



Mrs. Jean Elizabeth Gray

April 27, 1941 - March 15, 2026

Mother Jean Ervin Gray, first born child of the late Deacon Clifton T. Ervin and Mother Dorothy E. Ervin, was born on April 27, 1941 in Madison County MS. She departed her earthly life on March 15, 2026.

Her religious experience carried her from Shady Grove M. B. Church to presently St. Peter M.B. Church, where she was in the choir and served on the Mother Board.

Jean Gray attended Lanier High School and graduated from Samuel Brinkley Junior-Senior High School in 1960. She also attended Utica Junior College.

Jean Gray worked for Harmon Drug Store for many years. She was one of the first African American cashiers. She worked for McCarty Holman /Jitney Jungle stores, retiring after 28 years.

Jean later ventured out and began working for Dean Memorial Funeral Home. Jean and Willie decided to venture out into the funeral home business in Yazoo City and Jackson, MS.

Jean was united in holy matrimony to Willie Till Gray on November 30, 1961. To this union two children were born, Debra Denise and Waveland Demond.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents Clifton and Dorothy Ervin, son Waveland Gray, three siblings, Veola Washington (Rev. James Washington Sr.), Clifton Ervin Jr., Curtis Ervin, son-in-law Bobby Smith, one granddaughter Jasmine Gray, and one great-grandson Samuel C. Newell Jr.

She leaves to cherish her memories a devoted daughter, Debra (Sammy) Amos, four siblings, Johnny Ervin, Jerome Ervin, Samuel (Gloria) Ervin, and Dorothy Smith, four sisters-in-law, Michelle Ervin, Patricia Ervin, Pearl Davis, and Florida Jones, one brother-in-law Apostle Clearance Gray, seven grandchildren, Nathan Robinson, Corey Gray, Justin (Tiffany) Robinson, Brittany Robinson, Samuel C. Newell Sr. and Taijah Amos, and Cedric Woodberry, and seventeen great grandchildren.

Cemetery Details

MS Veterans Memorial Cemetery

258 Honors Circle
Newton, MS 39345

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Lakeover Funeral Home
1525 Beasley Road
Jackson, MS

Homegoing Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Peter MB Church
1580 W Ridgeway Street
Jackson, MS 39213

Tribute Wall



“ Dean Memorial Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Jean Elizabeth Gray



Dean Memorial Funeral Home - March 26 at 11:56 PM

TS

“ My sincere condolences to the family and friends. May the joy she has brought to your lives and the memories made with her during her lifetime bring you comfort and peace during this difficult time.
Thelma J. Shepherd

Thelma SHepherd - March 27 at 10:55 PM

RD

“ Rev. Scott and Janice Davis purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Jean Elizabeth Gray.



Rev. Scott and Janice Davis - March 27 at 02:59 PM

TS

“ The Sisterhood planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Jean Elizabeth Gray.

The Sisterhood - March 27 at 08:26 AM

TS

“ *The Sisterhood purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Jean Elizabeth Gray.*



The Sisterhood - March 27 at 08:26 AM

MJ

“ *To the family. Our deepest condolences, on the passing of Jean, who was my dear friend..*
Mary Jones and family.

Mary Jones - March 26 at 06:29 PM

SC

“ *Shaheed, Erin, Cassidi, Marlee, Cannon purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Jean Elizabeth Gray.*



Shaheed, Erin, Cassidi, Marlee, Cannon - March 26 at 01:04 PM

TF

“ *The Burch Family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Jean Elizabeth Gray.*



The Burch Family - March 23 at 11:27 PM

TF

“ The Burch Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Jean Elizabeth Gray.

The Burch Family - March 23 at 11:27 PM

EA

“ Eddie Ainsworth lit a candle in memory of Jean Gray



Eddie Ainsworth - March 23 at 08:47 PM

LM

There are some people you meet in life who are just unforgettable. Ms. Jean was one of those people. She carried herself with dignity and grace and she always expressed her love for her family and friends. I am honored and blessed to have had her friendship in my life.

Linda Marshall - March 26 at 11:26 AM

DS

“ You the oldest of Clifton & Dorothy Kimbrough Ervin children 17yrsold when I was born spent a lot of time at your home for family events so many memories 2 many 2 list , Jean you are deeply loved will be greatly missed your youngest sisternDot

Dorothy Ervin Smith - March 22 at 07:26 PM

DS

“ My prayers are with you. Mrs. Gray was a very kind and sweet lady.

Dana Davis Singleton

Dana Davis Singleton - March 21 at 10:37 PM

DF

“ Dan Hart Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Mrs. Jean Elizabeth Gray.



Dan Hart Family - March 21 at 07:02 PM

DF

“ Dan Hart Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mrs. Jean Elizabeth Gray.

Dan Hart Family - March 21 at 07:02 PM

CB

“ The Murrah Class of 1976 send condolences to Dorothy E Smith and her entire family. Sending prayers and hugs.

Carolyn Bell Brown - March 21 at 06:29 PM