



Arlene Gray Hightower

November 2, 1917 - April 8, 2014

Nola Arlene Gray Hightower

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Nola Arlene Gray Hightower, 96, died Tuesday evening at her home following a short bout with pancreatic cancer.

She was born in Edwina on November 2, 1917. She and her twin sister, the late Lola Allene Gray, were the youngest children of Robert Lemuel and Lola (Clevenger) Gray. Following their mother's death a few weeks later, the twins were reared by their aunt, Miss Cora Gray, and uncle Bruce Gray and his wife Flora.

She received her elementary education at Edwina School and then graduated from Central High School (now Cocke County High School) in 1937.

She worked for M. O. Allen Insurance Company and later, for over 30 years, was employed by McNabb's, a Newport clothing store.

For over 80 years, she was a faithful member of First Christian Church. She devoted countless hours to all facets of the church's work and activities, ranging from the women's missionary society to working with the church's youth. She continued to teach her Sunday school class until two weeks ago. She and her late husband, Hugh William Hightower, were married in the church's first formal wedding.

She was a past member of the Music Appreciation Club and of the W.C.T.U. She was also a devoted member of the Cocke County Senior Citizens group

and in February of this year, she, along with her sister, was honored by Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority for their many years of community service. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her daughter, Coralyn Rebecca Hightower Cooper, step-mother Rosa Belle (Hale) Gray, sisters Nella Cora (Gray) Burnett, Lola Allene Gray, Margarett Tulin (Gray) Wilds, Georgia Mae (Gray) Whitlock, and Lila Ruth (Gray) James, brothers Charles Otto Gray and Robert Lemuel (Bobby) Gray, Jr., and first cousin, who was like a brother, C. W. Gray.

She is survived by her son, Hugh William (Buddy) Hightower, Jr. and wife Betsy of Cumming, Georgia; grandchildren Steven (Lauren) Bible of White Pine, Mike (Cindy) Bible of Benton, TN, and Gary (Erin) Hightower) of Alpharetta, GA; great-grandchildren Drew Bible of White Pine, and Lacy Fetzer, Jaelyn Bible, and Halle Ruth Gray Bible, all of Benton, TN; sister Nannie Tennessee (Gray) Hale of Newport; sister and brother-in-law Mary Lenola (Gray) and Reed Vassar of Newport; first cousin, who was like a brother, H. B. Gray, of Newport; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Marcia (Hightower) and Bill Wallin of Newport; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Graveside service will be held 2:00 pm Friday, April 11, 2014 in the Union Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm prior to the graveside service at Manes Funeral Home with Rev. Martin Stump officiating. Memorial remembrances may be made to First Christian Church, 382 East Broadway, Newport, TN 37821.

Family and friends may sign online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Manes Funeral Home in charge

Tribute Wall



“ *Arlene Gray Hightower*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Arlene Gray Hightower*

Debbie Murr - April 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Arlene Gray Hightower*

Don and Ella Mae Large - April 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Precious memories of a sweet, sweet lady. Sincere sympathy and prayers to each of you. Know she is at "home" now rejoicing with her family who have gone on before her, and most importantly, she's rejoicing with our Jesus.*

Dot Barnes - April 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Arlene Gray Hightower*

Jimmy & Charlotte Blazer - April 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so very sorry for your lost .Our thoughts and prayers are with you .*

woody and Tura Lawson - April 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ So sorry for your loss. She was such a sweet lady. We will miss her

Phyllis Combs - April 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ So many wonderful memories and not enough room. But my favorites... Her, Allene and Nannie picking us up to play scrabble on Thursday night with the "ladies", Gary Lyn and our Buddy during the summer. They always beat us. Then our kids getting to know Arl

Michelle Reece Johnson - April 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ So sorry that we couldn't be there today. You all are in our prayers. Love you all, Gary and Brenda

Gary and Brenda Reece - April 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Arlene Gray Hightower

Louise Sweeten Kilgore - April 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ Arlene Gray Hightower

Edith and Paul Hudgens - April 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Lloyd Mary Edith and Janice Prayers with you we loved her so very much

Janice Bryant - April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ With deepest sympathy, Janella & Jan Carpenter

Jan Carpenter - April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ I truly loved Arlene with all my heart. She was one of the nicest ladies that I have ever met and I will always miss her. I am so sorry to have lost a friend like Arlene. She is now with her sister in Heaven wearing the same robes. Sincerely,

Charlene Trentham - April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Buddy, So sorry to hear about your Mom. She was surely a wonderful lady. I remember fondly my visits to church when we visited Newport and the friendship she always showed my family. I also remember how she and your Aunt Allene devoted themselves to te

Jim and Bev Sweeten - April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Can't you just hear Heaven shouting...."Well Done, Thy Good and Faithful Servant !" Buddy, I am so sorry you are having to say good-bye to your Mother. You have certainly been blessed to have had her in your life this long, but it is still hard to watch

Bud & Linda Dawson - April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ Buddy & Family, Surely you know your mother was a very special lady and will be missed by many. She was a dear friend to me as well as all of my family. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Gail Welch Sutton

Gail Sutton - April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *Arlene Gray Hightower*

Melissia Ball - April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ *Arlene Gray Hightower*

Hal & Sylvia Brown - April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ *We are so sorry for your loss.*

Gary S. & Dorothy J. Kyker - April 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Arlene Gray Hightower*

Mary Ann & Jay Chrisman - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JE

“ *Dear Lauren , Steve and Drew we are so sorry for the loss of such a wonderful woman. She will be remembered for her sweet personality, love of friends and family, as well as, her church family, she will be very missed by so many. Love always to your famil*

Jennifer Eisenhower - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *I am going to miss Aunt Arlene very much. I know that she is glad to be with her heavenly family. Prayers are with the rest of the family.*

Donna Drew Jacobs Lee - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

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Jerrod and Angie Gorman - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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AF

“ *Will never forget the love Arlene and Alene showed to my mother Helen Stephens while she was in the nursing home. They both were true examples of christian love. They never got old and sat down. Always on the go to help someone or show they cared. It did*

Anne Freeman - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *No matter how old we are, losing a mother is one of the deepest sorrows a heart can know. But her goodness, her caring and her wisdom lives on like a legacy of love that will always be with you. My deepest sympathy.*

Linnie Cline Denton - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *Arlene Gray Hightower*

Shelly Kyker - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DO

“ *A part of Newport's landscape is gone, but she is reunited with her beloved Hugh William, daughter Coralyn, and twin Allene. Blessings on her.*

Duay O'Neil - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *Arlene Gray Hightower*

Peggy & Fred Giles - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Arlene Gray Hightower*

Louise & Jimmy Hux - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Buddy and Betsy: I have known Arlene sine a young girl. She was such an example for me to follow. Just know that God will never leave us, but will be with us to the end. Arlene has reached the finish line. May God be with the family.*

Mayr Fowler - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ *Arlene Gray Hightower*

David and Anita Taylor - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *So sorry to learn of Arlene's passing. She was a wonderful lady and will be missed by all that had the honor of knowing her.*

Linda Kay Thomas Gregg and Kim Gregg - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Buddy, Aunt Arlene was a wonderful lady! She was a kind, caring, and generous person who displayed her love for life and family in everything she accomplished! She will be sorely missed, but her legacy and faith will live for many years to come.*

Sandra Burnette Foster - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LC

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Linda D Clark - April 09, 2014 at 12:00 AM