



Mr. Newton Elgin Gray

December 28, 1922 - January 4, 2016

Newton Elgin Gray age 93, of Rock Spring, GA passed away Monday – January 4, 2016. He was born in Walnut Grove, Georgia to the late Newton Elgin Gray and Lula M. Wilson. He was a lifelong resident of LaFayette area and a graduate of LaFayette High School. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II where he was injured at the Battle of Guam. During his service he received numerous commendations and metals including the Purple Heart. He served as an auxiliary police officer for The City of Chattanooga during the 1960's. He worked over thirty years in the Railroad business and retired from L & N Railroad where he worked as a Dispatch Clerk. He was a charter member of Walnut Grove Baptist Church and had attended Dry Valley Baptist Church and Ridgeview Baptist Church. He was a member of The LaFayette Senior Neighbors, The Sons of The Confederacy, local VFW and American Legion. Along with his parents, he is preceded in death by his beloved wife: Jennie Eloise Davenport Gray and a brother: James Henry Gray. He is survived by his children: Terry Lou (Richard) Yost of Lizella, GA. DeLila Rose (Jerry) Coopriider of Houston, TX, Newton Elgin Gray of East Brainerd, TN, Charles Lewis Gray of LaFayette, GA, Wilson Ross (Brenda) Gray of Red Bank, TN, eleven grandchildren, fifteen great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, and Thursday morning prior to the service. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am – Thursday – January 7, 2016 in the chapel with Dr. George Palmer officiating. Burial will follow at Van

Zandt Cemetery - Dial, Georgia. Arrangements by Wilson Funeral Homes – LaFayette Chapel. Online guestbook at www.wilsonfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Van Zandt

9830 Old Dial Road
Blue Ridge, GA 30513

Tribute Wall

DG

“ My memory of NE is driving us around in his van whenever we would come to Wilson reunions. He always scared Aunt Sue (Max's wife) with his driving skills. He would take us places and give great tours of the area. He also knew how much I loved horses so would include that in our visits. He was a good man who will be missed. RIP and as Haylee said please give all of our loved ones who you will join a hug from us.

Donna Griggs - January 07, 2016 at 10:14 AM

HW

“ I know I met you when I was younger at family reunions. May you rest in peace and please give my Papa Bryan and Grandmother Bobbi a big hug and kiss for me.



Haylee Wilson - January 07, 2016 at 10:05 AM

AW

“ Even though we lived in south Georgia, we did get to see NE on our trips to north Georgia mountains to see Aunt Reet(sp?) and stay in her cabin at the lake. Great memories. I always enjoyed my time with him. He was a good man and will be missed. For those of you who knew him, I always loved the bumper sticker on his truck. Semper Fi. Thank you for your service and may you rest in peace.

Allyn Wilson - January 07, 2016 at 10:05 AM

KR

“ *Memory of Newton Mr. Gray was one of the greatest childhood daddy. I never will forget as long as I live he saved me on my bicycle. I went paddling down the street and low and behold, did not have breaks. He reached out and stopped my bicycle. Thank goodness not having the bloody knees. Fun memory was watching for his train around the corner. Here he comes blowing that bell loud enough for me to hear and we run as fast as we can to fight over the seat to ride his train that he made for all of us. God bless you and all your family always . Karen Mayo Roberts*

Karen Roberts - January 06, 2016 at 10:57 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Newton Elgin Gray.*



January 06, 2016 at 07:31 PM

YR

“ *Once a Marine, Always a Marine Simper Fi to you Paw-Paw Love Always Yasmine (Yabby) your loving granddaughter Air Force Veteran Above All.*



Yasmine Redmond - January 06, 2016 at 05:24 PM

YR

“ My Paw-Paw helped to raise me to be the head strong, dedicated and focused women that I am today. He use to sing to wake me up to get ready to go to High School by singing very loudly "You are my Sunshine, my only Sunshine" I loved you dearly Paw-Paw and I will always miss you. RIP from Yabby - your loving granddaughter.



Yasmine Redmond - January 06, 2016 at 05:20 PM

ND

“ It is such sad news to here of Mr. Gray's passing. He was a very dear man that I have know for several years. My condolences to Elgin and Hannah and the rest of the family.

Nina Daniel - January 06, 2016 at 12:47 PM

JW

“ Con-Sarn! Judge you will be missed! Thanks for the memories!

J. Westmoreland - January 06, 2016 at 10:52 AM

AP

“ Anita Parker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Newton Elgin Gray



Anita Parker - January 05, 2016 at 08:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Newton Elgin Gray.*



January 05, 2016 at 07:12 PM



“ *Zandt Sheikholeslam lit a candle in memory of Mr. Newton Elgin Gray*



Zandt Sheikholeslam - January 05, 2016 at 06:15 PM



RIP Paw Paw!

Zandt Sheikholeslam - January 05, 2016 at 06:17 PM



Well, it's been a little over 3 years since you left to be with Ma Ma, still miss you and your stories like it was yesterday, I hope to see you again!

Jerry Cooprider - February 19, 2019 at 01:13 PM



“ *"Oh what a beautiful morning, oh what a beautiful day. I've got a wonderful feeling, everything's going my way!"
That's how my Paw Paw woke me up everyday, with a happy song :)*



Reece Sheikholeslam - January 05, 2016 at 02:53 PM

SS

“ *Scarlet Sheikholeslam-Handel sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Newton Elgin Gray*



Scarlet Sheikholeslam-Handel - January 04, 2016 at 09:15 PM

SS

“ *Scarlet Sheikholeslam-Handel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Newton Elgin Gray*



Scarlet Sheikholeslam-Handel - January 04, 2016 at 09:01 PM