



## Gilbert Butler

December 2, 1922 - October 30, 2025

In lieu of flowers the family request memorials to  
Alabama Baptist Children's Home  
or  
First Baptist Church - Guin

### Visitation

Saturday November 8, 2025

10 - 11 AM

First Baptist Church - Guin  
Guin, AL

### Service

Saturday November 8, 2025

11 AM

First Baptist Church - Guin  
Guin, AL

### Graveside Service

Saturday November 8, 2025

3:30 PM

Bethel Cemetery  
197 Keel Hollow Road

New Hope, AL 35760

Thomas Gilbert Butler age 102 of Guin, AL passed away Thursday, October 30, 2025 at his residence.

Born December 2, 1922 on Glendale Farm in Woodville, Alabama, he was the son of the late Robert Lee Butler, Sr. and Almira Bottoms Butler and the husband of Marguerite Frances Reed Butler.

Gilbert graduated from New Hope High School and entered Auburn University in 1941. He was walking to class when he heard the announcement that Japan had attacked Pearl Harbor. He completed the year at Auburn, returned to farming, and eventually volunteered for the Navy, serving in a CASU (carrier aircraft service unit) in Hawaii. After the war, he returned to Auburn and graduated with a BS in Agriculture. He married Marguerite Frances Reed at Koinonia Farm near Americus, Georgia in 1956. They found teaching jobs at Lexington, Sheffield, and Center Star, Alabama. In 1960, they moved to Guin, Alabama, where Gilbert taught vocational agriculture. They joined Guin First Baptist Church and served joyfully for the next 59 years, until Marguerite's death in 2019. They did graduate work at Auburn in the summers, both eventually gaining masters degrees in education. Beginning in the 1970's and continuing after retirement, they served as volunteer missionaries for 42 years, including more than 20 states in the US and every continent except Antarctica.

He is preceded in death by his late wife, Marguerite Frances Reed Butler, by brothers James Edward Butler, Robert L. Butler, Jr, and Daniel Madison Butler, and by sisters Nancilu Butler, Helen Ruth Butler Potts, Mary Alice Butler, and Bettie Almira Butler Pearson.

He is survived by a son, Jed Butler (Terry) of Columbus, GA, by daughters

Leanna Butler Salley (Dennis) of Hollandale, MS, and Marcie Butler of Concord, NC, and by grandchildren Katelynn Turner (Tyler), Kendyl Salley, David Salley, Collin Salley, Rowan Butler, Caleb O'Quinn, and Cliff O'Quinn, and by great-granddaughters Charlsie, Blakely, and Annalae Turner.

His daily prayer was that God would help him love others the way that Jesus loved him.

Visitation is at Guin First Baptist Church on Saturday, November 8th, 2025 at 10:00 AM, with funeral to follow at 11:00, Bro. Zane Miles officiating. Graveside services will be held at 3:30PM at Bethel Cemetery 179 Keel Hollow Road, New Hope, AL 35760 with Bro. Dennis Salley officiating.

Veal Memorial Funeral Home of Guin AL directing.

# Cemetery Details

## Bethel Cemetery

179 Keel Hollow Road  
New Hope, AL 35760

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Guin First Baptist Church  
7622 US Hwy 43  
Guin, AL

## Service

NOV 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

Guin First Baptist Church  
7622 US Hwy 43  
Guin, AL

## Graveside Service

NOV 8. 3:30 PM (CT)

Bethel Cemetery  
179 Keel Hollow Road  
New Hope, AL 35760



# Tribute Wall

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“ Mr. Butler was without doubt one of the finest men that I have ever had the privilege of knowing. He endured and invested in the rowdy boys who he taught with great grace and the occasional swinging of the paddle. (I am still amazed that a man of his stature could "swing the board" so efficiently and effectively.) Though small physically, he was a giant spiritually and lived out his faith in Christ without apology or compromise. Thank you Mr. Butler for the life lessons that you shared with me and the countless others honored to be on your class rolls.

*J. Steven Stamps*

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**Steven Stamps** - November 03, 2025 at 08:30 AM

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“ Was my favorite school teacher in guin highschool back in the 80shewasafriendtomygranmaatchurchmrbutlerwasmyagteacherforfive)

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**Charles Reed** - October 31, 2025 at 07:43 AM