



Allene Gray

November 2, 1917 - August 22, 2009

Miss Lola Allene Gray passed away early Saturday morning, August 22, 2009, at

her Jefferson Avenue home following a short illness. She was 91.

Born November 2, 1917 in Edwina, she was a daughter of Robert Lemuel Gray and

his first wife, the former Lola Clevenger. Following the death of her mother a few weeks later, she and her twin sister were reared by an aunt and uncle, Cora

Ellen Gray, and Bruce Gray and his wife Flora.

Her ancestors included some of Cocke County's earliest settlers, including Revolutionary War patriots Thomas Clevenger and James Gray, Sr.

Her paternal grandfather was Willis Gray, who was a Union soldier during the Civil War. His wife was the former Margaret Morrell, a member of the family for whom Morrell Springs Road is named.

Her maternal grandparents were Alexander and Tennessee (Denton) Clevenger.

As a child, Allene began her schooling at Edwina School and later graduated from

Cocke County High School in 1938.

After working for approximately a year at Stokely's, she was employed by the late Hubert Huffman as a clerk at Huffman's Dime Store, eventually becoming manager.

When Huffman's closed approximately 20 years later, she became a familiar face

to Newport shoppers through her long-time association with The Holley Shop on

McMahan Avenue. As a salesperson for over 40 years, she cheerfully assisted

several generations of Cocke County women in their shopping.

After retiring from full-time employment, she continued to work at the shop during the holiday season and recently helped in the store's closing sale.

In 1934, she joined First Christian Church, a relatively new congregation which

had been established in 1921. Until recently, she faithfully attended every service and church-related event, supporting the church's work in all possible ways.

She had served as church historian for many years and delighted in keeping the

church records up-to-date.

She, with her sisters, devoted countless hours visiting residents in local nursing homes and hospital patients.

She and her twin sister enjoyed dressing in identical outfits and found much amusement in the confusion this created when new customers came into their places of employment.

For many years, she resided with her identical twin sister Arlene and brother-in-law the late Hugh William Hightower and was a beloved and devoted

second mother to their children and grandchildren, and was a doting aunt to her

many other nieces and nephews and their families.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by the following siblings: Charles Otto Gray, Nella Cora (Gray) Burnett, Margarette Tulin (Gray) Wilds, Georgia May (Gray) Whitlock, Lila Ruth (Gray) James, and Robert "Bobby"

Gray,

Jr.

She is survived by her sisters, Arlene (Gray) Hightower, Nannie (Gray) Hale, and

Lenola (Gray) Vassar, numerous nieces and nephews and their families, several

cousins, and a host of friends from her church and work.

The family will receive friends Monday, August 24, 2009, from 1-3 p.m. at Manes

Funeral Home.

Graveside services will follow at Union Cemetery, Newport, with Martin Stump as

minister.

Memorial gifts may be made to First Christian Church, 382 East Broadway, Newport, TN 37821; Johnson Bible College, 7900 Johnson Drive, Knoxville, TN

37998, or Stokely Memorial Library, 383 East Broadway, Newport, TN 37821.

Manes Funeral Home in charge.

Tribute Wall



“ *Allene Gray*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *I love you Aunt Allene you will always be in my thoughtsss.....*

Erica Allen - November 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *She was a very precious lady. You & your family are in our prayers.
Jimmy & Sharon Styles Evelyn Smith*

SHARON STYLES - August 28, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *so sorry for your loss. you will be in our thoughts and prayers. she
was such a sweet lady.*

phyllis combs - August 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Arlene and family, I am so glad that we were able to spend the
Sunday afternoon in July, with you both. Allene is with her loving
God and has peace. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Bill and
Myra*

Myra Bill Fowler - August 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Allene will be missed by many.*

Tiffany Dover - August 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ We are so glad that Aileen came into our lives. She was a joy to be around. We will all miss her but we know that she is in the arms of the Lord.

Mike and Jude Moore - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FE

“ We were very sorry to learn of Miss Allene's passing. She was always very nice to us and a most enjoyable saleslady at the Holly Shop. She will be missed.

Fletcher and Penny Ervin - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Our mother and grandmother (Mabel Thomas) used to work with her at the Holly Shop. She was a very lovely lady.

Kay and Kim Gregg - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ To the family of Miss Allene we extend our deepest sympathy to her family she sure will be missed. We have loved her for years as she was such a sweet, helpful lady. We got to know her at the Holley Shop and always looked forward to her sweet smiling fa

Robert & Rita Newman - August 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ ALLENE WAS A VERY SWEET LADY. SHE HAD A LOVE FOR EVERYONE SHE MET. SHE WILL BE MISSED. YOUR FAMILY WILL BE IN OUR PRAYERS.

AMY WEBB HALL & FAMILY - August 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I am sorry to read of the passing of Miss Allene. She was always a cordial, friendly and very kind lady. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. *Janey Clevenger Kinser*

Janey Clevenger Kinser - August 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ *Allene Gray*

Kathy Hemsworth - August 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ *Our deepest sympathy in the loss of a dear relative. Our prayers will be with your family.*

William E. Russell and Claudia - August 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *Arlene & All I was so sorry to hear of Allenes' leaving. We will all miss her so much. She was such a dear and was loved by everyone.*

Evelyn Rhodes - August 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FP

“ *Allene Gray*

FREDIA PRUITT - August 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HK

“ *Allene Gray*

Hank & Louise Kilgore - August 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Allene was a very sweet lady and she will be greatly missed.*

Michelle Crum Holloway - August 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *Allene Gray*

Kristy Sweeten - August 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our Prayers are with you. Randall and Karen*

Randall & Karen Bible - August 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Allene Gray*

Robert and Martha Pack - August 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *Allene Gray*

Wiley & Kate Morgan - August 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM