ORDER of Service

Processional
Clergy and Family

Prayer of Comfort
Rev. Barry Robinson

Scripture Reading
Rev. Barry Robinson

Musical Selection
"I'll Always Love My Mama"

Cards and Resolutions

Obituary

Reflections and Words of Comfort
Family and Friends
(Please no more than 2 minutes)

Musical Selection
"A Song For Mama"

Eulogy
Rev. Barry Robinson

Benediction

Recessional
Clergy and Family

Interment

Greenmount Cemetery
4301 N. Front Street
Philadelphia, PA 19140

Repast

Ego Hall
1535-37 N Carlisle Street
Philadelphia, PA 19121

From Mona/Geda to my loved ones

My sweet family,

By the time you read this, I will have taken my final rest, and while I know goodbyes are never easy, I hope these words bring you comfort.
Please don't dwell on the sorrow of my passing—celebrate the life we shared. I had the honor of being part of your lives, watching you grow, loving you through every season, and being loved in return. What a gift that has been.
I leave this world with a heart full of gratitude. Thank you for the visits, the hugs, the gatherings, and the quiet moments. You gave me more than I could have ever hoped for.
I want you to know how deeply I loved each of you. Being your mother/grandmother was one of my greatest blessings. You brought light into my life—more than you may ever realize. I carried you in my heart every day, and I will carry you still, just in a different way now.
Please take care of each other. Laugh often, forgive quickly, and never miss a chance to say "I love you." Those were the things that mattered most to me—
and I hope they'll matter most to you too.
I'll be watching over you with a smile, proud of who you are and all you will become
Know that I'm not far. I'll be with you in the quiet morning light, in the rhythm of your favorite song, and in the love that fills your home. Keep my memory alive not with tears, but with kindness, laughter, and the stories we made together.

With all the love in my heart,

The Matriarch

To Geda from Your Loved Ones

Today, we gather with heavy hearts to say goodbye—not because you are gone from our lives, but because we will miss your love, your laughter, and your gentle presence every single day.
You were the heart of our family, a quiet strength through every season of life. You welcomed us with open arms, warm meals, and a heart full of love. Whether it was your stories, your wisdom, or simply your comforting smile, you always made us feel safe and cherished.
You taught us the true meaning of family—of showing up, of being kind, of loving unconditionally. You celebrated our joys, lifted us in our struggles, and gave us roots that will always keep us grounded. Even in your silence, there was a sense of peace. You didn't need many words to show how deeply you cared.
As we say goodbye, we feel both sorrow and gratitude. Sorrow because we will miss you more than words can express. Gratitude because we were blessed to call you our grandmother—our guide, our listener, our example.
We carry your memory in everything we do. In the way we love, in the way we care for each other, and in the way we pass on the stories and values you gave us. You may be gone from this world, but you will never be gone from our hearts.

We will love you forever

Acknowledgment

The family would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to each of you for your constant support through prayers and all other acts of kindness. May God continue to bless and keep you in His care.

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A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Marlene "MONA" GRAY

AUGUST 10, 1945 — APRIL 24, 2025

FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025

VIEWING: 10:00AM | **SERVICE:** 11:00AM

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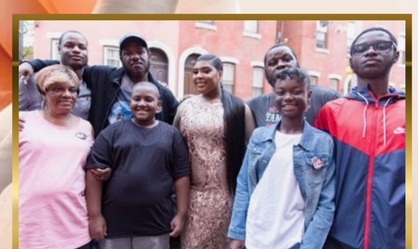


HER Story

Marlene Gray was born August 10, 1945, to Clarence & Addie Gray in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Peacefully, she departed this life journey on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

Mona was educated in the Public School System where she attended William Penn High School for Girls.

At a young age, Mona accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior. In 2010 she attended The Greater Exodus Baptist Church under leadership of Pastor Herbert H. Lusk II until her health failed her.

Mona held several jobs in her life span. She worked at St. Cabrini Nursing Home, Graduate Hospital and retired from the Philadelphia Parking Authority as a PEO (Parking Enforcement Officer) in 2008.

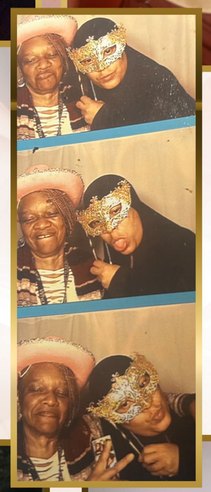
"Mona", "Grand-Mona", "Geda" as she was known to her family and friends, was a caring, kind, supportive and a very respectful woman with class. A True definition of a virtuous woman! She will be fondly remembered for her beautiful smile, her youthful spirit and the love for her children, grand-children, great grand-children & great great grand-child. One of her passions was crocheting and if she knew you were expecting, she would be making her famous blanket for the baby. She loved going to her favorite place, Walmart, where she got her shop on! She may have only had five to eight items in her cart, but she was so excited to be at Walmart.

Mona served on the Polls as a Community Advocate & held the Block Captain position on the 1500 block of North Gratz Street for many years assisting anyone who crossed her path. She opened her house to family member(s) who needed housing (rent free), when she knew they were in dire need. She had a "Heart of Gold" and will be truly missed!

TO KNOW MONA WAS TO LOVE HER!!

Mona leaves to cherish the memory of her life, her beloved daughter, April Gray; two step-daughters, Neema Logan (Clayton) & Latasha Lorick (Christopher); thirteen grand-children, Brian Zuber, Bryheem, Niq , Quanna, Allure, Aziah, Ahzier, Sanaa, Saraaj, Deitrick, Sean, Sierra & Shayla; great grand-children, Asa, Amara, Ah'j, Asidah, Bryson & a plethora of great grand-children; one great great grand-child; Daughter-in-law, Diane Davis. Sister-friend, Lilly and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

Most of all in memory, the loves of her life: Two sons Brian J Gray & Anthony Zuber; Two grandchildren, Shawn R Zuber & Shameka M Zuber all who have proceeded her in death.

Lovingly submitted,

The Family