



## LeOra Mae Gray

July 6, 1936 - September 19, 2014

LeOra Mae Gray of Vichy, Missouri passed away Friday, September 19, 2014 at the Phelps County Regional Medical Center in Rolla, Missouri at the age of 78. LeOra was born in Highgate, Missouri on July 6, 1936 to the late John E. Welch Sr. and Eva (Cowan) Welch.

After graduating high school Miss LeOra Welch became the bride of Mr. Doyle Gray on June 12, 1954, and to this union five children were born. She was a longtime member of the Broadway Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school, and also served as church secretary for many years. LeOra was an Election Judge for over 30 years. Most of all she loved being with her family; she enjoyed getting out in the spring and planting a big garden looking forward to reaping the harvest of her labor and sharing the bounty with family and friends. LeOra spent most of the summer canning fruits, vegetables, and making jams and jellies so her family would have fresh food all year long; she was also Doyle's right hand on the farm, there wasn't a farm chore she didn't do, she worked in the hay fields raking, baling, and stacking hay; she also worked with the cattle and hogs. She adored her family and they adored her. LeOra Mae Gray is survived by her devoted husband of 60 years, Doyle Gray of their home; children, Donna Ray, of St. James, MO, Doris Gray, of Vichy, MO, David Gray, of St. James, MO, Dianne Adams and husband Brian, of St. James, MO, and Dena Coleman and husband Billy, of Steelville, MO; grandchildren, Michael Gray, DeAnn Stringer, Daniel Gray, Morgan Adams, and Miranda Adams; sisters, Betty Smith, of Fenton, MO, Eva Lee Jordano

and husband Chuck, of Michigan, and Nedra Louzader and husband Don, of Springfield, MO; brother James Welch and wife Helen, of St. James, MO; sister-in-law Adelia Welch, of St. James, MO; a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends. In addition to her parents LeOra was preceded in death by her brother, John Elmer Welch Jr., and sister, Wilma Miller. 2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:

Funeral services for LeOra Mae Gray will be Monday, September 22, 2014 at the Broadway Baptist Church in Vichy, MO at 11:00 AM with Terry Knight officiating. Interment will be at the Broadway Baptist Cemetery with Daniel Gray, Michael Gray, Morgan Adams, Doug Smith, Ronnie Gray, and Larry Lorts serving as pallbearers. Visitation for family and friends will be Sunday, September 21, 2014 at the St. James Chapel of the James & Gahr Mortuary from 5-8 PM.

# Cemetery Details

## Broadway Cemetery

Vichy, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - St. James

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## Service

SEP 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

Broadway Baptist Church

Vichy, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ James & Gahr Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of LeOra Mae Gray



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**James & Gahr Mortuary** - September 21, 2014 at 07:39 AM

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*I watched the video- What a wonderful tribute.*

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**Debbie Satterfield Paxson** - October 10, 2014 at 03:07 PM



“ *LeOra Mae Gray*

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January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *LeOra Mae Gray*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM

 Carl N  
Kim  
Lackey

“ We're so sorry for the passing of LeOra. Her obituary was very befitting and she's now reaping her rewards of all the hard work she's done in her life. The human side wants to grieve but she's free... From pain and illness. We're so glad to have shared some time with her during church... And I did while growing up during hay season. Prayers for her family left behind. May each day get easier.

*Carl and Kim Lackey*

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**Carl N Kim Lackey** - September 23, 2014 at 03:40 PM

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“ I am truly sorry for the loss of your mom. I could not get away to be there today as I had wanted . Please know that I will be praying for you today and the days ahead, May God wrap his arms around you and give you the strength and peace you need. Lots of Love,  
*Monica Gargus*

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**Monica Gargus** - September 22, 2014 at 10:57 AM