



## Winnie Westbury

April 29, 1950 - June 9, 2018

Winnie Westbury, 68, of Travelers Rest, passed away Saturday, June 9, 2018, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Ft. Gaines, GA, she was the daughter of the late James Frank and Doris Madalia Coleman Gilreath. Ms. Westbury is survived by her sons: Lawrence(Mary Margaret) Westbury, Patrick(Lindsey) Westbury; daughter: Henley(Scottie) Ellis; grandchildren: Adjysen Ellis, Toliven Ellis, Makyla Ellis; brother: Jim(Joan) Gilreath; and nephew: Justin(Jenny) Gilreath.

Ms. Westbury was a teacher and librarian. She graduated from Clemson University in 1972 with a Bachelor's Degree in Botany and earned her Master's Degree in Education from SC State University in 1981. She lived in St. Matthews, SC for 30 years and taught at John Ford Middle School in Calhoun County, Edisto High School in Orangeburg County, and Lower Richland High School in Richland County. Ms. Westbury earned her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of South Carolina in 1992. She was the former Director of the Calhoun County Public Library, and worked as the media specialist at the Fairwold Pendergrass School in Richland County.

Throughout her life, Ms. Westbury was a faithful Christian, having been a member of Jackson Grove United Methodist Church in Travelers Rest, SC, St. Paul United Methodist Church in St. Matthews, SC, and St. Matthews Episcopal Church in St. Matthews, SC. Ms. Westbury was a nature explorer, animal lover, and accomplished genealogy researcher.

Graveside services to celebrate the life of Winnie Barbare Gilreath Westbury will be held Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 11am at Jackson Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery in Travelers Rest, SC. The family will receive friends after the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Miracle Hill Ministries, P.O. Box 2546, Greenville, SC 29602 or Greenville Humane Society 305 Airport Rd. Greenville, SC 29607

The family will be at their respective homes.

# Cemetery Details

## Jackson Grove United Methodist Church

1401 Jackson Grove Road  
Travelers Rest, SC 29690

# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ *Winnie and her wonderful family were a significant part of our high school and college years. We remember many volleyball games at their home. Our prayers are with you all. Norma and Jimmy Jones.*

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**Jimmy and Norma Jones** - June 19, 2018 at 12:43 PM

BE

“ *Winnie was so smart and knew her library up and down! I enjoyed working with her, she was very proud of her children! Sending prayers to her family!*

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**Betsy Elliott** - June 14, 2018 at 07:36 AM

JS

“ *My deepest condolences to the Gilreath/Westbury family. Winnie was a dear neighbor for many years, and always so graciously shared her vast knowledge and research regarding family history. I especially enjoyed her newsletters. May God bless you and give you peace with many wonderful memories.*

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**Jacque Gilreath Sorrentino** - June 11, 2018 at 03:06 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Mary Margaret Westbury** - June 11, 2018 at 07:48 AM

MR

“ Winnie had wonderful energy and a zest for life. Her Mother used to say, "Winnie, why are you sweeping the floor again when we just had someone here to clean?" Winnie would just keep sweeping and Doris would sigh, "Winnie, you can not stop working."

Another time Winnie and I were working on family history and creating a stack of papers. When we were almost through, Winnie looked at me and said, "More papers, again. I wish they would all go away." I understood exactly what she was saying, "It is fun to work on but where do you store everything?"

It did not take much to make Winnie happy. She loved God, she loved her family and friends and she loved animals.

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**Mary Roberts** - June 10, 2018 at 10:28 PM