



Mrs. Iris May Butler Gray

September 23, 1929 - March 28, 2023

Mrs. Gray attended Govans Elementary School #213 and then on to Robert E. Lee School #49, a school for students considered exceptional. She graduated from Eastern High School, Class of 1946.

While in High School she was active in Waverly Chapter, Order of Rainbow Girls. She became Worthy Advisor in 1947.

Mrs. Gray attended Maryland State Teacher's College. She was Head Cheerleader and enjoyed her student teaching experiences. Mrs. Gray graduated in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science Degree. In order to attain her Masters Degree in Science, she attended Morgan State College, graduating in 1974.

Mrs. Gray taught for 30 years in Baltimore City at Hampden School #55, Abbottston School #50 and Leith Walk School #245. She retired in 1985.

While teaching, Mrs. Gray was active in the Maryland Science Teachers Association and the National Science Teachers Association. She was invited and gave demonstration lessons at conventions in Atlanta, GA, New York, NY, Washington, DC and Philadelphia, PA. She also taught "Hands On" science at Hofstra University and Loyola College.

One of Mrs. Gray's "Hands On" lessons was the subject of a feature article in other cities newspapers and Life Magazine.

In retirement she volunteered at the Maryland Science Center exhibiting snakes and other animals. She was an appreciated "Cat Cuddler" at the Maryland SPCA. She was also a member of the Towson Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by 2 children, K. Suzanne Gray and W. Blake Gray.

On March 28, 2023 Iris May Butler Gray died peacefully at her residence in Towson, MD. Mother of K. Suzanne Gray, Esq. (Ronald A. Marks) and W. Blake Gray (Mina).

Friends may call at MITCHELL-WIEDEFELD FUNERAL HOME INC. 6500 York Rd. Balto. MD 21212 on Friday, April 21st from 4-7 PM. A Graveside Service will be held at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens 200 E. Padonia Rd. Timonium, MD 21093 on Saturday, April 22nd at 12:00PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her name may be made to Maryland SPCA.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

APR **21**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Mitchell - Wiedefeld Funeral Home, Inc.
6500 York Road
Baltimore, MD 21212
(410) 377-8300
general@mwfuneralhome.com

Graveside Service

APR **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens
200 E. Padonia Road
Timonium, MD 21093
<http://www.dulaneyvalley.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Mrs. Gray was a force to be reckoned. She had the reputation of a stern teacher who pushed students into their greatness. In other words, she understood what it took to engage students who otherwise had zero interest by using the lens of science. Because of her dedication and passion I never wanted to disappoint. Beneath the outer layer of what we all thought was super strict...a sweet endearing woman who remembered her student's past graduation quietly existed. Every student mattered. Thank you, Mrs. Gray. I didn't grow up to be a scientist. But, I certainly have embraced the world of science fiction 🌹



Penny Jerald - April 18, 2023 at 02:11 AM

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Thank you for this, Penny. The minister read this at my mother's funeral today. I wanted him to talk about her commitment to education and there was no better way possible to do it than this beautiful tribute. Thank you.

Blake Gray

Blake Gray - April 22, 2023 at 04:12 PM