



Beverly June Gray

June 21, 1933 - October 9, 2020

TOLEDO - Beverly June Gray, age 87, journeyed to God's Kingdom to join her beloved husband Richard Gray on October 9th, 2020. She was born June 21st, 1933 in Toledo, Ohio to Arthur and Lydia (Bach) Ford. She is predeceased by her sister Elvina (Ford) Francis and her brother Arthur Allen Ford. She married her childhood sweetheart friend and love, Richard Leroy (Harroun) Gray, on August 24th 1952 who preceded her in death in 1999.

Raised in Sylvania, she graduated from Burnham High School in 1951 and moved to Blissfield, Michigan to raise her children with her husband in 1958. She also attended Sienna Heights College after the children were raised.

While raising her children, she was very active in 4-H as a 4-H leader and as a 4-H dorm mother at the Lenawee County Fair. During the fair week she spent the days assisting in the kitchen preparing meals for the youth staying at the dorm. Beverly and her husband Richard taught classes for 4-H and strongly believed in the foundation that 4-H gave to youth.

When all her children were old enough, she decided to go to work as a car saleswoman. She was a pioneer in this industry as one of the first women to become a car salesperson and subsequently, a General Sales Manager for Gary Pastor Chevrolet. Beverly became very successful and was respected in this industry. She loved serving people and this profession. She last worked

for Knapp Motors in Blissfield, MI before retiring.

Beverly belonged to the Order of the Eastern Star - Fairfield Chapter. She was an active member serving as Worthy Matron 1982 -1985. In 1980 -1981 Beverly served as Special Committee Sunshine for the Grand Chapter. She worked side by side with her husband Richard, a Mason, Royal Arch and Shriner. They worked to help children of need to be accepted to the Shriners Hospital for Children. Beverly always assisted in setting up the dinner and manning the phones for delivering the annual Masonic Christmas Dinner held at the Blissfield American Legion free of charge to anyone wanting to come for fellowship or to have the meal delivered to their home. Her husband Richard and fellow Masonic brothers set up this annual Masonic Christmas Dinner, which is still held each year.

Beverly volunteered at hospice in Adrian to provide comfort massage as well as painting bird houses for the patients viewing in the gardens. She was always ready to help in any way needed.

She was President of the Singles Professionals Club in Toledo, OH in 2008 - 2009. She was an avid bridge player, belonging to two Bridge groups. Beverly enjoyed Pinochle with friends as well. She was an artist, who loved painting in oils of landscapes and still life. Beverly loved playing the piano and singing with her children and grandchildren/great grandchildren. She belonged to a ladies golf club and held an annual golf fund raising tournament for the Shrine Hospital. Beverly also headed up an "Adopt A Soldier" program and organized the grade school children to write letters for each care package sent to the soldiers. She has touched so many lives that she will never meet in this earthly life.

Beverly loved to love people, always serving God. If you needed help, she would be there, no questions asked. Never judging and always loving, her

love and devotion of God shown through her and her smile. Beverly served this earthly Kingdom with devout ministries through her membership with St. Paul's Lutheran Church, as Lay Assisting Minister, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Council Member, Sunday School Teacher, Church Facility Committee, and Meals on Wheels. Always ready to volunteer for what the church may need; she was a member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church for over sixty years.

Beverly was a dedicated mother first and foremost. She treasured her children and grandchildren/great grandchildren and embraced every moment with them. She loved the role as Nana. She had a vivacious personality and always made people around her laugh. She made friends everywhere she went.

She is a loving and devoted mother of Debra Ann Lastra (Andrew), Richard Allen Gray (Martha) and Denise Rock (preceded in death by Earl). Nana to Tiffney Miner (Jeff), Lucas Gray (Brittney), Abby Porter (David), Matt Lastra, Amber Norden (Colt), Stacie Burgette (Phil), Cody Rock; Great Nana to Wesley Miner, Hailey Miner, Merideth Miner, Ethan Service, Gideon Norden, Logan Burgette, Olivia Burgette and "Tai Tai" to Elin Tan.

Her husband Richard and fellow Masonic brothers set up a special Blissfield Masonic Scholarship Fund for youth to assist with college tuition. Beverly is requesting donations be sent to the Blissfield Masonic Scholarship Fund in her name, in place of flowers.

On Thursday, October 15th Visitation at Wagley Funeral Home - Tagsold Chapel in Blissfield will be held from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m., with the Eastern Star Service beginning at 7:00 p.m. The following Friday morning October 16th, visitation will be 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Blissfield with a service at 11:00 a.m. Interment at Wolfinger Family Cemetery will follow

immediately after. Following the Governor's executive order, all attendees are required to wear a proper face covering, with the exception of those under the age of five years old or those who cannot medically tolerate. Online memories and condolences may be shared at www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com.

Her life was a living example of the Bible verse, Ephesians 4:32 - "And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ."

Cemetery Details

Wolfinger Family Cemetery

10001 Central Ave.
Berkey, OH 43504

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home Tagsold Chapel (Blissfield)
301 S. Lane St.
Blissfield, MI 49228
(517) 486-2133
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

Masonic Service

OCT **15**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Visitation

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
306 E. Jefferson Street
Blissfield, MI 49228

Funeral Service

OCT **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Beverly June Gray

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ Debra..& Family with our deepest sympathy to you all..Our thoughts, and prayers are with you all! Love, Paula Lastra-Brightman & Family❤️🙏

Paula Lastra-Brightman - October 15, 2020 at 09:40 PM



“ Such a kind and intelligent woman! We knew. Ev through many years at St. Paul's and in the Blissfield community. Blessings to Bev's family.

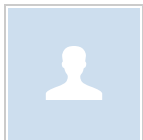
David & Julie Goll

Julie Goll - October 14, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ Debbie and family, So sorry for the loss of your Mother! Thinking of you!! Jane Pooley-Henderson

Jane Henderson - October 11, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Beverly June Gray.



October 11, 2020 at 07:58 PM

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“ *Denise and Tiffany myself and Joe are sooo sorry for your loss!
Sending our condolences and hugs.*

Cathy and Joe Vettese - October 11, 2020 at 07:48 PM

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“ *Love, Cathie & Brian Lewis purchased the Divine
Peace Bouquet for the family of Beverly June
Gray.*



Love, Cathie & Brian Lewis - October 11, 2020 at 07:21 PM