

### **NONA LEE GRAY**



Nona Lee Carter Gray, 74, of Hilliard, passed away at St. Michael's Medical Center in Silverdale, Washington, with her loving family by her side. Nona was born on July 9, 1948 in Jesup, Georgia to the late Henry Macon Carter and Nancy Naomi Edenfield-Carter. Nona married the love of her life, John Crockett Gray, Sr. on April 13, 1964, and they lived life to the fullest in those 58 years together. Nona had been a resident of Hilliard for the past 21 years. She worked as a paraprofessional at Paxon Jr. High School for 13 years and retired from the Duval County School Board May 1, 1994. She continued to have a number of her former students that loved to visit her. She was a faithful member of Hilliard Pentecostal Full Gospel Church and enjoyed singing in worship to her Lord and Savior. Nona spent all of her life singing and really enjoyed singing harmony. She sang with the family's bluegrass gospel group called the Sunnyside Bluegrass Gospel Singers. Nona enjoyed Bible study with the sisters of the church and would always share what she had learned to anyone who would listen. As some of you may know, Nona enjoyed dancing, too. As a child she and her brother Henry would dance and entertain family and friends! She and John enjoyed traveling, and Lordy did they travel, with pictures to prove it. Just ask Jan and Justin! Nona enjoyed her time in the yard with flowers and plants. She also enjoyed late night conversations with her many sisters and friends. Nona, also known as Mema by her grandchildren, enjoyed playing games on her phone and even got her great grandson Tucker hooked on playing Bingo.

Nona is predeceased by her husband, John Crockett Gray, Sr.; parents Henry Macon and Nancy Naomi Edenfield-Carter; brothers Hubert, David, Mitchell and Everette Carter.

She is survived by her children Jan (Aldean) Hodges, Johnny (Shelly) Gray and Joey (Melissa) Gray; grandchildren Cole Hodges (James Wronowski), Trenton Hodges (Mat Stillwell), Justin and Kyle Gray, Tyler (Mindy) Gray, Mindy Turner, Chelsea (David) Baker, Sydney (Jason) Tollick, Bradley Reynolds, Heather (Chris) Carter and Hannah (Michael) Bowie; great-grandchildren Kelilah, Jackson and Tucker Gray, Liam and Stella Carter, Brandon and Olivia Tollick, Jade, Olivia and Levi Bowie; siblings Gracie Lee Turner, Euna Faye Williams, Emma Jane (Robert) Bogers, Marion (Velma) Carter, Henry (Diane) Carter, Tommy (Wendy) Carter and Quitman (Linda) Carter; and sister-in-law Olivia Carter; along with many nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be: Cole Hodges, Tyler Gray, Justin Gray, Kyle Gray, Trenton Hodges and John Claxton. Honorary pall bearers are Mark Parker and Drane Parker.

The family will receive friends at 10 a.m. Friday, October 21 prior to the celebration of life service at 11 a.m. at Hilliard Pentecostal Full Gospel Church, 551835 US Highway 1, with Pastor Ike Mohler officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Memorial Park Cemetery.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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