



Grace Alston Gray

May 5, 1928 - June 14, 2025

GRACE ALSTON GRAY MOM'S JOURNEY

Grace Alston Gray, of Salisbury, Maryland, transitioned peacefully to eternal rest at her home on Saturday, June 14, 2025. She was born on May 5, 1928 to the late Clinton Henry Smith and Hattie Louise Hudson Smith Showell. Grace received her education in Worcester County, and her Christian education at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Berlin, Maryland, where she faithfully attended with her parents and siblings.

In 1947, she met Johnny Gray and was united in holy matrimony in 1949. From this union, four children were born and the family resided in Selbyville, Delaware. Through 1949 to 1999, Grace held several positions of employment in Sussex & Wicomico counties.

In 1966, at the age of 38, she gave her life to Jesus Christ at St. Matthew Baptist Church in Bishopville, Maryland, under the direction of the Reverend Elder M.T. Mitchell. Grace was dedicated to God and made a commitment to raise her children to know and serve the Lord in the same manner that she was being taught of God's word. In 1978, she joined in covenant with the Cathedral of Restoration Church (formerly known as the Salisbury Revival Center), in Salisbury, Maryland, where the (late) James & Essie Green were

the Pastors. She was affectionately known as “Mother Grace” within the church by many of her brothers and sisters in Christ! Grace served in numerous capacities at the church such as the President of the Pastor’s Aide Committee (for over a decade), usher board, choir, cooking & serving committee, and the church’s cleanliness and beautification committee. She had been a faithful member of Cathedral of Restoration Church for 42 years, under the leadership of the (late) Pastor Andre Jordan, and now, Pastor Dione Jordan.

Grace was known for her beautiful & loving disposition, her kindness, and her gentle sweet caring spirit. She touched the lives of so many people through her precious smile and willingness to always help someone in need. Grace was a devoted mother to her children, grandchildren & great children, and a wife, sister, sister-in-law, aunt niece, cousin, friend and Sister-In Christ!

Grace truly enjoyed spending quality time with her family as often as she could. She would always participate in any family event or activity that would connect everyone together! Grace loved to shop with her daughters, Serena & Marlina, and she enjoyed traveling with her family to see many different places, as well as going on excursions with her church family! In addition, she was grateful to engage in singing many songs with Marlina in her kitchen to glorify God! Grace loved to praise the name of Jesus! One of her favorite pastimes was watching baseball! The teams she most liked were the Red Sox & the Baltimore Orioles. Her best loved game shows included Family Feud, The Price Is Right, Let’s Make A Deal, Wheel of Fortune, Jeopardy, America Says & Common Knowledge! Grace enjoyed guessing the answers with her family. When she got the answer right, she would say, “Yes, I told you!”

Grace will truly be missed by her family & friends, and everyone whom lives she has touched. She will forever be lovingly remembered by her sons; Johnny Gray, Jr., & Gloria Jean of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, Cornell & Sharon

Gray of Seaford, Delaware, Serena & Tom Green of Middletown, Delaware, Marlina & Ray Belote of Salisbury, Maryland, nine grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, 4 great-great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Grace was preceded in eternal rest by her siblings; Robert Smith, Jr., Rosetta Hobbs, Frances Wilson, John Albert Smith, Irvin H. Smith, Luretta Purnell, Elaine Blake, Mildred Handy, Jerdeane Waters, Martha Tindley, Morgan Smith at birth, her son, Calvin Smith, and her grandson, Phedelle.

Cemetery Details

Spring Hill Memory Garden

27260 Ocean Gateway
Hebron, MD 21830

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Pentecostal Church (Bishopville)
13325 Worcester Hwy
Bishopville, MD 21813

Funeral Service

JUL 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

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13325 Worcester Hwy
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Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Grace Alston Gray*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - July 10, 2025 at 10:24 AM

VL

“ *Aunt Grace, A woman of strength, dignity and faith. I will truly miss you and you will forever be in my heart. 💜*

Valerie Lee - July 05, 2025 at 10:27 AM

MW

“ *Aunt Grace, you will truly be missed! RIP my sweet aunt! I love you! Monique Waters*

Monique Waters - July 04, 2025 at 05:57 PM

BW

“ *Bryan, Eartha, Isaiah & John Williams planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Grace Alston Gray.*

Bryan, Eartha, Isaiah & John Williams - June 30, 2025 at 07:04 PM

BW

“ Bryan, Eartha, Isaiah & John Williams purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Grace Alston Gray.



Bryan, Eartha, Isaiah & John Williams - June 30, 2025 at 07:04 PM

AC

“ condolences to the family, very sweet humble lady I had the pleasure of meeting and fellowshiping with at church. R I P



amanda collins - June 26, 2025 at 08:36 AM

TC

“ Mom Grace will truly be missed. She was truly a Church mother always loving and kind. I will always remember her dancing around the church for the Lord. Rest in Jesus Mom Grace
Teresa Chavis

Teresa Chavis - June 25, 2025 at 11:25 PM

LS

“ I remember spending time at Aunt Grace's house. R I P my lovely Aunt.

Lorinda Smith - June 24, 2025 at 01:33 PM

MJ

“*May the family be blessed with memories of joyful times spent together.*” Mrs Gray was a special person and will be missed by her church and community.



TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

Mable V. Jarmon & family

Mable V Jarmon - June 22, 2025 at 07:29 PM

TW

“*Sorry For Your Loss*”



Thomas Widgeon - June 21, 2025 at 07:10 AM