



Doris Elaine Gray

August 19, 1949 - October 21, 2022

Doris Elaine Lohr Gray of Warrenton, VA, age 73, went to be with her Lord on October 21, 2022. Born in Albemarle County, VA, she was a 1967 graduate of Stafford County High School in Stafford, VA, and is a member of the Church of God in Manassas, VA. Doris is survived by her husband of almost 52 years, James (Jim) Robert Gray of Warrenton, VA, daughters Naomi Herndon (late husband Todd) of Warrenton, VA and Amy Barksdale (husband Christopher) of Warrenton, VA, son Nathan Gray of Warrenton, VA, grandchildren Tyler Herndon (wife Amanda) of Catlett, VA, Ashley Abate (husband Joshua) of Pensacola, FL, Abbie Barksdale and Colton Barksdale both of Warrenton, VA, and Logan Herndon of Warrenton, VA, four great-grandchildren with a fifth on the way, and sisters Margaret Craiger (husband Ralph) of Stafford, VA and Clara Lilly (husband Garry) of Fredericksburg, VA. She was preceded in death by her father Rufus E. Lohr and mother Emma Wyant Lohr of Stafford, VA.

Doris was a beloved wife and mother who always put the needs of her family ahead of her own. Her family's well-being was her primary concern, and even when she was suffering from serious health issues herself, she still wanted to make sure her dependent son Nathan was properly cared for. She loved God and was faithful to attend Church services as long as she was able to do so. Her family and friends treasure the memory of her kindness and her sense of humor, which she displayed even during her darkest hours.

Doris was never one to seek attention for herself, preferring to stay in the background. And yet, she still made a positive impression on all who knew her. Her sweet spirit was evident to all, and during her hospital stays, the nursing staff were known to argue over who attended to “Mrs. Gray” because her gentleness made her easy to care for. She was affectionately referred to as, “Aunt Doey” by her nieces and nephews who all faithfully received birthday and anniversary cards from her until her health started to decline. She will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

The family will forever be grateful to her heart donor and donor’s family for the precious gift of life that allowed them to have their wife and mother with them for almost six additional years. They are also grateful for the incredible commitment of the LVAD and transplant teams at INOVA Fairfax Hospital, the kindness of the staff at Burke Health & Rehabilitation Center, the genuine care by the staff of DaVita Dialysis Center in Haymarket, VA, the staff at Fauquier Home Health, Dr. Anita Maybach and her staff in Warrenton, VA, ProMedica Palliative and ProMedica Hospice Care, and the constant love and support of family and friends during her journey with heart disease and renal failure.

Family night will be on October 27 from 6:00-8:00 pm, and the service will be on October 28 at 10:00 am, both at the Church of God in Manassas, VA. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Fredericksburg, VA at 2:00 pm. Pierce Funeral Home in Manassas, VA is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked for memorial contributions to the Rappahannock-Rapidan Community Services Bridges program. Bridges was near and dear to Doris’s heart for their loving day-time care and support of her beloved son for the past 23 years. Checks payable to Bridges with “Doris Gray” in the memo should be mailed to Bridges, Attention: Arlene Diorio, 13523 Beverly Ford Rd. Elkwood, VA 22718.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Gardens Cemetery

3702 Loren Drive
Fredericksburg, VA 22408

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 27. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Manassas Church of God
8823 Rixlew Lane
Manassas, VA

Funeral Service

OCT 28. 10:00 AM (ET)

Manassas Church of God
8823 Rixlew Lane
Manassas, VA

Tribute Wall

AS

“ *Three years without you. You've missed so much. The kids are all getting so big. We tell them about you often. I wish Heaven had a phone. My beautiful Grem.*

Ashley - October 20, 2025 at 04:11 PM

AA

“ *You have Natey now. Hug each other for me. Watch my babies.* ☐

Ashley Abate - December 24, 2024 at 08:06 PM

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“ *Two years. You would love this sweet girl of mine so much. I wish I could tell you all about her. I miss you so much.*

Ashley Abate - October 20, 2024 at 08:08 PM

AS

“ *So hard to believe it's been almost 7 months without you. Life will never be the same!!!*

Ashley - May 11, 2023 at 08:26 PM

AS

“ *Missing you more than ever, my sweet Grandmother. <3*

Ashley - April 13, 2023 at 08:03 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Gordon Allen - October 27, 2022 at 07:08 PM



“ Dear Bro. Robert, Naomi, Amy, Nathan, and extended family,



I learned today from our daughter, Rachel, that Doris had passed to her eternal abode.

Doris is remembered as a faithful wife, mother, grandmother, and loyal to her family church. She expressed modesty in her outward apparel and most times styled her hair in simplicity with her hair wrapped on her head as a biblical sign of humble subjection to her husband as the leader of the home with God's authority and helpmate to her spouse. She conveyed a quiet and peaceable spirit any time that I was ever around the family and was kind and hospitable. I understand that she was an economizer and helped the family to be resourceful. I am sure that she would tell all the living now to make sure you have repented of all your sins and that you are living a complete life that is pleasing to God. She would declare to abstain from all appearance of evil. She would say, "Give your life a complete living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service. Be not conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind so that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." Let us all be faithful and endure all temptations and persecutions till our final end. Jesus is coming soon!

In Deepest Empathy,

*Gordon Allen
Edinburg, Va.*

Gordon Allen - October 27, 2022 at 07:03 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Doris Elaine Gray.*



October 27, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Doris Elaine Gray.*



October 27, 2022 at 10:19 AM



“ *American Legion Auxiliary Unit 72 purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Doris Elaine Gray.*



American Legion Auxiliary Unit 72 - October 27, 2022 at 10:07 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Doris Elaine Gray.*



October 26, 2022 at 07:38 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Doris Elaine Gray.*



October 25, 2022 at 01:54 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Doris Elaine Gray.*



October 24, 2022 at 08:54 PM



“ *Dearest Sister Naomi and family and congregation, please know that you are all in my prayers, for gods comfort and guidance. love, Sis Donna Cason from Staunton Va.*



donna cason - October 24, 2022 at 11:03 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Doris Elaine Gray.*



October 23, 2022 at 05:12 PM