



Lora Marie Gilbert

May 15, 1991 - May 8, 2018

Lora Marie Gilbert, 26, of Columbus, Georgia formerly of Ozark, Arkansas died Tuesday, May 8, 2018 in Columbus. She was a waitress and a member of Striplin Terrace United Methodist Church. She was born May 15, 1991 in Fort Smith, Arkansas to Lonnie and Marcella Elder Mefford.

Lora is survived by two children, Gabriel Lain and Skylar Jade Gilbert both of Ozark; her parents, Lonnie and Marcella Mefford; three sisters, Sara Harmon and husband Cody, Jessica Mefford, and Loni Erin Mefford all of Ozark.

Family will visit with friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM Monday, May 14th at Shaffer Funeral Home, 2315 West Commercial Street in Ozark.

Funeral service will be held 1:00 PM Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at the First Baptist Church in Ozark with Brother Ted Darling and Brother Rodney David Porter officiating and burial at Gar Creek Cemetery under direction of Shaffer Funeral Home of Ozark.

Serving as pallbearers are Aaron Elder, Anthony Yother, Brian Watts, Andrew Spann, Tory Casey, and Jeremy Waters. Honorary pallbearers are Ike Tate and Andru Mefford.

Click on [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) to contribute to an account established by the Mefford family through Amanda McQuaide on behalf of Jessica Mefford; the funds are to benefit the children, Gabriel and Skylar Gilbert.

To leave online condolences visit our website: www.shafferfuneralhomeweb.c

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Cemetery Details

Gar Creek Cemetery

Hwy 352 East
Ozark, AR 72949

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Shaffer Funeral Home
2315 West Commercial Street
PO Box 680
Ozark, AR 72949
(479) 667-4147
shafferfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

MAY 15. 1:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
304 West Market Street
Ozark, AR 72949

Tribute Wall



“ *Shaffer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert*



Shaffer Funeral Home - May 17, 2018 at 02:44 AM



“ *Lora Marie Gilbert*

January 30, 2023 at 02:28 AM



“ *Sherra Claunch lit a candle in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert*



Sherra Claunch - May 27, 2018 at 09:30 PM



“ *Lora came to a yard sale at Striplin Terrace UMC last year. I introduced her to my wife, who gave her a tour of the preschool. Lora started coming to church with her kids. She was the sweetest young lady ever and always willing to help. She will be forever missed on Earth but I know she is strolling Heaven's hills with Jesus. My prayers are raised for the kids and the surviving family.*

Kurt Dukes - May 15, 2018 at 07:41 PM

BS

“ I have seen all the girls grow up and Lora was just a beautiful woman. with the heart as big as they come. Love and miss you sweet lady.

Brandy & John Shepherd - May 15, 2018 at 07:07 AM

BS

“ Lonnie and family...Billy Joe and I are heartbroken for you. We are praying for you and the little children. We know there is a big reunion in heaven coming very soon. She lives now in His presence and sees Him face to face. I pray that can comfort you. Jesus promised He would comfort those who mourn so I pray for His loving arms to hold you close. Know that you are in many people's prayers. In Jesus love,
Billy Joe and Dana Sawitsky

Billy and Dana Sawitsky - May 15, 2018 at 07:03 AM

TP

“ Such a sweetheart. I'll always remember good times fishing and swimming with Lora and family. Always smiling! Til we meet again....Love you Lora Marie



Teresa Putney - May 15, 2018 at 01:56 AM

SS

“ Lora was the Sweetest person, we just loved her at Cub Scout Pack 107! Never saw her with out a smile on her face. Kind and loving to all the boys in her group! We are all heartbroken , but I know she is in the presence of our Savior. My thoughts and prayers are with her family and friends. I know she was loved by so many! I hope her children will always know how much she loved them and how wonderful a person she really was!

samantha simmons - May 14, 2018 at 01:46 PM

AP

“ Lora was a wonderful fit for our Cub Scout Pack 107 family. Her gentle nature and enthusiasm was perfect for those young men she was leading in their introductory year. She never passed by me without a huge, beautiful smile on her face. My prayers are with her family, friends and those beautiful children. Obviously we cannot be there but please know we are all thinking of her.



Alisha Petersen - May 14, 2018 at 01:31 PM

SR

“ Lora was a chosen part of our family, so sweet, always full of kindness, love and positivity. The world is a little darker without her shining light. I look forward to seeing this beautiful face again someday. Prayers for her sweet babies and family.

Stephanie Reed - May 14, 2018 at 10:27 AM

EE

“ SWEET SWEET LORA. EVEN WHEN YOU WERE SO SICK, YOU STILL MADE SURE EVERYONE WAS TAKEN CARE OF. WHEN I SEE YOU AGAIN , IM SURE THE PEACHES WILL BE SWEETER IN HEAVEN THAN THE ONES WE GOT IN ALABAMA. I LOVE YOU SWEET GIRL.



ELAINE ELSER - May 14, 2018 at 09:58 AM

FL

“ We loved Lora and the children at Striplin Terrace UMC. She was so kind to all of us and she helped out with many projects at the church. I am so glad our paths crossed. My children do not live near me. I sort of adopted her as my Columbus daughter. Words cannot express the hurt your family must feel. May God watch over her family.

Faye Lowery - May 13, 2018 at 10:19 PM

 Ashley
Purtell

“ You will be greatly missed Lora. We were never super close but you shared a special place in my heart. You thought of me randomly by the times we did message. You are loved sweet girl! Praying for Gabriel and Skylar, and your family! Fly high beautiful!



Ashley Purtell - May 13, 2018 at 06:13 PM

LW

“ *Lori Webster lit a candle in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert*



Lori Webster - May 13, 2018 at 11:15 AM

RM

“ *She was a lovely young woman. We joined Striplin Terrace Church on the same day.*

rosa mccarty - May 12, 2018 at 08:12 PM

CB

“ *I still remember the first time I ever met Lori it was at CVS in Ozark she came into the grocery store with a smile on her face always and she was always willing to give me a hug I know I am part of the family but I'm still sending out prayers to the rest of the family may we always remember*

Chris Barr - May 12, 2018 at 07:08 PM

LA

“ *Laura lit a candle in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert*



Laura - May 12, 2018 at 09:58 AM

JH

“ Prayers



Joy Horton - May 12, 2018 at 09:14 AM



Amanda
Smith

“ *Amanda Smith lit a candle in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert*



Amanda Smith - May 12, 2018 at 08:20 AM

BL

“ *What a beautiful young woman Lora Gilbert was, inside and out. How blessed the congregation at Striplin Terrace UMC was to get to know her. She came into our church willing to grow and willing to give of herself. And what beautiful children Skylar and Gabriel are: smart and well behaved. And Lora proved by her actions that she was a good and loving mother. My heart aches for all family members. But we know where Lora is, praise God. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

In Christ,

Becky Lange

becky Lange - May 12, 2018 at 08:18 AM

LC

“ *Linda Carter lit a candle in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert*



Linda Carter - May 12, 2018 at 08:10 AM

Dean Hunter

Lora was a loving person always helping in any way she could. We shall remember her with her sweet smile and Her willing Spirit.

Dean Hunter - May 12, 2018 at 08:18 PM



“ *Sue Thompson lit a candle in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert*



Sue Thompson - May 12, 2018 at 07:38 AM

Maria Robinson

“ *Troop 107 is praying for your family. God Bless each of you. I am so sorry for your loss.*



Maria Robinson - May 12, 2018 at 05:52 AM

PB

“ *Patty Bates lit a candle in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert*



Patty Bates - May 12, 2018 at 12:54 AM

KJ

“ *I was blessed to meet Lora and her children at church. She was a beautiful person inside and out. My prayers are with her family that God will hold them in his love and give them his strength and peace.*
Kay Jones

Kay Jones - May 11, 2018 at 11:13 PM

DM

“ *Debra McGill sent a virtual gift in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert*



Debra McGill - May 11, 2018 at 11:03 PM

KB

“ *Condolences and prayers for the family from the Bohannon Family.*



Kayla Bohannon - May 11, 2018 at 10:49 PM

LS

“ Laurie Sumners purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Lora Marie Gilbert.



Laurie Sumners - May 11, 2018 at 09:19 PM

DS

“ Daniel & Debra Stover sent a virtual gift in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert



Daniel & Debra Stover - May 11, 2018 at 08:55 PM

DS

“ Lit a candle in memory of



Daniel & Debra Stover - May 11, 2018 at 08:53 PM

AB

“ Amanda Breedlove lit a candle in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert



Amanda Breedlove - May 11, 2018 at 08:42 PM



Brittany Quincey

“ *Brittany Quincey lit a candle in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert*



Brittany Quincey - May 11, 2018 at 07:37 PM

SN

“ *Sheila Nichols lit a candle in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert*



Sheila Nichols - May 11, 2018 at 07:35 PM



“ *Aerica Loveless lit a candle in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert*



Aerica Loveless - May 11, 2018 at 07:32 PM

SN

“ *Sheila Nichols lit a candle in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert*




Sheila Nichols - May 11, 2018 at 07:18 PM

JF

“ I've known this sweet girl since she was a kid. So heartbroken over her death. Love all you guys and am praying for peace.



Jennifer Dinkins Frymire - May 11, 2018 at 07:09 PM

 Brittany Torix

“ Brittany Torix lit a candle in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert



Brittany Torix - May 11, 2018 at 06:50 PM

 Paula McGee

“ Paula McGee lit a candle in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert



Paula McGee - May 11, 2018 at 06:47 PM

TJ

“ Marci and Lonnie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. May God wrap his loving arms around all of you to give you comfort and peace. We will never understand why, especially when it's our babies, but God needed his angel Lora home for a reason. God Speed ❤️🙏

Tina James - May 11, 2018 at 06:39 PM

KA

“ *I wish you the best in heaven, cousin. May you be at peace.* ”



Kelsey Adams - May 11, 2018 at 06:35 PM

TJ

“ *Tina James lit a candle in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert* ”



Tina James - May 11, 2018 at 06:33 PM

LM

“ *Leslie Murders lit a candle in memory of Lora Marie Gilbert* ”



Leslie Murders - May 11, 2018 at 02:11 PM