



Melvin Louise Gray

July 21, 1939 - January 27, 2020

The Obituary

To everything there is a season, and a time to every Purpose under the heaven, Ecclesiastes 3:1

The life of a beautiful woman began on July 21, 1939, when Melvin Louse King was born to the parents of the late William and Ruth King. They had no idea their baby girl would go on to touch so many lives. Melvin, also known as "Lil Sis," Momma, Aunt Melvin, Ma or Momma Gray, received was educated in Sussex County, Virginia Public School system.

Melvin met the love of her life, the late Edward Elonce Gray, Jr. in Sussex County. They were married for over 50 years. From this union, they were blessed with four sons, Karl Alan (Barbara), Everett Elonce (Gloria), Edward Lydell (Sonda) and Dion Lamont (Marcy). She watched her sons' families grow with the birth of eight grandchildren, Eric, Eron, Evan, J'Nae, Kenya, Cierra, Dion II, and Sydney; and one great granddaughter, Eryn. She also leaves behind her daughter-in-law Janice Fleming, who she loved and called her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her sister Evelyn Blackman and her brother, Marvin King.

Left to cherish her memory are two sisters, Barbara Carter and Helen Thomas; three brothers, Herbert King, Alton King and William King; seven sisters-in-law, Laverne Thornton, Renee' Blakey, Thelma Smith, Joyce Feaster, Patricia Howell, Marylove Hamlin and Virginia Claiborne; and one brother-in-law, Herbert Smith. Melvin will also be celebrated by a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and friends to whom she always offered a helping hand and a hug.

Melvin was a nurturer. She helped anyone who stopped by or called on her. She was housekeeper for years, she was also a seamstress, cook and waitress. However, she was known to tell her sons, "I might be a waitress, but I am not yours," She taught them all how to cook, clean and sew for themselves. Melvin was one of the neighborhood mothers whose door was open to any child on the block. She was an active volunteer at her sons' schools. She served as a teachers aid and a member of the PTA. Most notably, she was a Band Booster, for which she held every officer position at one time between 1974 and 1989, even though her youngest child graduated in 1987. She still had, and referred to, a list of band members' home phone numbers, addresses and parent's names.

On Monday, January 27, 2020, at the age of 80, God called Melvin home to rest and to be with Edward once again. Her family, friends and Providence Park Baptist Church members will miss her dearly. Rest in peace Melvin.

The Family

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 3. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Ave.
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

FEB 3. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

FEB 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Providence Park Baptist Church
468 East Ladies Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23222

Tribute Wall



“ To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Melvin Louise Gray, Please Click the Link below.



March Funeral Homes - August 24, 2020 at 12:08 PM



“ Melvin Louise Gray

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ To Everett and your family, we, your classmates offer our sincere condolences to you. May God grant you peace and strength during this difficult time.

Natalie Richardson - January 31, 2020 at 08:54 PM



To the entire of gray family Melvin was truly a beautiful and compassionate woman we enjoyed her so much even at the family reunions her smile will always be with us because she always had words of wisdom to give you each time we met ,May the words of the our God comfort you all, remember the things she told you they will always be with you in your heart and your mind we love you all the Ellis family in Harrisburg Pennsylvania Cornell and Angela may God continue to bless you and your family

Cornell and Angela Ellis - February 03, 2020 at 12:53 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Melvin Louise Gray.*



January 31, 2020 at 05:42 PM



“ *From your Lumber Liquidators Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Melvin Louise Gray.*



From your Lumber Liquidators Family - January 31, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ *Jan, Erik, (Kizzy), Eron (Lafaun), J'Nae and Eryn purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Melvin Louise Gray.*



Jan, Erik, (Kizzy), Eron (Lafaun), J'Nae and Eryn - January 31, 2020 at 12:54 PM

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“ Dear Cousins Karl, Everett, Eddie, & Deon (and families): I write this note with a broken heart because losing Melvin has been a shock to me and is very sad for me. Melvin (and Edward) have always been very special to my heart. They were loving, sweet, caring, compassionate (and the list goes on and on). They have always been very family - oriented and loved you all so much. I know your hearts are very heavy right now, but find comfort in knowing that your Mom is very happy now - rejoicing in Heaven with your Dad, the angels, and others that they loved so dearly. As you are missing her, remember the great times you had together, the many storms of life you faced together, the many great things she and your Dad taught you, and the love/bond that you had. Melvin will live in your hearts forever. Continue sticking together, loving each other, and leaning on your faith. God will supply all your needs - He will comfort you, give you strength, and guide you all the way. I know the pain of losing our mothers and fathers for I have walked in your shoes. I will be thinking of all of you in days and months to come. I love you all so much. Your cousin Lois

Lois Johnson Orick - January 31, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - January 30, 2020 at 05:12 PM

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To the family, we say in this moment of sorrow, trust in the Lord and accept His grace. Remember the faith, the goodness of the Father and the hope of eternity! May God continue to bless you and give you comfort and courage. From your Providence Park Baptist Church family.

Providence Park Baptist Church - February 03, 2020 at 12:26 PM