



Lynda Gray Obituary

December 14, 1941 - October 1, 2010

Lynda Martin Gray was born in Albany, GA. She graduated from Albany High School in the class of 1960. She went to the University of Georgia and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in business education. While at UGA, she was a member of Delta Sorority and served as president of the sorority and the Panhellenic Council. She received her Master degree from Georgia Southwestern College in 1980. She taught school at Dougherty High School from 1965-1967, and at Deerfield-Windsor School from 1974-2010. She retired from Deerfield-Windsor after 36 years in May 2010 as Director of Technology. She was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church of Albany, and served on the Church Finance Committee, the Personal Committee, and the Sunday School Committee. Mrs. Gray was diagnosed with ovarian cancer May 6, 2005. During her battle with this disease she touched so many lives with her courage, strength and strong faith in God. She accomplished many goals during her fight, a few listed below:

- ◆ She adopted a "Pocket Angel" which was a silver coin with an angel on the front. She handed these out to everyone she encountered believing it would bring peace and comfort.
- ◆ She started a support group at Phoebe Putney Hospital for ovarian cancer patients and families.
- ◆ She created an Ovarian Cancer Awareness pamphlet to be placed in doctor offices and hospital all over South Georgia.
- ◆ She was selected as the "Tree Lighter" for the Lights of Love in 2009.
- ◆ She was asked to be the key note speaker this year for the 2010 Relay for Life.
- ◆ In May 2010 the computer lab at Deerfield-Windsor was dedicated to her and a plaque

placed there in her honor. ♦ She also had a poem, which was her battle cry, that she laminated and would giveaway: Cancer is so limited....It cannot cripple love,It cannot shatter hope,It cannot corrode faith,It cannot eat away peace,It cannot destroy confidence,It cannot kill friendship,It cannot shut out memories,It cannot invade the soul,It cannot reduce eternal life,It cannot quench the Spirit,It- r,nnrit laccon tho nnof the resurrection. Mrs. Gray was preceded in death by her first husband, David Lee Martin. She is survived by her husband Walter Leon Gray, Albany; a son: Keith Martin and his wife Susan, Albany; her parents: T.B. and Ruby Helen Hambrick, Albany; 4 grandchildren: David Thomas Martin, Spencer Banks Martin, Katherine Lee Martin and William Reid Martin, all of Albany; 2 sisters: Tappie Sauls and her husband Earl, Albany, Kem Sturgill and her husband Ron, Pineville, KY; a brother: Mark B. Hambrick, Temple, GA; mothers ♦in-law: Emilyn Martin, Albany and Lois Gray, Tifton; sister-in-law: Brenda Wasden and her husband Buster, Albany, Linda Adams, Tifton, Janice Davis and her husband Harold, Concord, NC; daughter-in-law: Deborah Fuller and her husband Linnie, Athens, GA; son-in-law: Derek Gray and his wife Jennifer, Albany. Also many nieces and nephews that she loved dearly.

Tribute Wall



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“ *It was a pleasure knowing Lynda. She will be greatly missed and often thought about and words can't express just how much. You and your family will be in our prayers always. Sincerely, Debbie Lentz*

Debbie Lentz - October 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Keith and Susan, You are all in our thoughts and prayers and she will be greatly missed by all that she touched with her beautiful smile.*

Tina Harrison - October 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *What a wonderful, brave person Lynda was! We will all miss this great asset to the community of Albany, GA. Rest in Peace, friend.*

Carolyn K. Hatcher - October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ Leon, so sorry for your loss. What a beautiful lady Lynda was. May God give you and the family the love you will need in the days ahead. Praying for you.

Carolyn Cox - October 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I'm thankful to have had the opportunity to know Lynda. She was truly an inspiring Southern Lady. My thoughts are with Keith, Leon and the rest of her family and friends.

David Clearman - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Please know that you are all in my prayers. Mrs. Lynda was an amazing woman who will never be forgotten.

Allyson Akridge Jones - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ I was so happy to know Lynda. I enjoyed her so much as my teacher, my co-worker, and my friend in Christ at First Baptist. I loved her attitude and cherished her friendship. Our family is going to miss her!

Terri Griffin - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ with love and deepest sympathy. you will be missed by many.

Pamela D. Lowe - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ Leon and family, Sorry about Lynda's passing. She was certainly a great example to others of a person with a wonderful Christian spirit and love for others. Her life was definitely purposeful.

bobby tripp - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Will always remember Lynda in the computer lab and how wonderful she was at what she did! What a loss to Deerfield-Windsor! Lynda will live forever in our hearts!

Denise Golden - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TJ

“ Mr. Gray I am so sorry for your loss but as you already know you had a beautiful partner in life she was a wonderful women that i grew to love her prescence alone was a light for my day her smile would brighten up your day she was just a wonderful, wonderful blessing to my life her grace and charm was un speakable! I Love You in will miss you soooo.....Mrs.Gray

Tanya Jones - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ What a wonderful picture of a wonderful woman. She will be in my heart forever. My thoughts are with you today. I am so sorry that I cannot be there but you know I am there in spirit.

Anita Parker - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Mr. Gray, we are sorry to hear of Mrs Gray's passing. We thank you for coming to my retirement dinner of driving the school bus for 30 plus years in June. During your speech you mentioned Mrs Gray and you spoke of her with such admiration and love as though you really and truly brought joy to each others lives. Please hold on to those memories. Take care and may God Bless you and your family.Love, Carrie & Buddy Reid3343 Sweetbriar Rd.Albany,GA.

Carrie and Buddy Reid - October 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ Keith, I am so sorry to hear about your Mama.. Please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. Jill

Jill Austin Tilley - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Lynda has been an inspiration to all of us! In spite of everything, she fought a valiant fight! I know she is at peace now and will smile down on all those she loved so much! You all are in my thoughts and prayers.Connie Finnicum

Connie Finnicum - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Dear Keith and family-I am so sorry to hear about your mom. I have fond memories of her from my Deerfield-Windsor days. It seems that she fought cancer with the same calm spirit and gracious way that I remember about her as a teacher. peace to you-Allison Myers Patterson

Allison Myers Patterson - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ I was very grieved to hear of Lynda Gray passing on with cancer. She was a wonderful colleague and mentor to me during the eight years I taught at Deerfield-Windsor School. I appreciated her professional advice and her Christian fellowship. I find comfort in knowing that I will see her again someday in Heaven with our Lord Jesus Christ. I will pray for Keith, Susan, the grandchildren, Leon, and the extended family as they go through this time of loss.

Benson Crawford - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time....I am so grateful to have known her and had her as a teacher at Deerfield. She will be dearly missed!!!!

Kelly Rooks Haddock - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ You all are in our thoughts an prayers. Just hold tight to all those precious memories.

Rodney & Walda - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ OUR SYMPATHY TO THE ENTIRE FAMILY. LINDA WILL BE MISSED BY MANY. WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN WITH LINDA AT THE AHS 50TH CLASS REUNION, AND WILL CHERISH THOSE MEMORIES.

BOBBY AND GAIL GRIMSLEY BARTLEY - October 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ Leon, I am so sorry to hear about Lynda. Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow. May your heart and soul find peace and comfort. My sincere sympathy Pam and Dan Hill

Pam Hill - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Ms. Lynda was a true warrior- someone who embodied courage and positive living. She inspired me everytime I saw her. My thoughts and prayers are with you Susan, Keith and kids....

Allyson Carter Smallwood - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Mrs Martin (as she was to me all through high school) was my favorite teacher of all time. She was my typing/computer teacher and I also was blessed to work under her supervision on the business staff of the yearbook. Her courage and positive attitude over the past few years should be a lesson to us all - to live life to the fullest, because she did!! will miss her terribly! Keith and Susan- please know how much I am thinking about and praying for you and all of the family! May the wonderful memories you have comfort you during this sad time! Much love! Tori

Tori Riles Whiting - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DK

“ Lynda was an inspiration to all of us at Deerfield. I truly admired her determination to not give in to her illness. My prayers are with all her family members.

Dot Knepp - October 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM