



Gilanne Wallace Uptmor

June 29, 2025

Gilanne Wallace Uptmor of Justin passed away on the 29th of June 2025, following a lengthy illness brought about by complications from diabetes. The firstborn child of the late Mary

Blake Wallace and the late Gilbert Wallace, she is survived by her five siblings: Karen Griffith

(and husband Larry) of Allen; Dave Wallace of Hartshorne, OK; Russ Wallace of Terrell; Matt

Wallace (and husband Juan Luarca) of Santa Fe, NM; and Becky Hathcock (and husband

LaRon) of Terrell. At the end of Gilanne's life, it was Becky who worked tirelessly as her

sister's advocate during many hospitalizations.

Gilanne was born in Terrell on the 12th of January, 1952. She began school there before the

family relocated first to Victoria, then to Santa Barbara, CA. In the mid-60s, the Wallaces

returned to her hometown where she graduated from Terrell High School in 1970. After a brief

stint as a telephone operator in Houston, she came back to Terrell before her father's death

that same year. He'd wanted her to care for her youngest siblings while their

mother worked to support the family, but Mary objected. She told her oldest child, "You're a young woman with your whole life ahead of you, and you need to go out and live it." Mary knew best.

Gilanne then attended cosmetology school in Dallas. This is where she became a redhead, and since it often complemented her temper she kept the hair color for the rest of her life.

(Though there was a brief "blonde era" when she was in her late 50s.) She began her career as a hairdresser at the Lavender Salon in Terrell, and through the years she had a chair at many other salons as well, including two she owned --- the Family Hair Saloon in Plano, and First Impressions Hair Salon in Justin. In between she was a sales rep for LaMaur Cosmetics, covering upper Oklahoma and all of Kansas; she tried her hand at office work for an insurance company; she managed a Sally Beauty Supply; she ran the fabric department of a Walmart; and, she was once a floral designer for Tom Thumb.

Though she loved her clients and "making them pretty," Gilanne was perhaps happiest when crafting or at her sewing machine. An accomplished seamstress since her teens, Gilanne once made her own wedding dress, and she looked beautiful in it. As a younger woman, she also loved dancing at honkytonks all over North and East Texas; from Belle Star in Dallas to Lee's Silver Fox in Terrell, if there was a two-stepping contest you can be

assured Gilanne competed and probably brought home a trophy or two. Gilanne's greatest joy in life was being MamMaw to Zoe and Parker. In addition to her devotion to these grandchildren, she was also with their grandfather through his health challenges for many years; her husband John Uptmor preceded her in death in September of 2024. She truly loved her nieces and nephews and their children as well. She leaves behind Lauren O'Roark (and children Dylan, John, and Eden); Ray Wallace (and wife Joni); Steven Wallace; Trevor Wallace (and daughters Violet and Ruby); Leah Cranford (and husband Casey and their son Connor); and Sydney Maldonado (and husband Erik). All are welcome at a memorial service to honor Gilanne, to be held at the First United Methodist Church of Terrell at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Saturday, July 12th . The family will also receive guests in the church's fellowship hall immediately after the service. Should you ever find yourself near a slot machine, give it a go and think of Gilanne... she had a mad passion for casinos. And let's not forget the bingo halls --- that woman could flat wear out a bingo dobber. If you're listening to a little George Strait, she'd like that, too.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUL 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
503 W. College St.
Terrell, TX 75160

Reception

JUL 12. 3:00 PM (CT)

John Blain Fellowship Hall at FUMC-Terrell
503 W. College
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall

BU

“ Gil-Anne and I were good friends and family for years. We shared many trips to Winstar with my sister Barbara Uptmor. To say the least, we shared many a happy time. I was the one who introduced her to my brother John Uptmor... the love of her life for many years. I will miss you dearly and pray that Barbara, Johnny and Gil-Anne are dancing with the Angels looking down on us all.
Love you, Brenda Uptmor

Brenda Uptmor - July 12, 2025 at 10:20 AM

DP

“ Diana & Todd Peterson purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Gilanne Wallace Uptmor.



Diana & Todd Peterson - July 10, 2025 at 09:24 PM



“ Sharon Collins lit a candle in memory of Gilanne Wallace Uptmor



Sharon Collins - July 09, 2025 at 04:48 PM



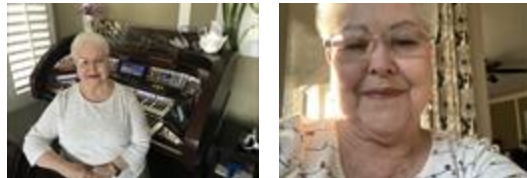
“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Gilanne Wallace Uptmor.*



July 09, 2025 at 11:37 AM



“ *My memories of Gilanne were wonderful memories working for her in her little shop in Justin , Texas. I did not know that she loved to visit Casinos and play Bingo. When I had to give up hairdressing due to health issues she said let's do something . I said I would like to go to Windstar , the Casino in Oaklahoma. So she took me there and I went home with \$900 dollars. I have a beautiful shawl she gave me for Christmas one year . I cherish it to this day. She was such a kind sweet lady to work for and I hated to have to give up hairdressing it was my passion. I also loved sewing and crafting. I am a china painter and I painted her a Christmas ornament each year for the shop's tree. She will surely be missed. Char Dickens*



Charlene Dickens - July 08, 2025 at 06:33 PM



“ *Wick, Joe, Patti, Blake and Kevin. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Gilanne Wallace Uptmor.*



Wick, Joe, Patti, Blake and Kevin. - July 08, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gilanne Wallace Uptmor.*



July 07, 2025 at 11:47 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gilanne Wallace Uptmor.

July 07, 2025 at 11:47 PM



“ *Bill and Vee purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Gilanne Wallace Uptmor.*



Bill and Vee - July 06, 2025 at 02:05 PM



“ *Frances W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gilanne Wallace Uptmor.*

Frances W. - July 05, 2025 at 11:05 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gilanne Wallace Uptmor.*



July 03, 2025 at 03:28 PM



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gilanne Wallace Uptmor.*



July 01, 2025 at 11:53 PM



“ *Beth Wilder lit a candle in memory of Gilanne Wallace Uptmor*



Beth Wilder - July 01, 2025 at 09:12 PM

KK

“ Gilanne was a sweet teenager. We graduated high school together. The family is in my thoughts & prayers; may God comfort you & give you strength at this time of grief. With sympathy. Kay Martin Krebs

Kay Krebs - July 01, 2025 at 02:19 PM

KS

“ Grew up Gilanne. She was a good friend and first met her at First United Methodist Church. She will be missed.



Kay Squires - July 01, 2025 at 02:04 PM

KS

Grew up with Gilanne.

Kay Squires - July 01, 2025 at 02:07 PM

GC

“ Praying for her family 🙏 I remember her fondly! She went on a trip as a chaperone with the First United Methodist Church of Terrell to the Grand Canyon and other places that we would sing for our supper. ❤️

Georgia McDaniel Cheek - July 01, 2025 at 01:18 PM

NS

“ For over ten years I enjoyed our conversations while you trimmed my hair and worked your magic. You were always a delight and will be forever in my memory. Rest in peace now with John and your family. 🌸❤️🙏

Nancy Szymczyk - July 01, 2025 at 11:48 AM

HJ

“ Hope Jandrew purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Gilanne Wallace
Uptmor.



Hope Jandrew - July 01, 2025 at 10:03 AM

BH

“ Becca Hamm Hood lit a candle in memory of
Gilanne Wallace Uptmor



Becca Hamm Hood - June 30, 2025 at 10:53 PM

AR

*What's a wonderful and what a what a wonderful and talented sister
Gilanne was!
I know she will be missed by her family and many friends.
I'm praying for your whole family, Karen ❤️🙏*

Ann Raidt - July 01, 2025 at 03:05 AM

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merita haroer - July 01, 2025 at 08:56 AM

MH

*I worked with Gilanne's mother at Sherwin Williams and had the
greatest respect for the whole family. I heard many tales of family
gatherings and so admired Mary for making a life for the kiddo's for so
many years. Mary was a perfect example for how to deal with life and I
feel sure that each family member learned how to deal with sorrow and
joy. Just go forward. That's what your mama would do.*

merita haroer - July 01, 2025 at 09:03 AM