



## Mrs. Irene Machen Gist

August 2, 1932 - January 28, 2024

Irene Machen Gist passed from this life on Sunday, January 28th. She was born on August 2, 1932, to Evelyn and Aubrey Machen. While growing up in Hollywood, Alabama, Irene learned the importance and value of hard work. At the age of seven, she went to work as sales person and cashier of her Daddy's "rolling store". She carried the work ethic learned at a young age throughout her life.

Soon after graduating, Irene married her high school sweetheart, Leroy Gist. They worked together for over fifty years at Gist Studio. Irene's strong work ethic and eye for artistic details helped capture images that are still treasured by many families today. The two of them also worked together in several different benevolent and outreach ministries of the Broad Street Church of Christ. Their church family always meant a lot to both of them. Irene and Leroy were married for 64 years before his death in 2014.

In addition to Leroy, Irene was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Eileen Money. She is survived by two daughters, Lee Gist of Scottsboro and Martha (Denton) Kimbrough of Huntsville; a brother, Aubrey "Shorty" Machen of Hollywood; four grandchildren, John Daily (DeAnna) Gist of Royal Oak, Michigan, Andy (Bethany) Kimbrough of Huntsville, Anna (Ben) Morrow of Huntsville, Allyson (Cole) Young of Franklin, Tennessee; eight great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and a chosen son, Russell

“Buzzy” (Joyce) Alley of Spring Hill, Tennessee.

Visitation will be at Scottsboro Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 31st, from 10:00 until 12:00 with a memorial service to follow. Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested for: Broad Street Church of Christ, 613 S. Broad Street, Scottsboro, AL 35768; BAJA Missions, 337 Lake Valley Drive, Franklin, TN 37069.

**PALL BEARERS:**

Russell Alley Ben Morrow

Andy Kimbrough Noah Morrow

Drew Kimbrough Cole Young

Robbie Machen Landon Young

Arrangements Entrusted to Scottsboro Funeral Home

# Cemetery Details

## Cedar Hill Cemetery

210 South Cedar Hill Drive  
Scottsboro, AL 35768  
(256) 609-8166

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 31. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Scottsboro Funeral Home  
1502 County Park Road  
Scottsboro, AL 35769  
(256) 574-3965  
scottsborrowfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<https://www.scottsborrowfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

JAN 31. 12:00 PM (cst)

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# Tribute Wall

NB

“ Was blessed to know Mrs Gist and family as growing up in Broad Street Church of Christ family. She was always such a gracious lady. Condolences to family and friends.

Nancy Cunningham Boren - January 31, 2024 at 11:06 AM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Scottsboro Funeral Home and Pinehaven Memorial Gardens - January 31, 2024 at 09:49 AM

DA

“ I remember Mrs. Gist from many many years ago when I bought facial products from her. She always stands out in my mind as a precious sweet lady. I loved getting to know her. She always had the prettiest skin! She cares about her customers and I'll always remember her. May God bless her family. Debbie Ashburn

Debbie Ashburn - January 29, 2024 at 07:35 PM

EK

“ More memories than I can remember, another legendary family in Scottsboro . Such a sweet lady.

ernie kennamer - January 29, 2024 at 06:50 PM

SH

“ I have know Irene and Leroy since I was in Scottsboro High School. I was more knowable of Leroy than Irene, however I knew them both.

I was Leroy's Pilot for Aerial Photography from my days of school until the Late 1980's

I became aquatinted with Denton and Martha thru the Church of Christ in Huntsville. Denton was a Deacon and help provide me comfort along with Martha when my wife passed away last year. With out their being there for me, My suffering and pain would have been unbearable.

My your Mother be at Peace with her Heavenly Father and Family. And my your Lord be with you during these most difficult times.

Sonny Hodges - January 29, 2024 at 05:45 PM

HF

“ H.D. Kimbrough and Myra Huston famiy planted a <a href="/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518">Memorial Tree</a> in honor of Mrs. Irene Machen Gist.

H.D. Kimbrough and Myra Huston famiy - January 29, 2024 at 01:39 PM

HF

“ *H.D. Kimbrough and Myra Huston famiy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Irene Machen Gist.*



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**H.D. Kimbrough and Myra Huston famiy** - January 29, 2024 at 01:39 PM

SK

“ *Absolutely one of the sweetest, kindest souls I ever known.*

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**Sheila Knox** - January 29, 2024 at 12:23 AM

RF

“ *Roy, Mildred, Jonathan, Rebecca & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Irene Gist.*

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**Roy, Mildred, Jonathan, Rebecca & family** - January 28, 2024 at 09:58 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mrs. Irene Machen Gist.*



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January 28, 2024 at 09:58 PM

BW

“ *Brenda Wright lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Irene Machen Gist*



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**brenda wright** - January 28, 2024 at 05:07 PM