



Esther Scarbrough Gray

June 16, 1931 - May 5, 2020

Esther Scarbrough Gray

Passed away on May 5, 2020 at her home in Coker Creek, Tennessee. She was 88 years old. Esther was born on June 16th of 1931 in Petros, TN.

Esther lived her life as a faithful Christian, wife and mother. She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church Sweetwater where she sang in the choir and taught Sunday School for many years.

Esther spent her childhood in Harriman and graduated from Harriman High School. She attended Carson Newman College where she met and married Sanford Gray.

Esther's faith in God was an inspiration to many. Esther was a beautiful, gentle and gracious soul who gave each person her full attention. Esther possessed many talents and created beautiful things. She was a gifted weaver and excellent cook. Together, she and Sanford graciously dedicated their lives to their community and touched countless families and children worldwide through Tellico Mountain Camp, TMI Academy and Coker Creek Village. Esther cherished her family and friends.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Sanford Gray; parents, Houston and Mary Christmas Scarbrough; eldest son, Douglas Sanford Gray; daughter, Bridgette Ann Gray Vesser, and grandson, Joshua Lee Vesser; brothers Harold and Thomas A. Scarbrough, and sister Reba Newlan. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Marylu and Bobby Atchley of Coker Creek, TN; son and daughter-in-law, David and Becky Gray

of Grafenwoehr, Germany. She is also survived by five grandchildren and spouses: Justin and Amy Vesser of Earlysville, VA, Carrie and Jesse Byers of Sweetwater, Cam and Beth Atchley of Nolensville, TN; Erin Gray and Dane Gray of Albany, OR . Esther was richly blessed with seven great-grandsons; Jack, Jay & Jesse Vesser, Luke, Eli & Will Atchley and Rocco Byers. Esther will be deeply missed by her family and the host of relatives and friends she so greatly treasured.

The family will receive friends on Monday May 11, 2020 from 1:00 to 3:00 at Kyker Funeral Homes, with Celebration of Life to follow at 3:00 led by Pastor Leonard Markham. Interment will follow services at West View Cemetery. For any memorial donations, please send to First Baptist Church Sweetwater. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAY 11. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Kyker Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Esther Scarbrough Gray*



Kyker Funeral Home - May 08, 2020 at 11:35 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Esther Scarbrough Gray.*



May 10, 2020 at 02:38 PM



“ *43 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Kyker Funeral Home - May 08, 2020 at 11:31 AM

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“ I will always be grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Gray for the wonderful summers I spent at Tellico Mountain Camp, truly the highlight of my childhood. Mrs. Gray was so patient and kind, but tough when she needed to be. My condolences to the family.

Susan Kell - May 08, 2020 at 10:29 AM

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“ Mrs and Mr Gray are responsible for making me a better Christian, a better person. I never had the chance to tell them how truly grateful I am that God put them in my life. I wish peace for the family but know she is watching over you and waiting to see you again!

Amy Greathouse Stovall - May 08, 2020 at 09:53 AM

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“ i spent two lovely years working at Tellico Mountain Camp for The Grays. They were kind, loving folks and left me with treasured memories. My deepest condolences to Marylu, David, and the entire family.

Nan Turner Figge - May 08, 2020 at 07:28 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Esther Scarbrough Gray.



May 08, 2020 at 05:57 AM

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“ Wonderful lady!

Kelly Littleton Brewster - May 07, 2020 at 10:56 PM