



Effie Mae Gray

February 10, 1927 - July 16, 2017

Mrs. Effie Mae Gray, age 90, passed away July 16, 2017 at Collinsville Health Care. Mrs. Gray was born in Fayette, Alabama on February 10, 1927 to the late Curtis and Maude Alma Parker Williams.

Graveside services will be 2:00pm Saturday, July 22, at Glenwood Cemetery with Rev. Ronnie Highfield officiating. The family will receive friends on Saturday from 12:30 until 1:30pm at the funeral home.

Mrs. Gray is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Nick Jones of Chelsa, AL; brother, Benjamin David Williams of Colorado; sister, Sarah Elizabeth Dobbs of Collinsville; sister-in-law: Florene Johnson; grandchildren, Stephanie Beecroft and her husband Steve and Heather Gochis and her husband Paul; great-grandchildren, Sebastian Beecroft, Nichlaus Palmer Beecroft, and Lillian Beecroft; niece, Judy Cole and nephew, Jamie Williams. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles Hollis Gray.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Cemetery

1002 Grand Avenue SW
Fort Payne, AL 35967

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 22. 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory
3801 Gault Avenue North
Fort Payne, AL 35967
(256) 845-9150

Graveside Service

JUL 22. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Effie Mae Gray*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *I am so grateful for all the memories and love I received from my great grandmother Mae. She lived a beautiful 90 years and passed on her guidance and wisdom to so many around her especially myself. She will always hold a special place in my heart and I'll forever cherish her love and stories.*

Nicklaus Beecroft - July 22, 2017 at 07:02 PM

SL

“ 22 July 2017 Florene was sharing some memories with me today about Mae, who was the sister she never had. Students from the Blanche community in Cherokee, AL would meet at the corner everyday in the early 1940's to catch the school bus. Florene went to Gaylesville School and Mae took another bus to Rhinehart After school and on the weekends they would gather in the large clearing between the houses to socialize. Sometimes they would have wiener roasts. They shared chores around the house and Hollis offered to bring in stove wood if only Florene would invite Mae over to their house. Florene says he owes her a room full of stove wood. Soon they eloped to RisingFawn, GA to marry. Hollis followed his brothers to Charleston, SC to work in the shipyard during WWII. In the early 50's they moved back to Rome with a young daughter, Betty Ann. Most evenings you would find them at Walter and Florene's house playing monopoly. They had many good times together as a family. He would even take them to Smiley Johnson's acreage off 411 to hunt quail. He took the dog "Sport" who always arrived home before they did since he was in the trunk of the Corvair. They spent the remainder of their years in Charlestown while he worked at the shipyard and fished in the ocean. Florene has a lamp full of shells that Hollis and Mae collected for her.

Sandra Ledbetter, Rome, GA

Sandra Ledbetter - July 22, 2017 at 04:13 PM

SB

“ Not many people get to say they have had the pleasure of having their great grandmother around for 26 years of your life. Mae was the most loving, strong, independent woman I know. It saddens me to lose such a good soul. I hope one day I have half the qualities she had. 90 years is a good life. She was full of life everytime we saw her, with a smile that would light up the room! She will be missed, but not forgotten. I love you, and keep an eye on me!

Sebastian Beecroft - July 22, 2017 at 02:25 PM

LB

“ I was blessed to have been given the opportunity to feel and know the love of my great grandmother. Mae will always be my role model because I have never known a more independent, funny, and strong woman in my life. She raised an amazing family and gave us all stories and life lessons we can hold on to forever. I thank Mae, for dedicating 90 years of love and strength to this world. I hope that I can make as big of an impact as she had on all of our lives.

Lillian Beecroft - July 20, 2017 at 09:57 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Effie Mae Gray.



July 18, 2017 at 02:38 PM

SB

“ Mae was a warm, wonderful, caring person who always had a kind word and a motherly hug (and pie!). We will miss her very much. Love and condolences to her family. --Scott and Janine Brawner, Isle of Palms

Scott BRawner - July 18, 2017 at 01:33 PM