

## The Family Tribute

*Mrs. Frances Gaines Gray*

*A smile for all, a heart of gold,  
one of the finest this world could hold  
Never selfish, always kind,  
these are the memories she leaves behind...*

**Mrs. Frances Elizabeth Gaines Gray**, 80, passed away on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at her residence. She was born on March 19, 1942, and was the daughter of the late Henry and Ina Barber Gaines.

Affectionately called "Toot", she graduated from R.A. Clement High School in Cleveland. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Willie Pearl Mills, John Gaines, Charles Gaines, and Janie Gaines.

She leaves to cherish the memory of her life, her husband, James Gray of the home; her children: Kathy Gray (Tony) and Kent Gray (Marsha); her grandchildren, Monica Gray and Algernon Reid; her great grandchildren: Kingston Reid, Zhuri Reid, and Zevyn Reid; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Isabell Gray(Clarence), Claudia Gray, Gene Gray(Naomi deceased), Laura Lee (Emory) (deceased), Ruth Little (deceased), Louise Green (Willie); special nieces: Virginia Montgomery and Arlene Wilds (deceased); nephews: Steve Keseler and Joe Kesler; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives and friends.

*It seems so unreal that you are gone,  
When just the other day  
You walked and talked and laughed with us  
Then suddenly slipped away  
Your peaceful smile, your joyful laugh  
How sweet the memory still  
Your parting left an aching void  
Only God's love can fill.*

*The Family*

## The Celebration of Life Service Remembering

*Mrs. Frances Gaines Gray*

**Monday, August 1, 2022**

*Statesville, North Carolina*

**Reverend James Williams, Officiating**

## *The Gathering of Family and Friends*

**The Scripture Meditation**

*Old Testament Reading*

*Psalm 145:17*

*New Testament Reading*

*Matthew 5:8-9*

**The Acknowledgments and Presentations**

*The Funeral Director*

**The Special Music**

*Reverend James Williams*

**The Words of Encouragement and Committal**

*Reverend James Williams*

**The Benediction**

*Reverend James Williams*

**The Final Departure**



A Celebration of Life for  
*Mrs. Frances Gaines Gray*



*With Our Heartfelt Thanks*

...that we through the patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope, (Romans 15) God has given us our church family, neighbors and dear friends, to help us as we go forward. **God's Word has been manifested through** your many expressions of sympathy and support; **we praise God from whom all blessings flow.** Thank you for honoring the memory of our beloved Frances, and for remembering us during her passing. In our risen Lord, **we have peace that passes all understanding.** **The Family**

Professional Services Entrusted To:  
**Rutledge & Bigham Mortuary, Inc.**  
 603 South Center Street, Statesville, NC (704) 873-3611  
 Visit Frances' Book of Memories at  
[www.rutledgeandbigham.com](http://www.rutledgeandbigham.com)

*Given in Love*  
 March 19, 1942

*Returned in Love*  
 July 13, 2022

**Monday, August 1, 2022**  
**12:00 p.m.**  
**Knox Grove Baptist Church Cemetery**  
**Statesville, North Carolina**  
**Reverend James Williams, Officiating**