



## Lelia G. "Susie" Gilbert

January 12, 1946 - December 4, 2023

Lelia G. "Susie" Gilbert, 77, completed her earthly journey and was received into Heaven on December 4, 2023, at Hubbard Hospice House in Charleston after a long illness. During her stay at Hubbard Hospice House, she was continuously surrounded by her family and close friends of the family.

She was born in Saint Albans on January 12, 1946 to the late Charlie and Mildred Rigney. She was also preceded in death by her brothers, C. B. Rigney and Richard "Butch" Rigney, and her husband and the love of her life, Robert B. Gilbert.

Susie was a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church, St. Albans and a graduate of St. Albans High School Class of 1963.

Left to cherish her memory are her son, Norman (Lisa) Sowards of Chapel Hill, NC; daughters; Sara (Fred) Dodrill of St. Albans and Teresa (Jason) Buckley of St. Albans, stepson, Marc Gilbert and stepdaughter, Traci Gilbert of St. Albans, and brother Montie (Kaye) Rigney of Hurricane; She will also be fondly remembered and deeply missed by her grandchildren, Charles Dodrill, Tyler (Blair) Barnett, Joseph Dodrill, Andrew Barnett, Morgan Sowards, Hannah (Christopher) White, Emily Dodrill, Kennedy (Jake) Steakley, Grant Sowards, Haylee (Oliver) Lopez, and Bailey Gilbert; as well as great grandchildren, Addisyn Barnett, Grayson White, Niko and Mateo Lopez. She

is also survived by her many nieces and nephews, including two nieces who were especially close to her, Lisa (Tim) Hunt Ripley and Sherri (Scott) Eagle of Ripley.

In honor of her wishes there will be a private graveside service for her family.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest donations be made to First Baptist Church of St. Albans at 2nd Street and 6th Avenue, St. Albans WV 25177, or Kanawha Hospice at 1606 Kanawha Boulevard west, Charleston WV 25387.

You may visit Susie's tribute page at [BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com](http://BartlettNicholsFuneralHome.com) to share memories or condolences with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave., St. Albans is honored to serve the Gilbert family.

# Cemetery Details

## Cunningham Memorial Park

815 Cunningham Lane  
St. Albans, WV 25177

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ *Deepest Condolences to the Gilbert Family.*



**Cindy Williams** - December 13, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lelia G. "Susie" Gilbert.*



December 07, 2023 at 10:46 AM

CO

“ *Susie was a very kind, caring and special person. I will miss my dear sweet friend.*  
*Connie*

**Connie** - December 05, 2023 at 09:15 PM

AB

“ *I have 40 years of memories with Susie "mom". She helped me get my job at the bank 38 1/2 years ago and I'll be forever grateful. So many fun lunches together and weekends I spent at her house. She was truly my second mom and I will miss her terribly. Thank you Susie and kids for always making me feel like part of the family. I love you all!* ❤️🙏

**Amanda Bucklaew** - December 05, 2023 at 06:40 PM

AH

“ Sincere condolences to the Rigney family, Arvyl was in school with Ernie.

Arvyl and Jo Hypes - December 05, 2023 at 04:39 PM

CW

“ So sorry to hear of Susie's passing. I have many fond childhood memories playing with Teresa at their house. Susie was always such a kind and gentle soul. Abney Street was a wonderful place to grow up, full of kids and everyone felt like family. Love and prayers.  
Christa White Whitacre



Christa Whitacre - December 05, 2023 at 03:54 PM

KA

“ Kanawha Valley Foot and Ankle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Lelia G. "Susie" Gilbert.

Kanawha Valley Foot and Ankle - December 05, 2023 at 02:29 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Lelia G. "Susie" Gilbert.



December 05, 2023 at 02:29 PM

BP

“ I So sorry to hear of Susie passing. We were neighbors years past.  
Sweet beautiful lady. Rest in Peace.

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**Betty Painter** - December 05, 2023 at 02:24 PM