



Pearl O'Dell Gray

July 14, 2016

Pearl O'Dell Gray of Newport, passed away July 14, 2016 at the Cocke County Convalescent Center surrounded by her loving family.

Pearl was a charter member of Providence Baptist Church and retired from Bush Brothers in Dandridge, Tennessee. She was a graduate of Cocke County High School and University of Tennessee and taught elementary school briefly, and was the owner of Jack and Jill Children's dress shop.

Pearl loved politics and worked with the Republican Party. She and her late husband "Bill" hosted many parties at their home for Governors, Senators, and Congressmen. Pearl enjoyed attending many Inaugural Balls, and she loved to travel. She was proud to be an American and was very patriotic.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jim B. and Rillie O'Dell, her soul mate and the love of her life, her husband, Bill Gray; brothers, Harding, J.B., William, and Sam O'Dell; sisters, Mary Murr, Ellie Shropshire, Bonnie Spradling, and Mayme Cobb.

She is survived by her loving brother, Tom O'Dell; loving sister, Bessie Justus; and several nieces, nephews, and loyal friends.

The family wishes to thank Jabo and Tammy Francis, Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice, the excellent nurses and CNAs at Cocke County Convalescent Center, and the many sitters that cared for Pearl in her home.

Pearl had the very best care over the last nine years.

Thank you to her very special friends, Mary Helen Allen, Diane Arrowood, Lloyd Bryant family, Loretta Webb, and David Bryant, and all of the Bush

Brothers Family. She loved you all very much.

Dr. James Williams and Charlie Grooms, FNP were so good to her and gave Pearl excellent care and made her laugh. She always looked forward to seeing them.

Funeral Services will be at 7:00 pm, Friday, July 15, 2016 in the Manes Funeral Home Chapel with Scott Gorrell officiating.

Burial will be at 10:00 am, Saturday, July 16, 2016 in Union Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 pm on Friday at Manes Funeral Home prior to the funeral services.

In lieu of flowers, the family request memorial donations be made to Providence Baptist Church or Alzheimer's Association thru Manes Funeral Home.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pearl O'Dell Gray*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Aunt Pearl's passing. My grandmother was Bonnie - her sister. I have several great memories of visiting when young and for searching for our family tree and visiting. God Bless all there.*

Tom Spradling - August 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am sorry for your loss.*

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



“ *Pearl O'Dell Gray*

Mr & Mrs. Gene Bradshaw - July 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pearl O'Dell Gray*

Sandy Sutton - July 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Pearl O'Dell Gray*

Marty Coakley - July 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Praying for you all may God comfort you

Kim France - July 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Newport has lost another great citizen. Love and sympathies to the family.

Carolyn Maloy Fox - July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Mary Helen Allen

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BH

“ Pearl O'Dell Gray

Betty Harrison - July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Pearl O'Dell Gray

Jeff Kyker - July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Pearl will be missed. So sorry for your loss

Connie & Marsha Ball - July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Pearl O'Dell Gray

Billy & Wilma Webb - July 16, 2016 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ Pearl O'Dell Gray

Earl & Ila Ruth Edmonds - July 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of Pearl O'Dell Gray..She was a friend to my family many yrs. Prayers for all the family.esp. Tom O'Dell who was a very close friend to my dad Bill Justus.

Diane Justus - July 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Pearl O'Dell Gray

Jill swanger - July 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Pearl O'Dell Gray

Jay & Mary Ann Chrisman - July 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Pearl O'Dell Gray

Sarah Hartsell - July 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Pearl O'Dell Gray

Mary Alice Gorman - July 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Pearl was a dear friend we admired so much.

Bill & Charlotte Leibrock - July 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ It was so sad to hear about the loss of this sweet lady whom I took care of for a year and grew so attached to. She had a heart as big as the world would give or do anything she could for you. I treasure the time and memories I have of her. Prayers for the

Darlene Crum - July 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Family of Pearl Gray, So sorry for your loss. Pearl was a very caring person. I worked with Pearl many years at Bush Brothers. She will surely be missed.

Charles W. Lewis - July 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Pearl O'Dell Gray

Gary S. & Dorothy J. Kyker - July 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy.

gail Metcalf - July 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ So sorry to hear of Pearl's passing. She was a kind and wonderful lady. I feel privileged to have known her.

Marcia Frazier - July 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ So sorry for your loss. We will keep the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Kay and Kim Gregg - July 14, 2016 at 12:00 AM