



Mrs. Betty Gray

July 30, 1928 - January 2, 2015

A memorial service for Betty Beverly Brust Gray, 86, of Henderson, will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home, Henderson, TX, officiated by Rev. Michael Blake. Visitation will follow the service at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Gray passed away on Friday, January 2, 2015 at the Hawthorne Greenhouse at Buckner Westminster Place in Longview.

Betty was born on July 30, 1928, in Rogers, Arkansas, to Charles August and Bess Brust. Raised in Henderson, Texas, she graduated from Henderson High School in 1945 and attended Texas State College for Women (TWU) earning a B.S. degree in occupational therapy in 1948. While in college Betty became a Christian, and upon graduation from TSCW attended a post-graduate program at Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, Oregon, graduating in 1949. Upon returning to Texas, she met Delbert Gray at Central Presbyterian Church, and they were married there on February 2, 1951. After caring for her children at home for several years, she worked for the Texas Department of Public Welfare in Children's and Adult Protective Services and as a Juvenile Probation officer for Rusk County. She then returned to school at Stephen F. Austin SU and became a Licensed Master Social Worker-Advanced Clinical Practitioner, working as Director of the Rusk County Indigent Health Care program, and as the Social Worker for Henderson Memorial Hospital and for East Texas Treatment Center, and Laird Hospital in Kilgore.

Mrs. Gray was a member of Westminster Bible Church of Henderson, where she taught Sunday School for many years. When her children were in school, she was active in the PTA, serving as President at various campuses. She was also active in the Rusk County Gideons auxiliary and enjoyed distributing Bibles in hospitals and prisons. Upon retirement she served as a volunteer mentor for HISD. Betty was a life-long learner who loved to read, travel and learn new things. She enjoyed hosting Sunday dinners for family and guests. She had an unwavering faith in God and was a true servant of Jesus Christ, ministering to people of all ages and all walks of life. She was a loving example to her family, church, and friends, her life on earth fulfilling its purpose "to glorify God and enjoy Him forever."

Betty is survived by her husband of 64 years, Delbert Gray, of Henderson, and by her children Marsha Gray Johnson and husband Bob of Bend, Oregon; Wendy Gray of Longview, David Gray and wife Linda of Henderson, and Dinah Gray of Longview. She is also survived by a nephew Terry Brust and wife Karen of Vacaville, CA. Her grandchildren are Lt. Col. Dave Johnson and wife Carrie of Klamath Falls, OR., and Rev. Brian Johnson and wife Kelly of Applegate, OR; also, Aaron Howard and wife Danielle of Tyler, Brent Howard and wife Lyndsey of Tacoma, WA; Cristin Howard Wells and husband Kirby of Henderson, and Anthony Howard of Henderson. Her great-grandchildren are Scarlett, Jude, Georgiana, and Charlie Johnson; Katy, Allison, Emma, and Clara Johnson; Camden and Cadence Howard; Sutton Carey and Olive Wells. Mrs. Gray is also survived by her sisters-in-law Jane Bloomquist and Jean Nelson of Arlington, a brother-in-law Jack Gray of Henderson, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Mrs. Gray will be interred at Lakewood Memorial Park, Henderson, in a family graveside service.

The family is grateful for the loving care provided in the home by Mary Louise

Oliver, and by the staffs of Emeritus Henderson, and Buckner Westminster Place and Heart's Way Hospice in Longview.

Memorial gifts may be made to Westminster Bible Church, P.O. Box 1143, Henderson, TX. 75653, or The Gideons International, c/o Dr. Jeff Cahill, P. O. Box 1741, Henderson, TX 75653.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.” Proverbs 3:5

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Service

JAN 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Visitation

JAN 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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1414 South Main Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 09, 2015 at 10:59 AM

MM

“ *Betty was so beautiful. She used to lecture me and I listened. Will never forget her. So sorry for your loss, Melinda*

melinda martin - February 05, 2024 at 05:40 PM

BA

“ *Mrs Gray passed away over a year ago... The memory of her hospitality and love and your open home that I experienced when I was just a boy shaped my understanding of God's love. We were a traveling missionary family. Tired from driving cross country from Mexico or back, hot, and no where else to stay, her joyous hospitality welcomed us. Her life and home continue to be a powerful testimony of what the family of God is all about. I have never forgotten any of you though our paths have not crossed in 40 years. Love to you all.*

Bruce Aulie

Bruce Aulie - August 12, 2016 at 01:03 PM



I just saw this for the 1st time Bruce! Your words are so touching & kind. Thank you for them! Mom did love all of you Aulies so much. And she so appreciated the work that your family did in Mexico. Opening her home to y'all was such a treat & a blessing to her & to all of us. I could say the same....that your mom & dad's love & service to God also helped shape my understanding of God's love!! And that continues thru the lives of their children & grandchildren! We love you guys!! ❤️

Dinah Gray - September 16, 2018 at 03:44 PM

MR

“ *Mr Gray, Marsha, Wendy, Dinah, & David;
I was so sorry to hear of Mrs Gray's passing. I hope there is comfort in knowing she is in a much better place,
Mark Roskos*

Mark Roskos - January 15, 2015 at 10:49 AM

TC

“ *Mrs. Betty was so sweet. I loved her at church many years ago. She was my 7th grade Camp Fire leader. We did wonderful things. God bless you all.*

Tanya Tolbert St. Clair

Tanya Tolbert St. Clair - January 13, 2015 at 03:51 PM

TC

“ *Tanya Tolbert St. Clair lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray*



Tanya Tolbert St. Clair - January 13, 2015 at 03:49 PM

RV

“ *Roberta Vallantyne lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray*



Roberta Vallantyne - January 12, 2015 at 11:47 AM

RH

“ *Ray Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray*



Ray Hunt - January 11, 2015 at 01:31 PM

CR

“ *Charla Rolph-Strickland lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray*



Charla Rolph-Strickland - January 10, 2015 at 09:20 AM

CR

“ *Danny and I don't walk through the door of Buckner without thinking of Mrs. Gray and her loving family. Your love for her was evident in the care you provided. Wendy your grace with the entire Harbor family is what we will remember most. Danny, Charla, and Tommie "Tee" Strickland*

Charla Rolph-Strickland - January 10, 2015 at 09:12 AM

JS

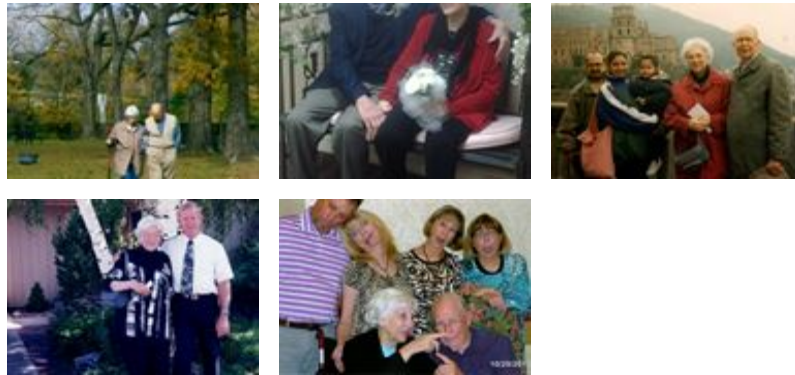
“ I was very sad to hear of Betty' s passing. Though I did not know her well she was always very kind & offered a word of encouragement. A wonderful lady.
I will always remember Delbert & Betty on several occasions, waiting for David & I as we completed a tournament round & offering either congratulations or encouragement for improvement in the next round. It was obvious she was very proud of David & he of both his parents. My time in Henderson was highlighted by making friends with David, Delbert & Betty. Although I was probably a bad influence on David, he was a good influence on me.
My sincerest condolences go out to Delbert, David & the entire family.

Jeff Senf

Jeff Senf - January 10, 2015 at 12:06 AM



“ 110 files added to the album LifeTributes



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 09, 2015 at 10:34 AM

CB

“ *Cyndy Cates Broadus lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray*



Cyndy Cates Broadus - January 09, 2015 at 02:06 AM

DC

“ *Debbi Corley lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray*



Debbi Corley - January 08, 2015 at 11:02 PM

CL

“ *Dear Gray Family,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I have so many wonderful memories at the old house. I can just see heaven now with Dorothy Jo, Billie Jo, Betty, Mary and so many more just laughing and acting their fun selves together. Betty was an amazing person and you will always have the greatest memories of your wonderful mother and wife. She will be missed and never forgotten. I am sending giant hugs your way with thoughts and prayers.*

Cecile Taliaferro Loudat - January 08, 2015 at 06:11 PM

GN

“ *May the peace that comes from the memories of love shared comfort you all now and in the days ahead. So sorry for the loss of Betty....Paul and Glenda Nelson*



Glenda Nelson - January 08, 2015 at 05:58 PM

TF

“ *So sorry for your loss. Thinking of the family now. Wonderful lady.*

Tommy Fryman - January 08, 2015 at 05:53 AM

TF

“ *Tommy Fryman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray*



Tommy Fryman - January 08, 2015 at 05:51 AM

KH

“ *Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray*



Kurt Hunt - January 07, 2015 at 08:59 PM

RS

“ *Ricki Skelton lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray*



Ricki Skelton - January 07, 2015 at 11:49 AM

BG

“ *Prayers for peace and comfort for the family, Mrs. Gray will be missed.*
John & Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - January 07, 2015 at 11:09 AM

WS

“ *Wayne & Luisa Seelbach lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray*



Wayne & Luisa Seelbach - January 07, 2015 at 07:30 AM

CS

“ *Christy Stanart lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray*



Christy Stanart - January 06, 2015 at 10:39 AM

DH

“ *Debbie Wallace Holts lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray*



Debbie Wallace Holts - January 06, 2015 at 08:23 AM

BG

“ *Prayers for Peace and Comfort to the family Bonnie & John Geddie*



Bonnie Geddie - January 05, 2015 at 01:18 PM

KT

“ *A very sweet lady I worked with Ms. Betty years ago at the Department of Public Welfare. She was very kind to me and everyone. My prayers are with her family. Kay Trammell*

Kay Trammell - January 05, 2015 at 12:35 PM

MA

“ My Heart was saddened to hear of Betty's death. We were friends all through school and t hrough the years following just meeting and keeping in touch. She was very kind and sweet and we were close friends. I remember going to the log house so manh and hiding and pplaying the organ. She fullfilled her life with love and helping serve the God above. Delbert and children you had a blessed mother and I am so glad I knew her. Mary Nelle Ashmore, 35058 Oak Forest Dr., Whitneh, Texas 76692



Mary Nelle Ashmore - January 05, 2015 at 12:17 PM

MA

“ Mary Nelle Ashmore lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray



Mary Nelle Ashmore - January 05, 2015 at 12:06 PM

DF

“ Diane Flanagan lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray



Diane Flanagan - January 04, 2015 at 11:21 PM

SR

“ Suzanne Reed lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray



Suzanne Reed - January 04, 2015 at 09:31 PM

RC

“ Randy Cates lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray



Randy Cates - January 04, 2015 at 08:05 PM

WG

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Wendy Gray - January 04, 2015 at 11:02 AM

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Wendy Gray - January 04, 2015 at 11:01 AM

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Wendy Gray - January 04, 2015 at 10:56 AM

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Wendy Gray - January 04, 2015 at 10:53 AM

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Wendy Gray - January 04, 2015 at 10:48 AM

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Wendy Gray - January 04, 2015 at 10:47 AM

BH

“ *Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray*



Brent Hale - January 04, 2015 at 06:57 AM

CA

“ *Betty was such a sweet lady and such a Christian witness at all times. She was so kind to my family and we loved her and Delbert both. Praying for her family!*

Cindy Wooster Anderson

Cindy Anderson - January 03, 2015 at 08:40 PM

PL

“ *I have fond memories of Betty and Delbert, growing up in Central Presbyterian Church. Betty was my lovely Sunday School teacher and Delbert, my brother's.*

Thank you for the beautiful pictures posted here.

In sympathy, Patricia Park Laney

Patricia Laney - January 03, 2015 at 07:07 PM

CB

“ Carolyn And Bill Boren lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Betty Gray



Carolyn and Bill Boren - January 03, 2015 at 03:40 PM

EW

“ I knew Betty when we were both at TSCW in Denton as "a sweet, kind girl". Later we accidentally met at Laird Hospital in Kilgore where we learned of our mutual spiritual interests and became real "sisters-in-Christ" and enjoyed fellowship when we would get together just for that purpose We seldom saw each other the past few years due to her health problems and other "age-related issues". I am so happy her family has such a great heritage.
Earline Watson

Earline Phipps Watson - January 03, 2015 at 12:12 PM

BE

“ Betty was a very kind and sweet lady. May God comfort her family.

Betty - January 03, 2015 at 11:51 AM

NG

“ My deepest sympathy. Betty has always been dear to my heart. She was an inspiration to me all through the years as we worked together .

nancy gibson - January 03, 2015 at 10:43 AM

JL

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Betty. She, Delbert and the family were a huge part of Crystal's growing up years. My heart and prayers go out to you all.
John Paul

John Paul Little - January 03, 2015 at 08:08 AM

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Wendy Gray - January 02, 2015 at 08:57 PM

WG

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Wendy Gray - January 02, 2015 at 08:55 PM

EW

I remember her when she looked like this---so pretty. Fortunately, she remained pretty her whole life, inside and out.
Earline Watson

Earline Phipps Watson - January 03, 2015 at 12:17 PM

KJ

Wendy, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I didn't know your mother but can so see you and your personality in these pictures and tributes. Blessings, my friend. Karen Ryden James

Karen James - January 13, 2015 at 01:41 PM

WG

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Wendy Gray - January 02, 2015 at 08:52 PM

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Wendy Gray - January 02, 2015 at 08:51 PM