



Mary Cleora Eagal Gray

July 31, 1931 - January 27, 2023

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Mary Cleora Eagal Gray, 91, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 27th at Concordia at the Orchard, Butler, Pennsylvania. She had been at the Orchard for four years and considered it her home.

Mary was born July 31, 1931 to Alta McCandless Eagal and Samuel L. Eagle in Center Township, Butler, Pennsylvania. Mary married the love of her life, James H. Gray, whom she met in 7th grade. They were married on April 10, 1950 and had many adventures together, such as camping, bluegrass festivals, Florida sojourns, and time spent with family. She looked forward to her monthly "500" card club which she shared with eight of her dearest friends for 62 years. Her happiness was contagious, she adored her many friends and never stopped making them laugh. Mary continued to endear friends along the way. She considered the staff at the Orchard part of her family. She listened to the young nursing students' stories and shared solutions to their problems. She encouraged them to continue their pursuit of a nursing degree as she shared her myriad of experiences. She went to grade school in Unionville and then to Butler High School. Mary graduated with an Associate Degree from Butler County Community College and later received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Slippery Rock University. She was then board certified as a licensed nursing home administrator. Mary was the Director of Nursing at the Odd Fellows Home in Grove City for 15 years. She

was an advisory member of Grove Manor Board of Directors. She later retired as Nursing Home Administrator from Grove Manor, Grove City, Pennsylvania. Mary was instrumental in developing the first personal care home in Grove City. She created the Caring Place, in Franklin, Pennsylvania. From the inception, she planned and created, with the help of architects and contractors, the successful 150-bed nursing home called the Caring Place. She was a member of Rider Lutheran Church.

She is mother to Dr. M. Kathleen Gray, Sewickley, Pennsylvania, James S. Gray (Lisa), Butler, Pennsylvania, Debra J. McCandless (Bruce), West Sunbury, Pennsylvania, Thomas J. Gray (Patty), Butler, Pennsylvania, Tamara R. Brown (Doug), Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. She was the best Grandma in the world to 10 grandchildren and equally special to her 11 great grandchildren. Her cherished nieces and nephews survive her.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Jim, December 5, 2006 and two brothers, John & Lloyd Eagal.

The love and support of Concordia at the Orchard and Good Samaritan Hospice was unparalleled. Mary and her family are forever grateful for their kindness. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Rider Lutheran Church, West Sunbury, Pennsylvania, Christian Loving Fund, Grove City, Pennsylvania, or The Make a Wish Foundation (in honor of Brian McCandless).

Viewing will take place at Young Funeral Home, Butler, Pennsylvania on Monday, January 30th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The funeral will be the following day, Tuesday, January 31st at 10:00 a.m. at Rider Lutheran Church, West Sunbury, Pennsylvania.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Burial Estates

Butler, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Young Funeral Home, Ltd.
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Service

JAN 31. 10:00 AM.

Rider Lutheran Church
West Sunbury, PA

Tribute Wall

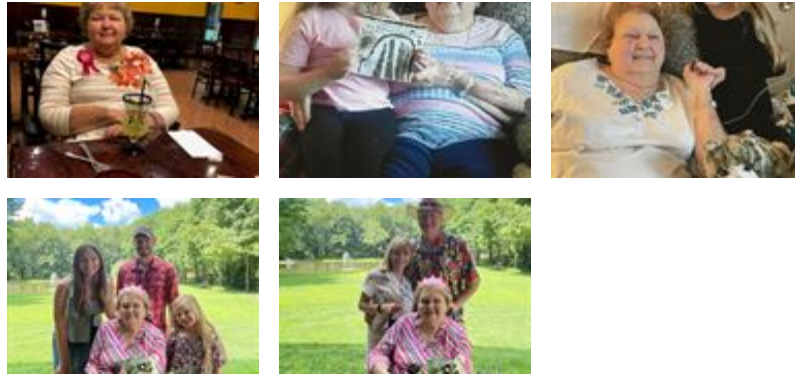
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“ To the Gray family, our deepest sympathy to all. Many memories of your parents and our parents laughing at the Bessemer family picnics in Conneaut Lake Park. They are all together again.

Kevin and Janice Pouteous - February 02, 2023 at 10:24 AM



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Young Funeral Home - January 30, 2023 at 10:34 AM

DH

“ To the families of Mary Gray. Mary always reminded me of my Aunt Helen Logan. Her Love and Compassion was just like my Aunt Helen. Mary adorned everywhere she went and just light up the room with Her smile.

Mary is now with Jim and they are in a wonderful place where we all will be some day. God has blessed us with Her presence and now she is with the Triune God. God blessed Mary while she was with us and now she is blessing Heaven. May you all know the peace of God and know Jesus is with you all in the sorrow that you feel now. May God continue to bless you now and in the days to come. In the name of Jesus Christ I pray. Amen. Dennis and Gert Hindman

Dennis and Gert Hindman - January 30, 2023 at 10:01 AM

RL

“ You have our deepest sympathy for your loss. May all the memories you have shared bring comfort during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.



Rocco & Mary Lucco - January 29, 2023 at 07:10 AM

JG

“ May all your Mother's memories be close to your heart. Sympathy to all on your loss.



Janet Groger - January 29, 2023 at 02:31 AM