



## Marilyn Irene Mabee

January 24, 1937 - November 26, 2025

NOTICE: The Memorial Service previously scheduled for Saturday, January 24 has been postponed due to uncertain weather. Information concerning the forthcoming dates will be announced when those plans are completed.

Marilyn Mabee, age 88, a resident of Arab, passed away recently surrounded by family. Born in Birmingham and a graduate of Woodlawn High School, Marilyn moved to Arab in 1976 after starting a family with her husband in Largo, Florida. Raised in a home built on faith, service, and kindness, she carried these values throughout her life and instilled them in her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Marilyn lived a life defined by her deep devotion to God, her unwavering commitment to family, and her selfless spirit. She was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend whose life reflected steadfast faith, love, and quiet strength.

Marilyn's servant heart extended into her church and community. A lifelong member of Gilliam Springs Baptist Church in Arab, she served humbly—volunteering her time to help those in need, joyfully singing in the choir, and guiding young women in Sunday School classes and the Girls in Action (GA) program. She was honored to be one of the B-Team Angels of Arab, a group devoted to sharing the love of Christ, a mission that beautifully reflected Marilyn's faith and her desire to brighten the lives of others.

Family was second only to her faith. Marilyn married her husband, Doug, in the late 1950s, and together they built a home rooted in hard work, faith, warmth, and strong family bonds until his passing many years later. With remarkable independence and fortitude, she continued raising and supporting their four children. She worked diligently—at times holding multiple jobs—to provide for them, teaching by example the values of faith, strength, humility, and kindness. Marilyn always placed the needs of others before her own, offering quiet acts of support for loved ones and simple gestures of care for friends and neighbors.

Throughout her long life, Marilyn embodied quiet perseverance. She found joy in everyday blessings, such as reading inspirational literature, working puzzles and word searches, playing games, and cherishing moments with family. Her life was a testament to grace and dignity, even in the face of adversity.

Marilyn is survived by her four children: Pam Alldredge (Sam), Cheryl Mabee, Mike Mabee (Cale), and Mark Mabee (Kim); her brother, Doug Newman; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, four siblings, and other loved ones who went before her.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will take place at Gilliam Springs Baptist Church in Arab on June 13th 2026 at 11:00 am. Arab Heritage Memorial Chapel assisting the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations in her honor to the American Heart Association, the Michael J. Fox Foundation or the Parkinson's Foundation.

# Cemetery Details

## Gilliam Springs Cemetery

1351 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway  
Arab, AL 35016

# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life

JUN 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

Gilliam Springs Baptist Church  
1351 North Brindlee Mountain Parkway  
Arab, AL 35016

# Tribute Wall

LB

“Marilyn worked at the Children's Corner Day Care Center and was truly a special person to co-workers and parents. The children loved her and she was always caring for their every need. She is truly missed by all who knew her and enjoyed her beautiful voice.

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**Linda Barksdale** - Yesterday at 04:24 PM

JG

“Marilyn or as we called her “Mama-son” ( meaning second mom) was such a warm and welcoming presence in their Largo home where I spent many hours in the late 70s before the Mabees moved to Arab. She was even good natured when we tore up her living room by making the couch cushions into a fort or when we destroyed her neat and tidy kitchen by making coquina soup with sandy shelled crustaceans that we collected on the beach. I remember her being so careful about making sure that we had sunscreen on when we went swimming, and patiently teaching us how to safely shave our legs! She really was the epitome of Southern hospitality, good manners and kindness. I will always love her and remember her fondly.

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**JENNIFER GIUNTA** - January 22 at 11:22 AM

GH

“We have so many good memories of Marilyn and her beautiful singing voice. She was always a blessing to be with and a wonderful and sweet friend!

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**Gayla Hayes** - January 19 at 05:22 PM

WM

“ *Wilda J Malone lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Irene Mabee*



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**Wilda J Malone** - January 19 at 10:07 AM

CS

“ *Carolyn A. Saint lit a candle in memory of Marilyn Irene Mabee*



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**Carolyn A. Saint** - December 26, 2025 at 08:52 PM

CS

*I went to Gilliam Baptist Church, she was a Godly woman, well liked.*

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