

Celebrating the Life of
Mother Elizabeth Gray

Sunrise
April 16, 1935

Sunset
January 13, 2021

Heaven Needed A

Hero
God Picked My
Mom



Obituary

On Wednesday, January 13, 2021, God called home from labor to reward, Mother Elizabeth Gray was born April 16, 1935 in Cochran, GA. She was the beloved daughter of the late Alice Watson and James (Jimmy) Asbell. Mother Gray moved to New Jersey where she resided until she departed this life

Mother Gray was educated and graduated from the Passaic School system.

In 1952, “Ma Gray” met the love of her life, Lanis Gray, Sr. They were joined in Holy Matrimony on February 21, 1953. To this union was born three children, Lanis, Jr., Cynthia and Kenneth.

Mother Gray worked at #11 School in Passaic, Shop-Rite in Passaic and EAC Corporation in Teterboro, New Jersey until she retired in 2008. She was a life member of the Passaic Branch NAACP.

At an early age she joined the Union Baptist Church Passaic under the leadership of the late Rev. TH Alexander and shortly thereafter she joined the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. H M Napier and served faithfully as a member. Mother Gray wore many hats during her years of service. She served as Church Clerk, member of the Usher Board, Advisor Junior Usher Board, member of the Gospel Chorus, member of the Trustee Board and the Church’s Mother Board, and Co-Chairperson of the Pastor’s Anniversary Committee.

Mother Gray had love and respect for everyone and received them in return. She told you exactly what she thought and never sugar coated anything!

Mother Gray was preceded in death by her husband, Lanis Gray, Sr.

Cherished memories will be remembered by her one daughter, Cynthia Gray-Miller of Haledon, NJ; three sons, Lanis Gray, Jr. (Roberta) of Baltimore, MD, Kenneth Gray of Newark, NJ and Robert Gray of Newark, NJ; four grandchildren, Pastor Matisha Dentu (Pastor Salvatore), Shawn Ankrah (NiiAryee), Sheneoqua Douglas and Evan Gray; five great-grandchildren, Alexandra (Cleandre), Salvatore, Naa’Kwama, Nii Otu, Nii Okanta; two great-great-grandchildren, Marleigh Raegan and Cleandre II; godson, Jason Zeek; a devoted cousin who was like a sister, Margaret Harrison; devoted friends, Ethell Bolden, Martha White, Patricia Anderson, Ida McClary, Odessa McIlwain and Muriel Hunter; and a host of cousins, friends, neighbors and the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church Family.

Friday, January 22, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

Mt. Moriah Baptist Church

9-11 Tulip Street, Passaic, New Jersey

Rev. William Baskerville, Pastor

Joseph K. Montgomery, Organist

Order of Service

The Prelude

Brother Joseph K. Montgomery

The Processional

Clergy and Family

Hymn

Hold to Gods Unchanging Hands

First Testament--Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 - Pastor Natisha Dentu

Second Testament---2 Corinthians 5:1-8-- Roberta Gray

Prayer of Comfort

Deacon Willie Green

Selection

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

The Obituary

Acknowledgements/Tributes/Resolutions

Selection

Eulogy

Pastor William Baskerville

Benediction

Recessional

Interment

East Ridgelawn Cemetery

255 Main Ave.

Clifton, New Jersey

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call*

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day.

*To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.*

*If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.*

*Good friends, good times,
a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

-author unknown

Acknowledgment

The family of the late **Mother Elizabeth Gray** wishes to thank all of you for your prayers, messages of comfort and the many other acts of kindness shown during our hour of bereavement.

May God continue to bless you in a very special way.

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