Tony Hughes and Mae Walker Hughes.

Jimmy saw Martha for the first time as a boy at a church singing on Lookout Mountain. He caught her eye that day and she told her friend “that’s the guy I’m going to marry!” Several years later, they each found themselves in the high school chorus and were sweethearts from there on. Music brought them together and music has carried them through life’s journey.

She was a member of Mt. Tabor Baptist Church where she served as church pianist for a time. Martha had a lovely alto voice and enjoyed singing with the JoyBelles. When she lived in Dalton, Georgia, she served as church organist at Calvary Baptist and Mt. Rachel Baptist, while her husband Jimmy led the singing and sang in the choir.

Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Sunday at Wilson Funeral Home with Rev. Brian Harris officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Herman Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12 noon until the 3 p.m. hour of service.

She is survived by her husband of over 59 years Jimmy Gilbreath;

grandchildren Danielle Lowrey and Anthony Flores; great-grandchildren Amilia, Leland, and Makalia Lowrey.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Lisa Flores.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory of Fort Payne is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Herman Cemetery

1027 County Road 835  
Fort Payne, AL 35968

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 18. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home  
3801 Gault Ave. N  
Fort Payne, AL 35967

## Funeral Service

AUG 18. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Martha wasva very sweet person.*



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**Sarah Haase** - August 22, 2024 at 05:49 PM

RW

“ *So sorry she is gone. I remember her well. A very kind  
d person.*

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**Robert West** - August 17, 2024 at 08:28 PM

BM

“ *Martha was my first childhood friend. We would go home with one another from church on Sundays and come back for the evening service. We would play the huge organ in their home, even though we knew nothing about stops and pedals. Later, they moved to town and lived in a three-story Victorian home. We had my 16th birthday party there, on the third floor, which they didn't use at all. We sat around listening to Robert West tell ghost stories. I'm sorry we didn't stay in close contact as adults. Jimmy, please accept my deepest sympathy. I have lots of memories of you, too. All the singings, music seemed to hold us all together. Right now I am holding on to:*

*Precious Memories, how they linger  
How they ever flood my soul  
In the stillness of the midnight  
Precious, sacred scenes unfold*

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**Brenda Evans Madsen** - August 17, 2024 at 11:53 AM

CL

“ Cheryl Little sent a virtual gift in memory of Martha Hughes Gilbreath



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**Cheryl Little** - August 17, 2024 at 10:37 AM

BS

“ Bill and Deb Schrimsher purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Martha Hughes Gilbreath.



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**Bill and Deb Schrimsher** - August 17, 2024 at 10:27 AM

BS

“ Bill and Deb Schrimsher planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Martha Hughes Gilbreath.

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**Bill and Deb Schrimsher** - August 17, 2024 at 10:27 AM

SR

“ Martha was a very special person. She had a kind heart that loved family and friends. She would go out of her way to do anything she could to help others. Heaven gained an angel. Fly high, Martha. God speed, my sweet friend.

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**Susan Reeves** - August 16, 2024 at 09:11 PM

CH

“ Jimmy so sorry for the passing of Martha. I know you will miss her. I have many fond memories of her when we were growing up. Will be praying for you and the family.

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**Connie Hudgins** - August 16, 2024 at 02:03 PM