



## Mrs. Janice Johnson Garey Gray

February 5, 1938 - November 15, 2018

Janice Johnson Garey Gray was called home to be with the Lord on November 15, 2018. She died peacefully in her sleep in Asheville, North Carolina. Born in Shellman, Georgia on February 5, 1938, Janice grew up in Lee County, Georgia. She is survived by her husband, Walter Leon Gray; daughters Donna Cook (Robert) of Muscatine, Iowa and Robin Eason (Drew, deceased) of Thomasville, Georgia; step-children Derek Gray of Columbus, Georgia and Deborah Fuller (Lynn) of Athens, Georgia; grandchildren Kelly Meyn (Dustin), Courtney Schroeder (Elias), Madeline Eason, Caleb Eason, John Arthur Fuller, and Christopher Fuller; great-granddaughters Kaitlyn Meyn and Chloe Schroeder; brothers Horace Johnson (Nina) and Derryl Johnson (Paula); and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her late husband, Robert "Bob" Garey.

Janice was a graduate of Lee County High School and studied business and interior design at Darton College. She served as secretary to the Headmaster of Deerfield School for many years and retired from the Marine Base where she worked in civil service. Janice attended Byne Memorial Baptist Church for many years where she taught children's Sunday School. More recently, she was a member of Lakeside Baptist Church, where she enjoyed sharing her vocal talents. She and her brother Derryl were frequently heard at events in the area sharing their faith through the gift of song. Janice was beloved by many and was known for her quick laugh, her infectious smile, her kindness, and her faith in the Lord.

The visitation will begin at 10:30 am on November 20th in the sanctuary of Lakeside Baptist Church. A service celebrating the life of Janice will be held at 12:00 noon following the visitation. Interment will follow at Crown Hill Cemetery. Rev. Ken Chancellor will officiate. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bus Fund of Lakeside Baptist Church. Checks with "Bus Fund in Memory of Janice Gray" on the memo line may be mailed to Lakeside at 2806 North Jefferson Street, Albany, Georgia 31701.

To share your thoughts with the Gray family, you may visit our website at [www.kimbrellstern.com](http://www.kimbrellstern.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Crown Hill Cemetery

1907 Dawson Rd  
Albany, GA 31707  
(229) 883-6600

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **20**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Lakeside Baptist Church  
2806 North Jefferson St  
Albany, GA 31701

## Funeral Service

NOV **20**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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2806 North Jefferson St  
Albany, GA 31701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Janice Johnson Garey Gray*

May 22, 2023 at 10:29 AM



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May 22, 2023 at 01:29 AM



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“ *Mrs. Janice Johnson Garey Gray*

December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *I miss you my Sister. I never knew just how much I loved you until you were gone. Your loving brother Derryl. I know we'll meet again, its just that my heart hurts often.*

**derryl johnson** - January 15, 2019 at 04:52 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers for you Donna and family. Let me know when you are home, love Cathy*

**Cathy curry** - November 21, 2018 at 02:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Janice Johnson Garey Gray.*



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November 19, 2018 at 10:56 PM



“ *My thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family Leon. I am sorry for your loss. Janice was a Lovely Lady.*

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**Ken Hancock** - November 19, 2018 at 09:01 PM



*May God hold you up and be by your side today and in the road ahead.  
We love you Leon.  
Kem and Ron Sturgill*

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**kem sturgill** - November 20, 2018 at 08:01 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mrs. Janice Johnson Garey Gray.*



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November 19, 2018 at 05:18 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Janice Johnson Garey Gray.*



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November 19, 2018 at 09:13 AM

MH

“ *Our prayer is with you Leon. We are sadding, she was such a beautiful person.*  
*Milton & Emmie Herring*

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**Milton & Emmie Herring** - November 18, 2018 at 10:36 PM

LB

“ *Donna & Robin, What a beautiful mom you have always had. I am so sorry to hear of her homecoming. There are few things harder than losing your mom. I am thankful for the memories you have of her and the qualities you can see she passed on to you and your children. She will never lose "her" for she will always be very real to you in those memories and faces of you and your children. My prayers are with you.*  
*Laurette Jackson Baughman*

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**Laurette Jackson Baughman** - November 18, 2018 at 08:40 PM

MD

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Ted Burns (Kay Davy) purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Mrs. Janice Johnson Garey Gray.*



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**Mr. and Mrs. Ted Burns (Kay Davy)** - November 18, 2018 at 07:33 PM

CR

“ *Robin, I am so sorry to hear of your Moms passing. I understand the pain you are going through. Please know you are in my heart, prayers & thoughts. Praying for peace & comfort.*

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**Connie Richter** - November 18, 2018 at 06:40 PM

CR

“ Leon, I am so sorry to hear about Janice. My prayers are with you. May you be granted peace & comfort during this troublesome time.

Connie Richter - November 18, 2018 at 06:37 PM

EG

“ When my dad was sick with cancer Janice and Derryl would come by the house to visit and sing to him lifting his and our spirits. Janice was a beautiful person inside and out with lots of laughs. We will miss her.

Ernie and Kimberly Griffin

Ernie Griffin - November 18, 2018 at 06:19 PM



“ Our deepest condolences.  
Ken, Challis and Carlin

Ken Garey - November 18, 2018 at 04:13 PM

VB

“ I will never forget Janice and her beautiful smile. She was beautiful inside and out. I will be praying for the family and hoping for peace and comfort that only comes from the Lord. Love to all the family.

Vickie Barker - November 18, 2018 at 09:53 AM

KW

Vickie do you remember the day Janice found out she was being moved back to our section; she was so happy that she started dancing a jig. While dancing her foot slipped and she fell. She just sat on the floor and laughed. Thank goodness she wasn't hurt. 😊 Proud to call her my friend.

Karen Watson - November 18, 2018 at 12:44 PM

PR

“ *I am deeply saddened by the loss of my friend Janice. Heaven has gained another angel. Janice was a beautiful person and now a beautiful angel. My love and prayers go out to her loving family and friends.*

*Phil Roberts*

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**Phil Roberts** - November 18, 2018 at 08:58 AM

## “ A LETTER FROM HEAVEN

*My Dearest Family,  
Some things I'd like to say  
but first of all to let you know  
that I arrived okay.*

*I'm writing this from Heaven  
where I dwell with God above  
where there's no more tears or  
sadness, there is just eternal love.*

*Please do not be unhappy  
just because I'm out of sight,  
remember I'm with you  
every morning, noon and night.*

*That day I had to leave you  
when my life on Earth was through,  
God picked me up and hugged me  
and He said "I welcome you."*

*It's good to have you back again,  
you were missed while you were gone,  
as for your dearest family  
they'll be here later on.*

*Then God gave me a list of things  
He wished for me to do,  
and foremost on that list of mine  
is to watch and care for you.*

*And I will be beside you  
every day and week and year,  
and when you're sad,  
I'm standing there*

*to wipe away the tear.*

*And when you lie in bed at night,  
the day's chores put to flight,  
God and I are closest to you  
in the middle of the night.*

*When you think of my life on Earth  
and all those loving years,  
because you're only human  
they are bound to bring you tears.*

*But do not be afraid to cry,  
it does relieve the pain,  
but remember there would be no flowers,  
unless there was some rain.*

*I wish that I could tell you  
of all that God has planned,  
but if I were to tell you,  
you wouldn't understand.*

*But one thing is for certain,  
though my life on Earth is o'er.  
I am closer to you now  
than I ever was before.*

*And to my very many friends,  
trust God knows what is best.  
I'm still not far away from you,  
I'm just beyond the crest.*

*When you are walking  
down the street  
and you've got me on your mind,  
I'm walking in your footsteps  
only half a step behind.*

*And when you feel the gentle breeze  
or the wind upon your face,  
that's me giving you a great big hug  
or just a soft embrace.*

*And when it's time for you to go  
from that body to be free,  
remember you're not going,  
you're coming here to me.*

*And I will always love you  
from that land way up above,  
I will be in touch again soon.  
P.S. God sends His Love.*

*To Janice's family and friends from the Garey Family.*

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**Bruce Garey** - November 18, 2018 at 08:17 AM



“ *My favorite memories of her are when she and Daryl sang at the Johnson family reunions. I remember that as far back as I can remember. She was always so beautiful to me and so very sweet. I have looked up to her since I was a little girl. My heart is breaking. Love to all of the family.*

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**Kathi Glass Hagan** - November 18, 2018 at 07:34 AM

“ *My Aunt Janice will be missed so much! She was a beautiful lady who's laugh I always loved to hear-so infectious! Praying for God's comfort and strength for Leon, Donna, Robin, grandchildren, my Daddy (Horace Johnson) , Uncle Deryl and the rest of the family. Love to all, Kimberly (Johnson) Tippet*

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**Kimberly Tippet** - November 17, 2018 at 09:48 PM

GJ

“ *Janice's encouragement and inspiration motivated those around her. How fortunate are those who had opportunity to know her up close, and to faith-walk along side her. She walked in step with the Savior, Jesus, whose Holy Spirit lived in her. She loved her family all her days; and, they love her dearly still. She contributed a special sparkle to our Johnson Family Reunion held every year. We weep for her loss on this side of Jesus' Eternal Kingdom, yet, we are confident the angels of Heaven rejoice and sing praise to the Father as they are welcoming this redeemed Saint home. The greatest complement that can be given to a follower of Christ is that " the believer pointed to people to Jesus". Those who knew Janice can make that statement with clarity..... Sincerely Glen Johnson and all her loved ones in the Johnson Family Reunion.*

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**Glen Johnson** - November 17, 2018 at 08:52 PM

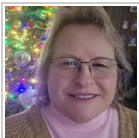
 Gail Peterman

“ *Gail Peterman lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Janice Johnson Garey Gray*



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**Gail Peterman** - November 17, 2018 at 08:41 PM



“ *We have so many to share that it is hard to pick one. Hearing our parents laugh, along with Doc and Angie, while playing cards or Aggravation is priceless and a memory to cherish. Prayers and love to all of you!  
Carol, Mervin and Jill*

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**Jill Brown** - November 17, 2018 at 03:30 PM

JG

“ We are deeply saddened by this. May God wrap his loving arms around this family as they look to him for comfort.

*Much love,  
Fain and Julie Griffin*

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**julie griffin** - November 17, 2018 at 02:50 PM