



## Denise Gray

May 9, 1948 - May 23, 2019

Denise Gray, age 71, quietly departed this world on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at her home in the Flemington Community of Clintwood, Virginia, after a brief illness.

She was born in Fairbanks, Alaska and was of the Baptist faith. Ms. Gray had a Bachelor of Fine Arts from VCU. After graduation from college, she and her high school sweetheart, Jerry Gray, were married. While he attended Law School, she worked as an art director for a printing company, and a law book publisher, The Michie Company, in Charlottesville. She was the office manager at Gerald Gray Law Office for twenty-seven years. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Elmer and Marie Archbold.

Denise practiced her art in many ways, from her beautiful flower gardens at the law office, and her home. Eagle Rock Estates in Flemington was one of her projects, from the layout of the roads, barn, ponds, and log cabin adjacent to the large pond. She drew the blueprints for their three-story cedar sided home. She taught painting at the Mountain School of Arts and Crafts, at the Cumberland Museum.

She loved her horse, Diablo, a Paso Fino, which she rode on the trails with her husband almost every weekend the weather permitted, from 1996-2017. She credits their friend Jerry Dean Mullins for teaching them how to ride the

Cumberland-Pine Mountain.

She was an avid reader, and was one of the most frequent visitors to the library.

Survivors Include:

Her Husband: Gerald "Jerry" Lee Gray

Her Daughter: Jessica Gray (Nicole Follmer) of Cambridge, Massachusetts

Her Son: Forrest Gray of Brooklyn, New York

One Brother: William E. "Bill" Archbold of Sacramento, California

Two Sisters: Susan (Larry) Farin of Portland, Oregon and Beth (Bob) Peery of Marietta, Georgia

Two Grandchildren: Kira Evelyn Follmer-Gray and Felix Asa Follmer-Gray

Her fur babies, Sadie and Blue.

The family will receive friends Tuesday, May 28, 2019 from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. at Mullins Funeral Home Chapel. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. with singing and music by Linda Dixon, Jimmy Blaine Mullins, and Ron Kennedy. Some reminiscing. Following the Celebration of Life, refreshments will be served at the Law Office of Gerald Gray, across the street from the funeral home.

Mullins Funeral Home and Staff are serving the Gray Family. Online condolences may be made at [www.mullinsfuneralhome.net](http://www.mullinsfuneralhome.net).



# Previous Events

## Family will receive friends

MAY 28. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory  
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## celebration of life service

MAY 28. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Denise Gray*



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**Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory** - May 27, 2019 at 05:25 PM

PF

*My heart aches for the loss of your beloved wife. You both have always been special people making this a better world because you are a part of it. My prayers and love for comfort!*

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**Patsy Fix** - May 27, 2019 at 10:48 PM

SM

*Gerald, So sorry to hear of Denise's passing. We have just returned from Ohio and was not able to be at the funeral. You and the family are in our prayers. God bless. Shirley Mullins*

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**Shirley B Mullins** - May 28, 2019 at 02:24 PM

BV

“ *Beuna (Phillips) Vanover lit a candle in memory of Denise Gray*



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**Beuna (Phillips) Vanover** - May 29, 2019 at 11:24 PM

GC

“ Jerry my heart is heavy for you my friend. Gene Compton

Gene Compton - May 28, 2019 at 10:25 PM

DR

“ Gerald, so sorry to hear of your loss of Denise. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

David & Paula Riddle

David & Paula Riddle - May 28, 2019 at 02:40 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Denise Gray.



May 28, 2019 at 02:03 PM

BA

“ Our thoughts are with you as we remember Denise. So good we were all together at the reunion to share laughter and good talk. Bill Archbold, brother and Carmen

Bill Archbold - May 28, 2019 at 09:14 AM



“ Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of Denise Gray.



May 28, 2019 at 08:46 AM

LH

“ Mr. Gray, So sorry for your loss. **PRAYING** God/Jesus keeps their hands & arms wrapped around U during this storm 🙏

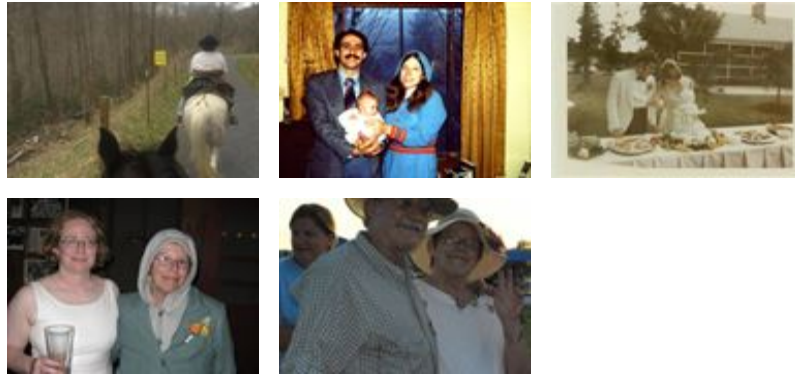


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**Libby Houchins/(Deel)** - May 27, 2019 at 06:30 PM



“ 55 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory** - May 27, 2019 at 04:19 PM

SD

“ Jerry,  
I was so sorry to hear about Denise's death. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Hold your memories close to your heart, just as you held her! Sharon Domjahn

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**Sharon Domjahn** - May 27, 2019 at 04:10 PM

MJ

“ CM and I send our condolences and prayers.

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**Melanie L. Jorgensen** - May 27, 2019 at 12:34 PM

LR

“ *Laurel Rasnick lit a candle in memory of Denise Gray*



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**Laurel Rasnick** - May 27, 2019 at 12:16 PM

RP

“ *Rick Phillips lit a candle in memory of Denise Gray*



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**rick phillips** - May 26, 2019 at 07:13 PM

RP

“ *jerry so sorry for the passing of denise,,mom" Bessie" loved you guys,  
as did all our family,you are a special friend,  
i loved the story about and denise trying to get a room when you first came to dickenson county,  
talk with you later pal,  
rick phillips,*

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**rick phillips** - May 26, 2019 at 06:53 PM

HV

“ Jerry,  
Suzzie and I are very saddened to hear of Denise's passing. We know how close you two were and the void her passing creates. We remember the good times we had in the Mountain School of Arts and Crafts and working on Pioneer Days with you and Denise. Always remember the good times with her and be comforted.  
Henry and Suzzie Vanover

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Henry and Suzzie Vanover - May 26, 2019 at 04:06 PM

JG

“ Denise was one of my favorite people. We had so many things in common she was a natural friend. We loved books, flowers, Yoga and our Furbabies! I had the pleasure of practicing Yoga with Denise and Jerry for many years. Always welcoming and fun to be with. We shared books and we often joked that one day we'd take our collections and combine them and open a used bookstore. We'd have used books, tea and coffee. What more would you need except a furbaby or two lying around. She was a bright light to many of us and especially to her devoted husband. Her light is gone and now there is a dark corner in our hearts. Much love to Denise's memories and my sympathies to Jerry and her children and her family. Bob and Jeanne Good

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Jeanne Good - May 26, 2019 at 02:43 PM

DL

“ Dale Lowery lit a candle in memory of Denise Gray



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Dale Lowery - May 25, 2019 at 09:23 PM

DL

*Jerry, Brenda & I send our sympathy & prayers. Dale*

**Dale Lowery** - May 25, 2019 at 09:27 PM

DR

“ *Jerry, Jessica and Forest,  
Danny and I were saddened to hear of  
Denise's passing. She was always so kind  
and friendly to us as we're sure she was to  
everyone she met. Her generosity and love  
will always be remembered. She had a style all of her own. We  
know she is going to be greatly missed. We pray for God to bless  
and comfort all of you today and in the days to come.  
With love and prayers,  
Danny and Karen Robinson*



**Danny and Karen Robinson** - May 25, 2019 at 06:15 PM

TB

“ *I'm So Heart broken for this family. Ive known  
the Gray's Most of my life.  
Jerry and Children I am so sorry for your loss  
Denise was such a delight with her quick wit  
and humor. I Love You So Very Much.  
I Pray you are at peace ..Never to Suffer ever again. Rest in Peace  
Denise... You my Dear are going to be sadly missed ..... Praying for  
the family..*



**Tammy Branham** - May 25, 2019 at 05:22 PM

AT

“ Amelia Trent lit a candle in memory of Denise Gray



Amelia Trent - May 25, 2019 at 01:50 PM

AT

*So so sorry for your loss. I know first-hand what you are going through. God bless you and your family.*

Amelia Trent - May 25, 2019 at 01:52 PM

AT

*Praying for God's comfort.*

Amelia Trent - May 25, 2019 at 01:53 PM

DE

“ Jerry and family, I was saddened to hear that Denise had passed. So sorry for your loss. It has been a pleasure knowing her all these many years. My deepest sympathy. Danny L Edwards



Danny L Edwards - May 25, 2019 at 01:17 PM

RR

“ Regina Ross lit a candle in memory of Denise Gray



Regina Ross - May 25, 2019 at 11:54 AM

DR

“ Dear Gerald, Jessica and Forrest,

*Our family is much in prayer for your precious family and friends. Denise was so kind and gracious throughout the past forty plus years of your lives here. We are so happy you came here. It has been a genuine pleasure knowing you good folks.*

*Damon, Bobbi, John, Heather, Elin, Millie and Aria Rasnick*

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**Damon and Bobbi Rasnick** - May 25, 2019 at 11:08 AM

DR

“ *Damon And Bobbi Rasnick lit a candle in memory of Denise Gray*



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**Damon and Bobbi Rasnick** - May 25, 2019 at 11:08 AM

JA

“ *We are very sorry for your loss. May God comfort you during this difficult time.*

*Ken, Janis, Danielle, & Charles Anderson* ❤️🙏

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**Janis Anderson** - May 25, 2019 at 07:04 AM

BM

“ *Bob Jan Martin lit a candle in memory of Denise Gray*



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**Bob Jan Martin** - May 24, 2019 at 11:09 PM

RH

“ *Roger Holbrook lit a candle in memory of Denise Gray*



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**roger holbrook** - May 24, 2019 at 09:37 PM

JH

“ *Jerry, we extend our deepest condolences to you and your family during this time. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Jon & Jennifer Harrison*

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**Jon & Jennifer Harrison** - May 24, 2019 at 09:22 PM

ST

“ *There's a small army of college radio announcers who spent happy times playing rock and roll with Jerry several decades ago.*

*If you never heard him on the air, you should know that he was very good at it!*

*Love and best wishes to him and the family now.*

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**Steve Taylor** - May 24, 2019 at 12:04 PM