

Epilogue: The Wife of Noble Character

- ¹⁰ ^[b] *A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.*
- ¹¹ *Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.*
- ¹² *She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.*
- ¹³ *She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands.*
- ¹⁴ *She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar.*
- ¹⁵ *She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants.*
- ¹⁶ *She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.*
- ¹⁷ *She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.*
- ¹⁸ *She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.*
- ¹⁹ *In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers.*
- ²⁰ *She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy.*
- ²¹ *When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet.*
- ²² *She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple.*
- ²³ *Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.*
- ²⁴ *She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes.*
- ²⁵ *She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.*
- ²⁶ *She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.*
- ²⁷ *She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.*
- ²⁸ *Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her:*
- ²⁹ *“Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.”*
- ³⁰ *Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.*
- ³¹ *Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.*



It Is Well With My Soul

Verse 1
 When peace like a river, attendeth my way,
 When sorrows like sea billows roll
 Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say
 It is well, it is well, with my soul
 Chorus

Verse 2
 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 Let this blest assurance control,
 That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
 And hath shed His own blood for my soul
 Chorus

Verse 3
 My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought
 My sin, not in part but the whole,
 Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul
 It is well (it is well)
 With my soul (with my soul)

Chorus
It is well, it is well with my soul, It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul) It is well, it is well with my soul

It Is 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 Leading Lady Gray and for remembering us during her passing. In our risen Lord, we have peace that passes all understanding.
The Family

A Service of Thanksgiving to God for the Life of

Leading Lady

Mary Jean Daniels Gray



Beloved...

Wife and Mother

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Lonnie  Mary Jean
Beloved... Wife



Always a praiser and a pusher no matter what!!! 🙌🏻🙏🏻👉🏻👈🏻





*Beloved...
Wife and Mother*



The Family Tribute

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...



Leading Lady Mary Jean Daniels Gray of Charlotte, NC was born in Iredell County on November 16, 1951, to the late Mr. Joe Roy Daniels and Mrs. Eula Mae Hickman Daniels. She passed away on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at her home.

Leading Lady Gray was a graduate of Statesville High, Class of 1970. Before retirement, she worked for Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools as the Lead cook at Devonshire Elementary for twenty-six years. Prior to Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, she worked at Flexknit for several years. Although she was the First Lady and Leading Lady of the First Resurrection Church of God, she was a leading lady who served. She enjoyed being active and a part of the different ministries of the church. Leading Lady served as president of the women's division, the kitchen committee, the youth department, and the choir. Leading Lady truly loved her church and her church family. During her leisure time, she enjoyed spending time with her family, friends, and church family.

Mary Jean was united in marriage to, Bishop Lonnie E. Gray for over fifty-two years. She was truly his biggest fan and cheerleader as Bishop preached the gospel.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Melvin Lamar Daniels, Sr., Ruth Lackey, Bobby Daniels, Louise Daniels, John D. Daniels, James E. Daniels, Thomas L. Daniels, John Curtis "Jimmy" Daniels, Leila Daniels Woods, Eloise Daniels, Clarence "Sneak" Daniels, Joseph Daniels, and a set of twin sisters.

She leaves to cherish the loving memories of her life, her beloved husband, Bishop Lonnie E. Gray of the home; daughters, Rochelle (Robert) Brown, Dedra Gray, and Tiffany Gray (Mark) Lockett; goddaughter, Erica Daniels; one brother, Larry Daniels of Winston Salem, NC; two sisters, Dolleither Daniels and Louise Daniels, both of Statesville; her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bishop E. L. and Mother Evelyn Gray of Statesville; her brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Betty Morrison, Belinda Daniels, Jackie Daniels, Kathie Gray, Evangelist Marilyn (Pastor Michael) Turner, Michael (Willie Mae) Gray, Pastor Carl (Vickie) Gray and Pastor Christopher (Candy) Gray; special friends, Mrs. Penny Sharpe, Pastor Michael Ross and Lady Janet Ross, Bishop Glen Usry and Leading Lady Ruta Usry, and Ms. Wanda Carr; The Class of 1970 of Statesville High School; The First Resurrection Church Family; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, neighbors, numerous church families, and friends.



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Proverbs 31:27,28



Celebration of Life Program for Leading Lady Mary Jean Daniels Gray

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The Moments of Sharing

12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The Processional

Friends are welcome to visit with family until 12:55 p.m.

The Final Closing

The Order of Service

1:00 p.m.

- The Invocation Overseer Barbara M. Imes
- The Hymn: "*It Is Well With My Soul*" Congregation
- The Scripture Readings:
 - Old Testament: *Proverbs 31:10-31*..... Pastor Michael Ross
 - The Epistle: *I Thessalonians 4:13-18* Dr. Broderick Sings
 - New Testament: St. John 14:1-4 Dr. Darrick Clemons
- The Prayer of Comfort Apostle Derek Kelly
- The Selection Mrs. Christina McIntosh
- The Remarks: (*limit two minutes please*)
 - ♥ Ms. Penny Sharpe, *Special Friend*
 - ♥ Mr. Dereck Morrison, *Class of 1970*
 - ♥ Deacon Marlon Green, *Church*
 - ♥ Deacon James Sharpe, *Church*
- The Musical Selection Mr. Joshua Geter
 - ♥ Pastor Carl Gray
 - ♥ First Lady Janet Ross
 - ♥ Apostle Nettye Barber
 - ♥ Bishop C. McArthur Sanders
- The Solo Ms. Julia Postell
- The Acknowledgments..... Minister Elaine Scott Patterson
- The Commemorative Presentation Funeral Director
- The Selection Minister Cheryl Godwin
- The Eulogy Bishop Glenn J. Usry, *Pastor*
- The Recessional Selection Elder Ricky Gray and Combined Choir

Please remain prayerful as we travel to the final resting place.

Honorary Casket Bearers and Honorary Flower Bearers – Class of 1970

Active Casket Bearers – Nephews Active Flower Bearers - Nieces

At The St. Joseph Baptist Church Cemetery

The Gathering of the Christian Community

The Ritual of Consignment

The Prayer of Benediction

The Final Departure