



Mary B. Gray

June 16, 1925 - May 29, 2019

Rye – Mary B. Gray, 93 of Rye, died Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at Webster at Rye with family by her side.

She was born in Greenwood, Mass., June 16, 1925 a daughter of the late Mendarus G. and Margaret (Findley) Williams.

Mary graduated from Portsmouth High School with the Class of 1942. She owned and operated Jeannettes' Sea Shore Shoppe in Rye Beach for 40 years and later managed Philbrick's Store for a number of years. In her earlier years she was the Rye correspondent for the Hampton Union newspaper.

She was a longtime member of the Rye Congregational Church where she mentored a youth group, coached the girls basketball team and taught Sunday school for more than 20 years. She was the contact person for the Salvation Army for the Town of Rye and was a leader of the Salvation Army Camp with the Rye Lions Club at Sebago Lake.

Mary was a member of the Order of Eastern Star, was active with Rainbow leadership, and served as a Girl Scout leader. She founded the Junior Women's Club of Rye, and served as the State Jr. President. She was also a member of the Every Other Tuesday Club.

She shared 23 years of marriage with her late husband James R. Gray who predeceased her in 1969.

Family members include three children, Margaret Ward and her husband George of Canton, GA, James R. Gray, Jr. and his wife Denise of Ventura, CA, Audra Gray of Rye, five grandchildren, Melissa Megehee, Elizabeth Casseri, Robyn Mally, Justin Gray, Jaime Felder, six great grandchildren, Silas, Orson, Andrew, Megan, Nicholas and Nathan, two sisters, Audra Riotte of Dunedin, FL and Margie Vedeler of Portsmouth, nieces and nephews.

Visiting hours will be from 11 A.M. -1 P.M. Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at the Remick & Gendron Funeral Home-Crematory, 811 Lafayette Road, Hampton. Eastern Star Service will be held at 12:45 P.M. followed by services at 1 P.M. in the funeral home. Burial will be in the Central Cemetery, Rye. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited.

Cemetery Details

Central Cemetery

20 Central Road
Rye, NH

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 4. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - Crematory
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Tribute Wall



“ *Mary B. Gray*

September 18, 2022 at 12:49 AM



“ *110 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Remick & Gendron Funeral Home - June 04, 2019 at 06:57 AM



“ *We knew her as Aunt Bertie May. She was one of my mom and dads' closest friends and always there for me with her sage advice. I'll miss our long West Palm luncheons and what an awesome dinner companion she was. She touched all of our lives with her strength and spirit . Love, Skip and Joy*

Joy Williams - June 03, 2019 at 01:15 PM



“ *My condolences to Mimi's family. She was a cherished friend of my mom's. A generous lady with sweet spirit. Love Sue Morin*

Susan Morin - June 02, 2019 at 10:34 AM



“ Aunt Margaret, Uncle George, Melissa, Elizabeth and family, I am so sorry for your loss...I know Mimi was the anchor for your family much the way Grandmom...and then my Mom ... was for mine. It is so sad when these wonderful women leave us, but we are lucky to be able carry on their legacy...they gave us so much! I will be thinking of you this week...and sending you much love from the Shanks family <3

Deb Alina - June 01, 2019 at 11:00 PM

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“ When you are troubled and sad, just remember Mimi's humor and smile, and your heart will fly like a butterfly. It was an honor knowing of her and all the love and joy she brought to her family. My deepest condolences everyone! (Jim, Margaret, Audry)
Love, Aunt Pauline (Goodale)

Pauline Goodale - June 01, 2019 at 12:49 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy,Ann,Nancy and Barbara Bennett purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mary B. Gray.



Our deepest sympathy,Ann,Nancy and Barbara Bennett -
May 31, 2019 at 04:43 PM

LH

“ I was only eleven months old when my parents gave me the greatest honor, bringing me to their summer home directly across the street from Mrs. Mary Gray. As I grew with her children, she was just Mrs. Gray never realizing that the same lessons she taught t her own children, the ones that formed them into intelligent, funny, social and hardworking individuals, were also being taught to me. It took me a bit longer to realize that these lessons were just hidden away until they were needed but learn I did, and my thanks and my love go out to her every second of every day. When I had my own children I taught them the same set of values and it worked. I know she has many family members and great friends that are greeting her right now in that big social network in the sky, my daughter is there also giving her own thanks with a hug and a kiss. I'm so grateful that I saw you last week.

With much love

🥰 Linda

Linda Higgins - May 30, 2019 at 01:00 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mary B. Gray.



May 30, 2019 at 12:35 PM

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“ *In the short time I spent with Mary it felt like forever. I loved every moment I spent with her. I always made sure she was comfortable and warm and especially lathered in her lotions. I could tell that she liked it when I sang to her because she had a faint smile but that faint smile was big enough for me. She is a gorgeous woman and i will miss her, and as I've told her before I'll see you later Mary because i dont believe in goodbyes <3*

Rebecca - May 30, 2019 at 10:43 AM