



Minister Betty L. Gray

March 20, 1939 - November 18, 2019

Minister Betty L. Gray of New Haven, CT departed this life Monday November 18, 2019. She was born March 20, 1939 in Egg Harbor, NJ. She is the eldest daughter of Elwood Gray Sr. and Nancy M. Brandon (both deceased).

Minister Gray (or as she was affectionately and respectfully known as “Mother Gray”) was the wife of the Late Deacon James Herbert Gray. She had three sisters, Linda Gray, Pastor Jackie Gray, and Patricia Brown, and five brothers: Elwood Gray 3rd (Wife-Gloria), Vencent Gray, Anthony Gray, Douglas Gray and Brian Gray {deceased}.

Minister Gray attended elementary and high school in Atlantic City, NJ. In the early 1950’s she moved to New Haven CT, where she worked for the Hostess Bakery for several years. After, she was employed at Monarch Laundry of New Haven for almost twenty years. Minister Gray was also a skilled Nurses Aide and Home Health Companion to clients of all ages, races, as well as all social and economic status.

Minister Gray was blessed with ten children: Barbara Johnson (deceased) (Husband-Lester, Eva, Christopher, Loretta (husband-David), Yvette, Acolia, Barbara, Leslie); Vernice Gray (Calvin Jr. {deceased}, Martin, Bonita, Sally, Travis, Shaneila, Lionel (Wife-Tanille); David Pearson (Wife-Brenda, Eric, Catherine, Tyjuan (Wife-Tiffany), Tanille, Dadra); Darlene Gray (Anthony

{deceased}, Vivian, Dar'ron); Harry L. Gray (Johnny, Tytesha, Renee); Minister Doris Edwards (Husband-Calvin, Lucretia (Husband-Harold), Christine (Husband-Samuel-deceased), Elijah (Wife-Nafeesah, Theresa (Husband-Marvin), Tammie (Husband-Armande), Annette; Pastor Susan Hogan (Husband-Fred {deceased}) Jonathan (wife-Charlene), Chenique, Dominique, Thomas, Marqius "Josh", Daniel, Ashley, Brandon (Fiancée-Kerra Jackson); Eldress Nancy M. Loyd (Husband-Elijah, Phillip, Kapriecce (Husband-Aarron)); Michelle Pearson (Laquita, Donja (Husband-Kerry), Lenshae; and Patricia Evans (Husband-Jeffrey{deceased}, Anthony, James (Markisha), Nicholas (Dara), Kentrale (Wife-Patricia). Minister Gray also has three God-Children: Levon Minor, Victoria Judson, Jasmine Gray. Minister Gray also leaves behind a host of Great Grand Children, Great-Great Grand Children, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

During her life Minister Gray manifested a great entrepreneurial spirit. She not only owned her own home, she also owned and operated two businesses: a Home Day Care Center and B&J Cleaning Service. Minister Gray was also a gourmet level cook and possessed great artistic talents.

Minister Gray was very active in the spiritual and church arena. She was filled with the Holy Ghost in her early twenties at the home of Evang. M Mitchel. Minister Gray became an avid reader and enthusiastic student of the Bible. Her love for the Word of God enabled and empowered her to become a dynamic and inspiring teacher of God's truth. In the late 1970's Minister Gray became a member of Mt. Zion Pentecostal Church, where the Late Pastor Anna Smith was the pastor. She worked in this ministry faithfully until she was led of the Lord to join Faith Apostolic Church in West Haven, CT where the late Overseer, Bessie M. Hardy was the pastor. Here Minister Gray worked as the Adult Sunday School Class teacher and soon became the Church Mother. Minister Gray also worked on the "Yes We Care" and Church Food Pantry committees. Shortly after the turn of this new century, Minister Gray became a

member of Faith Tabernacle Ministries located in Hamden, CT where her daughter Overseer Susan R. Hogan is the pastor. After acknowledging her call and proving faithful, Minister Betty Gray was ordained as a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ. She was a steadfast and ardent worker for the Lord even through her times of sickness and trials.

Minister Gray leaves a legacy of Love for God, Love for Life and Love for her family. This faithful, compassionate worker for the Lord will be greatly missed by family, friends and all whose lives she so specially touched.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

769 Ella T Grasso Blvd
New Haven, CT 06519
(203) 624-5505

Previous Events

Calling Hours

NOV 25. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Ebenezer Chapel
50-56 Dwight St.
New Haven, CT 06511

Funeral Service

NOV 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Minister Betty L. Gray*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



Alexandra
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“ *My first time meeting you was very nerve racking, but your sweet smile and sense of humor made me feel so comfortable and welcomed. The conversation you and I held felt like we've known each other for a very long time. I honestly can see why Phil loves you and adores you so much. He spoke so highly of you and continues doing so. I would've loved to have more conversations with you about anything and everything including "Fred". You're a sweetheart and an angel. I wish I would've met you sooner and I just want you to know, that although we had that one conversation in person, you definitely have a special place in my heart. I would do my very best to make your grandson the happiest man. Until we meet again.*

Love, Alexandra

Alexandra Gotay - November 25, 2019 at 08:12 AM

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Mom you are well missed I love you very much it hurts so much that you're not here with me but I know you're in a better place I miss our talks together I miss our little luncheons that we have I miss me spending the night with you and we staying up all night long just reminiscing and talkin about old times New times are you telling me about my bucket list lol and that I must fulfill everything in my bucket list and me saying yes mam I miss you studying with me I miss us talking about the Bible especially miss that because once you start talkin about the Bible your little feet start tingling and God start talking that's the good times I miss you poems I used to always tell people there's nothing like your mom I'm glad I gave you your flowers so you can smell them why you was here I used to tell people that my mom was a scholar that no one knew the Bible like her besides my sister Susan Bible scholars experts when it comes to the Bible I miss you very much love always your baby daughter Patricia Evans

Patricia Evans - July 31, 2020 at 04:08 PM

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She was the best mom in the world

Patricia Evans - July 31, 2020 at 04:09 PM