



## Mary Lenola Vassar

January 20, 1922 - July 17, 2016

Mary Lenola (Gray) Vassar, fulfilled her worldly duties as a wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend at her home surrounded by her family on Sunday, July 17, 2016.

Given the name Lenola by her father she was born on a chilly January day to Robert L. and Rosa Hale Gray at their large two story Red Brick Farm Home located on many acres of beautiful rolling farm land that was stocked with all the farm animals a child could want in Edwina, Tennessee. Lenola, a chubby little blue eyed girl was greeted by one brother and four sisters. Lenola's sisters, Nannie, Arlene and Ailene Gray referred to her as "the Baby" or "their baby" and would sit waiting anxiously for their turn to hold and feed their baby. Lenola attended Edwina School and graduated from Cocke County High School. After graduation, Lenola traveled to Washington, DC to work with the Western Union and there, she met Reed J. Vassar a soldier in the United States Army. Reed and Lenola were the proud parents of 7 children, Sally Gwendolyn, Reed J. Vassar, Jr., Patricia Ann, Marguerite S., Michael Carl, Betsy Jane and Richard (Rick) Vassar.

Lenola was a homemaker and provided the love and morals necessary to help raise her children to love God first, family and respect for all that is good. Lenola was an active member of the First Christian Church since a young woman with her husband and children.

Lenola was preceded in death by her husband, Reed J. Vassar, Sr., daughter, Sally Gwendolyn and grandsons, Eric Wayne McCoig and Brian Mark Rolan;

brothers, Otto and Bobby Gray; sisters, Nelle Burnett, Jean Whitlock, Margaret Wilds, Pat James, Arlene Hightower and Allene Gray.

She is survived by her children, R.J. (Brenda) Vassar, Newport, Patricia (Harold) Wright, Pigeon Forge, Marguerite Vassar, Knoxville, Mike (Vicky) Vassar, Newport, Betsy J Huff, Jefferson City, and Richard (Cindy) Vassar, Newport; sister, Nannie Tennessee Hale, Newport; sisters-in-law, Annalone Gray and Gertude Sears, Lake Placid, New York; eleven grandchildren, eighteen great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

The family will receive friends from 12:00 noon until 1:00 pm Tuesday, July 19, 2016 with funeral services at 1:00 pm in Manes Funeral Home Chapel, with Brother Martin Stump officiating.

Burial will be immediately following the service in Union Cemetery.

The family request donations be made to First Christian Church, 382 E. Broadway Street, Newport, TN

Family and friends may sign the guest register on line at: [www.manesfuneralhome.com](http://www.manesfuneralhome.com).

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mary Lenola Vassar*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Mary Lenola Vassar*

**Chatlotte Ann Leibrock** - July 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were so very sorry to learn of your Mother's death. We are thinking about all of you and keeping you in our prayers.*

**Fletcher and Penny Ervin** - July 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *condolences to the family*

**ken & shirley sisk** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

**Patti and Blake Briggs** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please know you are in my prayers.*

**Tommye Dene Jones** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry, I just found out about Nanna. I love you all*

**Kathy Hance** - July 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ *Mary Lenola Vassar*

Earl & Ila Ruth Edmonds - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Mary Lenola Vassar*

Cookie Ramsey - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Linnie and Beverly Denton*

Linnie Denton - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ *Mary Lenola Vassar*

Paul & Edith Hudgens - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Mary Lenola Vassar*

mansfield mcmahan - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Mary Lenola Vassar*

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Pat, Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Luther & Faye Brackins*

Luther & Faye Brackins - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Sorry for your loss. She was a sweet lady. The family will be in our prayers

Jerry and Aliien Huff - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ The Vassar family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Cindy Ward - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

HW

“ Mary Lenola Vassar

Hubert,Lynn, Matthew Willis - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Mary Lenola Vassar

Cookie Ramsey - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Praying during this sad time that God's presence will bring the peace and comfort that can only come from Him.

Bea S. Brady - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ You have our Deepest sympathy during this time, And our thoughts ANX prayers are with you. May God provide the Comforcomfort you need at this time. Mary Helen Allen & Kathy Ramsey Huff

Mary Helen Allen - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ So sorry for your loss. Your family will be in our prayers.

Pat and Mary Proffitt - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Sorry for you loss Rick prays are with you all.

marty clark. kg4wpv - July 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Sorry for your loss.

Kathy Hemsworth - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ So sorry for your loss

thelma banks and scott lee - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Mary Lenola Vassar

Liz McNabb - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ My thoughts are with your family. May the words in Ps. 55:22 be of comfort to you.

Anna Tuitt - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ So sorry for your loss. Prayers for comfort now and in the days ahead.

Parker, Nanette Wilds, & Jeanette Lankford - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Our deepest condolences.*

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**Todd & Brenda Cummings** - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *We are so sorry for you loss!*

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**Cecil and Brenda Holt** - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Mary Lenola Vassar*

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**Mary Ann Stewart** - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Mary Lenola Vassar*

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**Louise and Jimmy Hux** - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

YF

“ *Mary Lenola Vassar*

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**Yvonne Fleming** - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Words cannot possibly begin to ease your hurt and sorrow, but please remember that we care about your hurting heart and share in your sorrow. With Heartfelt Deepest Sympathy, Jabo, Tammy & Montana Francis*

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**Tammy Francis** - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ *Mary Lenola Vassar*

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**Chuck Kelley** - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Sorry for your loss. Deepest sympathy, Cindy wise and family*

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**Cindy wise** - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for you all.*

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**Steven & Kristie Suggs** - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Randy and I send our sympathies to your family at this time.*

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**Libby Clark Clevenger** - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ *I may not be able to be with you all tomorrow but You all are in my thoughts and prayers you have my Love and sympathy in the loss of your all's mother . She was a Beautiful person inside and out*

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**Bill Justus** - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Mary Lenola Vassar*

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**Jimmy Riddle** - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ *Mary Lenola Vassar*

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**Dale, Nancy and Gerald Raines** - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Rick and Cindy, we are so sorry for your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with the family. If we can do anything for you , please let us know. We love you , Kevin and Suzie McClure

Suzanne McClure - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LY

“ So sorry Rick for the loss of your mother. I will keep y'all in my prayers.

Libby Yates - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for the family and friends

Frankie Gray - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless your family in this time of loss.

Bobby D. & Angela Clevenger - July 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ I was sorry to hear of Lenola's passing. Keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. You were blessed to get to keep her as long as you have. So sad to let them go!

Linda Dawson - July 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *My deepest sympathy on the loss of Aunt Lenola! She was a wonderful woman, who was well-loved. It was my great pleasure to get to know both her and Uncle Reed. May all her immediate family find peace and comfort in knowing that they are reunited and wi*

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**Sandi Burnette Foster** - July 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM