



Etta Lanora Gray

October 24, 1923 - February 20, 2018

Etta Lanora (Hall) Gray, 94, of Warren, Michigan, died February 20, 2018, in Frankfort, Michigan.

She was born to Charlie Cleveland Hall and Etta Elizabeth (Cooper) Hall on October 24, 1923, in Concord, Arkansas, and was the last surviving child of 12. She married Hershel Harvey Gray on February 10, 1944 in Batesville, Arkansas.

Lanora and Hershel moved to Michigan in 1947. There, they raised the family that she loved dearly. But she never lost her southern roots, and held close to her Arkansas ties. In her life, whether it was making her famous rolls for the holidays, teaching Sunday School at the church, or simply enjoying the outdoors, each person she encountered knew what a special, kind, generous woman she was. She will be greatly missed, but we are all better for knowing her and being loved by her.

She is survived by her two daughters, Patricia Power and Shirley Dietz; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Power, Kelli Power (Doug) Cole, Andrew Dietz, and Katherine Dietz; and one great-grandchild, Addison Cole.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers, sisters, and sons-in-law Jerry Power and David Dietz.

A private burial will be held the following day at White Chapel for immediate family.

Because she touched so many people in so many different ways, we ask that any donations be given to the organization of your choice in her memory.

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Cemetery

621 West Long Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 23. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Funeral Service

FEB 23. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Etta Lanora Gray*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *Etta Lanora Gray*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *Patty & Shirley, your mother will be missed by us all. Lots of positive memories will help fill the void. She was always so upbeat and kind. Sorry for your loss. Linda*

Linda St. Cyr - February 23, 2018 at 06:46 PM



“ *Patty & Shirley, so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you, during this difficult time. Neil & Calvin*

Neil Ernst - February 23, 2018 at 01:53 PM



“ *Patty and Shirley, I am sad to hear of the death of your mother. She was so kind and I have many memories of her from my childhood and into adulthood. Please accept my sincere condolences and know that you are in my prayers.*

Gail Gruenburg - February 23, 2018 at 12:41 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Etta Lanora Gray.*



February 23, 2018 at 07:13 AM



“ *Our most lovely moments with Aunt Lanora was when we would pick her up from the airport coming home from Texas. We looked forward to it every January. That was when we would get to spend 1 on 1 time with her and even after a long flight she was so upbeat and cheerful. We would listen to stories from her childhood and her sharing memories from the past. Words that brought us closer to knowing our family roots. The very first time I met her she told me that I needed to get some meat on my bones and the funny part about that is that years later after I had gained a lot of weight she told me that I needed to work some of the meat off of my bones... still makes me smile to think about it because she was so honest and such a strong believer in God. But just like the rest of the Hall family. If you do not want to know the truth,,, you might want to rethink the question. Aunt Lanora, until we meet again you will be sorely missed.*
Much Love,
Darlene



Darlene Hall - February 22, 2018 at 04:46 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Etta Lanora Gray.*



February 22, 2018 at 01:59 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Etta Lanora Gray.*



February 21, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ *The Last of such a great era, The memories will forever rest in my heart of this wonderful Loving woman, Loved her so very much, She is now Home, Until we see each other again Aunt Lanora. Love you and Thank you for being a part of my life..*

David Hall

David Hall - February 21, 2018 at 01:29 PM



Thank you David and Darlene

Shirley Dietz - February 22, 2018 at 11:31 AM