



## Inez Gray

March 9, 1934 - January 25, 2020

Inez Helen Norman Gray (affectionately known as “Bootsie”) departed this life on January 25, 2020 peacefully in her sleep at Whitney Manor of Hamden. She was born March 9, 1934 in New Haven to the late Arlethea Norman and Uriah Norman Sr.. She was married to the late James Harvest Gray for 30 years. To this union were born three children; Lamont, Manette, and Gisele.

Inez graduated from Hillhouse High School in 1952. She has been a devoted member of Immanuel Missionary Baptist Church all her life. While at Immanuel she was active in the Children’s choir, Usher board, Women’s Chorus, Mass Choir, Flower Club, and Missionary Auxiliary. She was also active in the community with the Newhallville Seniors and the Red Hatters Club. Inez worked at Macy’s in New Haven for a short while as well as Mead Street Convalescent Home as a CNA for 20 years.

Inez lived and walked with God. She always said “Put God first” and believed the truth will set you free.. She was an independent traveler and would accept a ride only by choice. The bus was her peaceful time, and would socialize with everyone. You could always find Inez at any bus stop. Whenever she didn't believe what you said she would say “You’re full of bologna”. And when complimented her response would be “I’m going to Hollywood”. She loved going out, loved to travel and loved going to the Casino.(Cha Ching). Inez was an exceptional person. She loved everyone, never an unkind word and always

willing to help someone in need. She was an extraordinary parent and friend.

She leaves to cherish her memory her brother Uriah (Bubba) Norman Jr. (Linda) of Chicago, Ill. 3 children Lamont, Manette and Gisele, 7 Grandchildren, LaShawn, Asia, Knyah, Tamara, Ebony, Briana, Lamont Jr., 4 great grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. She also leaves to cherish her memories; Laurell Davidson and Fannie Jackson.

Inez was predeceased by her parents, sister Lillian Mae Whitaker; her Godbrother James (Sonny) Tanner, and nephew Uriah Ervin Norman..

# Cemetery Details

## Beaverdale Memorial Park

90 Pine Rock Avenue  
New Haven, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Immanuel Baptist Church  
1324 Chapel Street  
New Haven, CT

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Inez Gray*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences to the entire family. What a 'fine, always had a smile for me' lady. It's hard to think of all the folks we grew up with, or under, that were the pillars of Immanuel Baptist, and are now gone. But, be at peace Lamont, Manette and Gigi, in knowing that your mother at rest now. May the Lord our God, comfort you all during this time and thereafter. Peace and Love to you all!*

**Joyce (Grant) Shelton** - February 05, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ *The Gray home was a second home for me growing up. We had so much fun. Mrs. Gray she was a warm and encouraging person. Such a gentle and kind soul. My deepest condolences to Lamont, Manette, and Gigi for your loss. Sorry I couldn't be there.*

**Angleus McCown Jamison** - February 05, 2020 at 11:29 AM



“ *Our condolences to the family; we will miss Bootsie and her wonderful smile.*

*Amber & Herb Anderson*

**Mr. & Mrs. H.G. Anderson** - February 04, 2020 at 07:26 PM

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“ *My condolences to the family. What a sweet woman and a beautiful smile she would always have when I saw her. Keeping you all in prayer.*

*Lori Booker*

Lori - February 04, 2020 at 06:54 AM

SM

“ *I have wonderful childhood memories of Mrs. Gray's smile and hospitality. She was just the nicest person ever --- an incredibly warm person blessed by God, who shared that blessing with others. My deepest condolences to Lamont, Manette, and Gigi for your loss.*

Sheila Mayfield Morris - January 30, 2020 at 11:40 PM

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*May God comfort the family. I remember her during our childhood days at St John the Baptist. Such a great mom. Lamont, Manet and Gigi continue to put God first and be at peace knowing she is in the hand of God. Walk with Jesus on life's journey. Find joy and keep her in your hearts forever.*

Dawn Vaughn - February 01, 2020 at 03:56 PM

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“ *Dear Family, Each time I think of Bootsie I can see her smile. Back in the early fifties she was like my big sister at Immanuel. I was a Jr. and she was a Sr. in Mrs Mitchells Sr choir. She was called from earth to Glory. She will never be forgotten. My deepest condolences to you all.*



frances Branch-Walker - January 30, 2020 at 07:52 AM

BB

“ *Condolences and Prayers to the family.*



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**Barbara Barnes** - January 29, 2020 at 09:44 PM

PH

“ *My condolences to Bootsie family. I have memories of her from Immanuel Baptist Church from my childhood. May she Rest In Heavenly Peace*

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**Patricia Hurse** - January 29, 2020 at 08:49 PM