

*So man lieth down, and riseth not; til the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep. O' that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.*

*Job 14:12-14*



*But I would not have you to be ignorant brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.*

*I Thessalonians 4:13-14*

# Homegoing Celebration

for

**Mrs. Ida Frances Brown Franklin Gilbert**

**Sunrise:**  
Oct. 12, 1929



**Sunset:**  
Mar. 2, 2003

Saturday, March 8, 2003  
1:00 P.M.

SAINT MARK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

740 Sanderfer Road, West  
Athens, Alabama

**Pastor Wesley David, Officiating**

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~ Obituary ~

“Til We Meet Again”

You left us here grieving  
With nothing to do but cry.  
Even though we know you were leaving,  
It's hard to say “goodbye.”

We thought we were ready,  
As we prepared from day to day.  
It still seems all too soon,  
Because now you're gone away.

We must hold on to memories,  
So precious and do dear.  
Keeping them inside,  
As if you were near.

Your work on earth is done,  
You've passed the final test.  
We know that you're with Jesus,  
For He only chooses the best.

Sleep on Grandma Ida,  
You've been a good grandmother and friend.  
Good-bye and we love you...  
Til we meet again.

...We love you and will miss you

(Your Little Sweet Thangs)

*Mrs. Ida Frances Brown Franklin Gilbert was born October 12, 1929 to the late Jim and Gassimble Brown in Elkton, Tennessee. She departed this life Sunday, March 2, 2003 at her resident.*

*She confessed hope in Christ at an early age and joined Little Persimmon Grove P.B. Church in Athens, Alabama where she served faithfully until her health failed. She later became a Watch-care member at St. Luke M.B. Church in Athens, Alabama until her death.*

*Mrs. Gilbert was joined in holy matrimony to Mr. Matt Franklin. To that union ten children were born. Mr. Franklin preceded her in death and she later married Mr. Henry Lewis Gilbert, Sr.; to which four children were born.*

*She leaves to cherish her memories: Verolyn (Sandford) Townsend, James Edd (Sally) Franklin, Edith Rogers, Lucille (Perteo) Bridgeforth, Henry Lewis (Alice) Gilbert, Jr., Janice (Robert) Jackson, Turneal (Selina) Gilbert, all of Athens, AL; Geraldine Franklin of Madison, AL; Thelma Franklin and Eugene (Vera) Brown, both of Huntsville, AL; four children who preceded her in death: Janie Mae Franklin, Charlie Franklin, Flora Dean Franklin, and Helen Marie Franklin; five sisters: Lois Ford of New Market, AL; Hovestina Samilton and Hannah Webb, both of Indianapolis, IN; Elise Grisby and Dorothy Harney both of Elkton, TN; five brothers: Edward (Bessie) Brown and Walter (Wandalyn) Brown, both of Huntsville, AL; Richard (Louetta) Brown of Indianapolis, IN; John Henry Grisby and Wayne Grisby both of Elkton, TN; two sisters and four brothers who preceded her in death: Mary Cross, Daisey Grisby, George (Mary) Brown, Wilbert (Lucille) Brown, Anthony (Pearline) Brown, and James Brown. She also leaves thirty-five grandchildren, twenty-eight great-grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.*

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## Sweet Mama

Oh Mama, how we love you.  
You gave us life.  
You filled our hearts  
with special memories for each child.

Oh Mama, you have placed foot prints on our hearts  
That can not be erased.

Oh Mama, as you take your rest,  
Don't worry about your children:  
Verolyn, Noody, Janice, Lucille,  
Geraldine, Andy, Rale, Twocake, Slick and Thelma  
Because you have left us in the great care,  
God Almighty.

Mama, as you walk around heaven,  
Our hearts are filled with darkness.  
Failing to realize you are no longer in pain.  
No suffering only joy.  
How we love you Mama.

Your mother's love has taught us to  
Love ye one another as you have loved us.  
You taught us to trust God for all things,  
And we are trusting him right now,  
As we ask for comfort

Oh Sweet Mama,  
you never complained during your illness.  
Anytime we asked you,  
"Mama, how are you feeling today?"  
Your answer would be "I feel pretty good."  
We know you are feeling pretty good  
Walking around in heaven's gate.

Sleep on Mama... Sleep On!!!

We Love you Always,  
Your Children

## ~ Order of Service ~

### *Processional*

*Selection*..... *St. Mark P.B. Church Choir#2*

*Song & Prayer* ..... *Elder Donald Patton*

*Words of Comfort & Scripture*..... *Elder Kenneth Owens*  
*Pastor, St. Mark P.B. Church, Athens, AL*

*Selection*..... *Choir*

*As I Knew Her*.....*Dea. Elijah Townsend*

*Tribute to our Mother* ..... *Read by Mot. Geraldine Robinson*

*Tribute to my Grandmother* ..... *Sis. Carolyn Franklin*  
*Granddaughter of Mrs. Gilbert*

*Solo*..... *Sis. Tan Townsend*

*Acknowledgments* ..... *Sis. Shannon Cameron*

*Obituary* ..... *Read Silently*

*Solo*..... *Sis. Joyce Rogers*

*Eulogy* ..... *Pastor Wesley David*  
*Pastor, St. Luke M.B. Church, Athens, AL*

*Song of Tribute* ..... *Minnie Townsend*  
*Granddaughter of Mrs. Gilbert*

*Closing Prayer* ..... *Rev. Gary Battles*  
*Pastor, St. Paul M.B. Church, Athens, AL*

### *Recessional*

~ *Interment in the Thatch & Mann Cemetery Cemetery* ~

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## **"DON'T GRIEVE"**

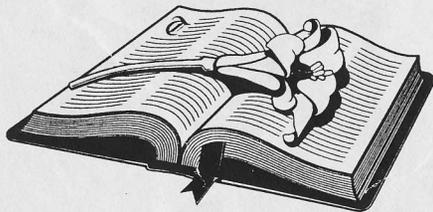
*Don't grieve for me,  
for now I'm free.  
I could not stay another day  
to laugh, to love, to work or play.*

*Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I've found that peace at the close of the day  
If my parting has left a void,  
then fill it with remembered joy.*

*A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss  
all these things I too shall miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.*

*My life's been full, I have savored much,  
good friends, good times, a loved one's touch  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief  
don't lengthen it now with undue grief.*

*Lift up your heart and share with me  
for now, my friends, I am truly free.*



## **"Flowers Bearers"**

Granddaughters

## **"Pall Bearers"**

Grandsons

## **"Thank You"**

The family of the late Mrs. Ida Gilbert wishes to express their deepest sincere thanks for all acts of kindness extended to them during the illness and death of their loved one.

Special thanks to the following churches:  
St. Mark P.B. Church \* St. Luke M.B. Church \* St. Paul M.B. Church

Dinner will be served at  
St. Mark Primitive Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

## **"Interment and Committal"**

Thatch & Mann Cemetery  
Athens, Alabama

## **Final Arrangements Entrusted to:**

People's Funeral Home  
Athens, Alabama