

Casket Bearers

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*A Service of Thanksgiving to God
For the Life of*

Mrs. Beryline Zerita Lowery Gray



Ganna

*A Gift Given
May 25, 1952*

*A Gift Returned
March 11, 2020*

"A Life Well Lived Is Never Lost"

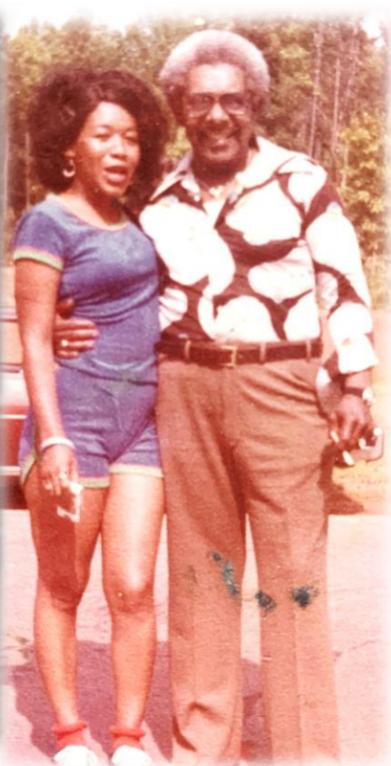
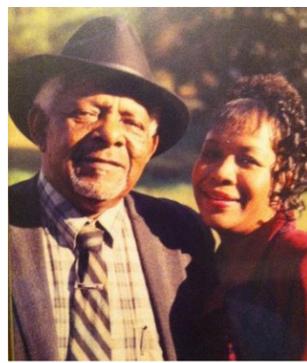
With Our Heartfelt Thanks

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. **God's Word has been manifested through** your many expressions of sympathy and support; we praise God from whom all blessings flow. Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved Beryline and for remembering us during her passing. Special thanks to Hospice of Iredell County, Statesville dialysis, Dr. Sinasi Salman, Vontressa Wood and the one she called her sistre, Wanda Haneline. Your thoughtfulness will forever remind us of your love and support. May God continue to keep you in His tender care. In our risen Lord, we have peace that passes all understanding.

The Gray Family



Professional Services Entrusted to "Those Who Care"
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As We Remember

Mrs. Beryline Berita Lowery Gray

*Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,
Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.*

Mrs. Beryline Zerita Lowery Gray, beloved daughter of the late Napoleon Theadore Lowery, Sr. and Alberta Blackwelder Lowery, was born in Iredell County on May 25, 1952. She peacefully entered into God's care on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, after home home with her daughter and sister by her side.

Soul Lady, as she was affectionately called, attended Dunbar High School in Mooresville and since 1976, was a member of Bethel Congregational Church. She was a past member of Lady Spades an some called her "The Queen of Rankin Town". Ganna, as she was called by her grandchildren, was a loving family woman who enjoyed playing cards, singing, cookingm gardening and dancing. She was always the first one on the dance floor, however above all, she loved the Lord and was ready when he called her home.

On April 2, 1983, she married the love of her life, Mr. James Willard "Whimp" Gray, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by one brother, Douglas Edward Lowery and three sisters, Virginia Lowery Alexander, Gladys Lowery Smith and Roberta Lowery Portlock.

She leaves to cherish the memory of her life, a daughter, Audrilla D. Lowery of Statesville; a son, William T. Lowery, Sr. of Statesville; an adopted daughter, Shirley Sloan Heilig of Salisbury; six grandchildren, Bobby D. "B.J." (Telia) Holmes, Jr., Lakedra Lowery (C.J.) Ramseur, William T. Lowery, Jr., Tylisha Lowery, Tyquan Lowery, and Tykia Lowery, all of Statesville; eight great grandchildren, DeAndre Lowery-Rice, Zemiah Lowery Smith, Demari Ramseur, King-Asher L. Holmes, Makennley Mayberry, Tariq Lowery, Taija Lowery and Tazia Lowery, all of Statesville; two brothers, Napoleon Theadore (Phyllis) Lowery, Jr. of Mooresville and Allan (Grace) Lowery of Kannapolist; three sisters, Dorothy Lowery Reid of Washington, DC, her twin sister, Meryline Lowery (Clyde) Wilson of Greensboro and Sylvia D. Lowery of Statesville, NC; three sisters-in-law, Barbara Gray, Rethlene Gay and Cynthia Gray, all of Statesville; a special niece, Shonda Lowery; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, church fmily, other relatives and friends.

*When I come to the end of the road
and the sun has set me free,
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
why cry for a soul set free
miss me a little, but not too long and
not with your head bowed low.
Always remember the love that we shared;
Miss me, but let me go!*



A Service of Love and Rememberance for

Mrs. Beryline Berita Lowery Gray

Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.
Rutledge and Bigham Funeral Home
Statesville, North Carolina
Apostle Carl Daniel Lykes, Officiating
Reverend James Williams, Eulogist

The Order of Service

- The Processional
- The Prayer of Consolation Overseer Reggie L. Brown, Sr.
- The Ten Commandments
- The Lowery Family Hymn: "*When We All Get To Heaven*"
- The Reading of the Obituary
- The Selection: "*O How Precious*"
- The Scripture Reading
 - Old Testament Elder Chris Daniels
 - New Testament Reverend Ivan Cowan
- The Selection: "*Come Unto Me*"
- The Acknowledgments
- The Commemorative Presentation The Funeral Director
- The Selection: "*Every Praise Is To Our God*"
- The Tribute to Ganna Bobby D. Holmes, Jr., Grandson
- The Closing of the Casket: "*Total Praise*"
- The Eulogy Reverend James Williams, Pastor
Bethel Congregational Church, Statesville, North Carolina
- The Selection
- The Recessional Selection: "*Jesus Will*"

At The Belmont Cemetery

- The Gathering of the Christian Community
- The Ritual of Consignment
- The Prayer of Benediction
- The Final Departure

In the prcession to the cemetery, please remember to turn on your headlights, take caution at all intersections and fasten your seatbelts for safety.