



Loretta Speller Gray

March 16, 1938 - May 26, 2020

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

Loretta Speller Gray

Our Gift: March 16, 1938

God's Gift: 26 May 2020

Loretta Speller Gray, was born on March 16, 1938, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Joseph Bud Speller Jr, and Johnnie May Shelton Speller. During her early years, Loretta was raised by her father and his second wife, Blanche Speller, in German town, Pennsylvania. Her mother, stepmother and father have passed away. Loretta also had a brother Kenneth Speller who passed away. Loretta always spoke warmly of her brother and was proud of the fact that he was a very talented Jazz Musician.

During Loretta's early developmental years, and following the divorce of her father from her mother, Johnnie Mae Shelton Speller, she was sent to live with her grandmother on her mother's side of the family, in St. Louis, Missouri. She attended grade school there and after several years in St. Louis, Loretta was reunited with her mother in Sacramento, California. While living in California, she attended U.C.L.A, School of Business. Thereafter, she returned to Philadelphia to live with her father. She worked for the Women's Christian

Alliance Organization. Loretta met Anthony Gray and after a long courtship, they wanted to get married but before they could marry, Loretta had to convert her religion from Baptist to Catholic; her husband's faith. They were married on January 8, 1966 in a beautiful Catholic Cathedral. Anthony Gray was an active-duty Air Force Staff Sergeant. Their military assignments included Wright-Paterson Air Force Base, in Ohio and Lackland Air Force Base, in San Antonio. Unfortunately, her marriage failed and she subsequently divorced Anthony. However, Loretta refused to return to her Philadelphia roots and burden family members with her divorce, she decided to make San Antonio her home and found employment as a Medical/Secretarial Staff Worker at Santa Rosa Hospital. It was in this career setting that she met Socorro and Lupe. The three (3) of them formed a friendship and bond that would last until Loretta's passing. She loved Socorro and Lupe and the entire Villa family & countless other long-lasting friendships in San Antonio. She was blessed to have two families of different cultural backgrounds; African & Hispanic Americans blended into One..

A precious Jewel for the Tres Amigas!!!

Loretta had an absolutely wonderful life, 50 plus years in San Antonio, her special bonds, friendship & Love for her surrogate family is a true tribute in the eyes of God. She leaves to mourn their loss cousins: Retired Police Officer, Frederick Ragsdale, his son Christopher & Lev; Lorraine & Nicole Speller, daughter Jaide. Retired Air Force Major Robert L. & Gearlean (Gigi) Mason, son Robert L. Jr.; Sheila Mason Wong family, son & daughters, Troy Kip-Ying, Amanda-Ming, May-Ling, Bryce, Shamira, and Ariel Wong; a host of San Antonian neighbors & friends. Rest-In-Heavenly Peace, dear Loretta. We Love You but God Loves You Best!!!

SERVICES

Memorial Service to be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at Palm Heights Mortuary. Inurnment will follow at San Fernando Cemetery No. 3

PALM HEIGHTS MORTUARY
3711 S. ZARZAMORA STREET
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78225
210-924-4568

Cemetery Details

San Fernando Cemetery #3

1735 Cupples
San Antonio, TX 78226

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

Palm Heights Mortuary
3711 S Zarzamora St
San Antonio, TX 78225
(210) 924-4568
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Loretta Speller Gray.* ”



June 09, 2020 at 07:22 AM



“ *Ana & Derek Catsam purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Loretta Speller Gray.* ”



Ana & Derek Catsam - June 08, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Loretta Speller Gray.* ”



June 06, 2020 at 09:21 AM



“ *Robert & Gigi Mason purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Loretta Speller Gray.* ”



Robert & Gigi Mason - June 05, 2020 at 08:53 PM

RM

“ Loretta worked with my sister Mary at Santa Rosa Hospital. There was a strong bond of friendship among many of the girls there that took place at work and after hours. I was Mary's little sister and Sylvia our roommate. I remember those crazy girls getting together truly enjoying each other's company and friendships. I sort of remember her as being the leader of the pack per say but in a good way. I can truly say she was very loved by those around her. Thank you for the memories Loretta. May God hold you tenderly in his arms as you so deserve. Rest In Peace. Love, a friend from back in the days💔🙏, Rosie Chavez Martinez.

Rosie Martinez - June 04, 2020 at 03:56 PM

MM

We have so many wonderful memories of Mary Kay meetings & fun times spent with this precious friend. She was A much loved & treasured friend. We will miss her.
Mina Mullins

Mina Mullins - June 05, 2020 at 11:58 AM

AW

Thank you so much for your kind words Ashe always talked about the ladies at Mary kay. She really looked forward to group meetings and her time spent with her friends

Amanda Wong - June 07, 2020 at 12:12 PM