



## Dorothy "Dottie" Ebright Gilbert

February 27, 1948 - August 6, 2019

Dottie Ebright Gilbert of Tallahassee (and previously of Shell Point Beach) passed away early Tuesday morning, August 6, 2019. Born in Stafford, Kansas on February 27, 1948, she was the youngest child of Arlon and Gladys Ebright. Dottie graduated from Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas with a degree in Art Education. She taught Art for several years in various elementary schools around the country. Upon leaving the teaching profession, Dottie worked in the taxidermy industry, doing the finishing work on many exotic animals from all over the world. Dottie loved all things arts & crafts: painting, sewing, needlework, and creating a variety of works of art. She lived for many years at Shell Point Beach in Wakulla County, FL where she was able to enjoy her free time boating, swimming, fishing, and scalloping. Life on the water was her home away from home. Dottie found great joy in entertaining and cooking for others.

Dottie was predeceased by her parents, her brother Arlo Ebright, and her sister Marcia Clements. She is survived by the love of her life, husband John V. Gilbert, her son Andrew Goates, and her grandchildren Taylor Goates and Brianna Goates. Additional survivors include her sister-in-law LaDonna Ebright, brother-in-law Charles Clements, nephews Chuck Clements and Chris Clements, and niece Cricket Cox. Other surviving relatives include her husband John's siblings: Maureen Apostolos, Patricia & Ed Staros, Ted & Brandy Cowley-Gilbert, Frances M. Gilbert, Grace C. Gilbert, and Marquette Cowley. Additionally, Dottie's extended family includes many other nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Family and friends are invited to a Celebration of the Life of Dottie Gilbert. Join us for a potluck social under the pavilion and oak trees at Family Funeral Home at 84 Ochlockonee St, Crawfordville, FL (behind the old Wakulla Bank) on Saturday, November 9 at noon. Bring your memories of Dottie, your chair, a dish to share, and the beverage of your choice. Dress is respectfully casual.

Skip Young of Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services in Crawfordville is assisting the family with their arrangements. 850-926-5919 [Familyfhc.com](http://Familyfhc.com)

In order to honor Dottie's life, consider making a contribution to any cause that you believe Dottie would appreciate.

"Well done, good and faithful servant. Come enter into the joy of your Master."



# Comments

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“ Love, The Gilbert, Apostolos and Staros Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dorothy "Dottie" Ebright Gilbert.



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“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dorothy "Dottie" Ebright Gilbert.



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“ Dottie will be greatly missed. I knew her as Marcia's little sister until Phil and I moved to Shell Point Beach where she was living at the time. There, we became good friends. She was a fabulous cook, wonderful artist and a great teacher. She taught me many crafts, like how to hang wallpaper. She helped me hang wallpaper in my new house. She also was a draftsman. I guess that's why she always paid great detail to her creations. She loved her work as a taxidermist too. It allowed her to give back life to the animals. One day she brought a lion to Charles and Marcia's house. She wanted for Charlie & Cash (Cricket's twins) to see a life size lion. I can only image what people thought when they saw her driving by with a life size lion in the back sit of her car. It was placed on the lawn near the beach. Needless to say, the lion got a lot of attention because it looked so alive. Everybody wanted their picture made with Dottie's Lioness.

My heart is aching for Dottie's family and friends. Please find comfort in knowing she was loved by many.

Blessings to you all, Mickey & Phil Cantner



