



Althea H. Gray

May 1, 1918 - January 31, 2012

CANAAN, VT—Mrs. Althea H. Gray, 93, of Canaan, Vt., passed away early Tuesday morning, January 31, 2012, at the Upper Connecticut Valley Hospital in Colebrook, NH.

She was born on May 1, 1918, in Stewartstown, NH, a daughter to the late William and Eva (Brown) Heath. She was educated in the local schools and attended Colebrook Academy. Althea was married to Willard O. Gray in 1938.

Althea's life was spent as a homemaker to her husband and her children. She worked alongside her husband on the family farm in Canaan for many years. In 1963, she also began work as a cook at the Canaan Memorial High School, and later joined the housekeeping staff at the Coös County Nursing Hospital. She took wonderful care of her husband until his death in 1990, and she also cared for many of her siblings in their elder days.

Althea loved to knit and crochet, and she was proud to make afghans for all her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren. Time spent with her family was very important to her. She will be remembered by all as a loving wife and mother, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend.

She is survived by two sons, Dale Gray and wife Carol of Killington, Vt., and David Gray and wife Carol of Canaan; her daughter, Dencie Cunningham and husband Fred of Canaan; eight grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great grandchildren; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Althea is preceded in death by her husband, Willard; an infant son, Donald Gray; a great-granddaughter, Amanda Gray; her daughter-in-law, Glenna Gray in 2009; nine brothers and six sisters.

A memorial service will be on Saturday, February 11, 2012, at 10 a.m. at the Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook. The Rev. Rick Boyden will officiate. An interment

service will be held at the Alice Hunt Cemetery in Canaan on Saturday, May 19, at 11 a.m.

Expressions of sympathy in memory of Mrs. Gray may be made to the Two Rivers Ride for Cancer, c/o Rosemary Mulliken at the First Colebrook Bank, 132 Main St., Colebrook, NH 03576.

Condolences may be offered to the family on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home, Colebrook, NH.

Tribute Wall



“ Our sincere sympathy to the family. A great lady has passed.##imported-begin##Bob & Monique Army##imported-end##

February 09, 2012 at 10:55 AM



“ Dencie, Fred, and family -
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow. Mrs. Gray was such a nice nice lady...she will be missed. May your wonderful memories of her help you during this sad time.##imported-begin##JIM AND JANET BENNETT##imported-end##

February 09, 2012 at 08:59 AM



“ Our sincere condolences.We will miss seeing Althea on our visits north.
Sumner and Lillian Chick
Rochester,NH##imported-begin##Lillian E Chick (chase)##imported-end##

February 07, 2012 at 10:13 AM



“ With sympathy on the loss of your mom.She was a lovely woman and a great neighbor who will be sadly missed.##imported-begin##Richard and Barbara LeBlanc##imported-end##

February 04, 2012 at 09:55 AM



“ I had forgotten that she looked a little like Auntie Ardes, that made me smile. You folks were so good to her.
I am glad that you had her with you for such a long time.##imported-begin##Loretta Darling##imported-end##

February 03, 2012 at 07:17 PM



“ All our condolences to all the family.B5##imported-begin##Francine & Andre Champagne##imported-end##

February 03, 2012 at 05:58 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Althea's passing. It is good that she is no longer suffering. Remembering the good times will help you get through the bad ones. She was a friend to everyone, and everyone loved her back. She will be greatly missed by everyone.##imported-begin##Mary Ellen Uran##imported-end##

February 03, 2012 at 10:31 AM



“ Dale, David, Dencie,
We were sorry to learn of your mother's death. She was a kind, gentle person who always seemed to be happy.

Patty and Les##imported-begin##Patty and Les Klinefelter##imported-end##

February 03, 2012 at 09:56 AM



“ While we lived in the trailer park, it was nice to have a neighbor like Althea. We visited and had coffee with her. She was treasure to know and it is a loss for the area. Our prayers and condolences go out to the family on their loss.##imported-begin##Haven & Peggy Haynes##imported-end##

February 03, 2012 at 04:25 AM



“ She was a very loving and caring lady and will be missed by all who knew her. I bet she and Mother are up there now talking over old times on The Hill and attending a Gray reunion. I remember how much she enjoyed the Sugaring-Off parties when family and friends got together. We are thinking of all of you. Connie & Jack##imported-begin##Connie & Jack Provencher##imported-end##

February 02, 2012 at 10:22 AM



“ Dale, David, and Dencie: Sorry to hear about your mothers passing. She was a wonderful person, always with a smile and pleasant words. We all are going to miss her. Our condolences to you and your families. John & Sue##imported-begin##John and Sue Morrissey##imported-end##

February 02, 2012 at 08:35 AM



“ So very sorry to read about your lost .
There are no words that will say what is
in so many .###imported-begin###Diane Rice###imported-end##

February 01, 2012 at 08:28 PM



“ We were sadden to hear of Althea's passing.I enjoyed working with her on the
Cannan school lunch program.I will miss our phone calls and our yearly visit
when we went to Colebrook.She was a remarkable lady and will be greatly
missed.Our hearts and prayers go out to her family.###imported-begin###Real &
Lucille Bouthillier Port Charlotte, Fl. ###imported-end##

February 01, 2012 at 06:38 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the family of Althea, she will be missed###imported-
begin###Shirley and Brian Dagesse###imported-end##

February 01, 2012 at 12:25 PM



“ Mfy heartfelt sympathy to all or Althes's family.I enjoyed having her as a Lifeline
customer while I was working at NVRH.My love and prayers go with all of you.
She will be missed.
John P. Sleeper
Retired Lifeline Program Manager from NVRH###imported-begin###John P
Sleeper###imported-end##

February 01, 2012 at 11:04 AM



“ I am very sorry to hear about my great Aunts passing. I hope her and my grammy
furgerson are back to having their hourly phone chats, which I used to call the
Bessie and Althea hour. You have all lost a truly wonderful mother, grandmother,
great grandmother etc.My heart goes out to all of you.
Love
Gina Martin###imported-begin###Gina Martin###imported-end##

February 01, 2012 at 10:51 AM



“ Dencie , Dale and David and your families sorry to hear about Aunt Althea's passing you are all in our thoughts and prayers she will be greatly missed###imported-begin###Shirla and William Furgerson###imported-end##

February 01, 2012 at 10:05 AM



“ Dear; David, Dencie, Dale and families,
Your mom was such a wonderful person, as well as a loving Aunt. I will miss our phone calls and occasional visits, we loved to talk and reminice about the past, and her growing up with her brothers and sisters. We were very fortunate to be able to see her in Sat. and talk. She certainly was ready to reunite with those who have passed before her. Our sympathy is will all of you during this difficult time.
Love, Cindy and Robert###imported-begin###Robert and Cindy Bissonnette###imported-end##

January 31, 2012 at 10:12 PM



“ To the Gray family Im so sorry to hear of your moms passing. I didnt really know her but heard alot about her from Dave and Glenna she was surely loved and I know you will miss her. Hallie and Dave###imported-begin###Hallie Johnston###imported-end##

January 31, 2012 at 09:35 PM



“ Dear David and Carol and family,
Dencie and Fred and family,
Althea was the sweetest person we had ever met. That smile and her gentle way showed what a wonderful person she was. How she beamed with smiles to see David and Carol get married was precious. We are sure you have many wonderful memories of your Mom. She is at peace now and no more pain. For that we must feel thankful as hard as it is to let a loved one go. We love you and call if you need anything. We will always be available to you.###imported-begin###Eddie and Judy McKeage###imported-end##

January 31, 2012 at 08:33 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. She was a sweet lady and we loved seeing her every morning with her smiling face and waving across the street. We will miss her deeply.

Rhonda, Bill, Tyler, Crystal, Angel, Emma Gallien##imported-begin##*Rhonda Gallien & family*##imported-end##

January 31, 2012 at 07:50 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to Althea's family. She will be greatly missed, she always greeted you with a smile. I enjoyed the times that I was able to share in conversation with her she had such great energy again she will be missed. Dan and Tracy##imported-begin##Tracy Owen and Dan Owen##imported-end##

January 31, 2012 at 05:34 PM



“ Our sincere condolences to the family of Althea Gray. We loved her and have fond memories of Aunt Althea. She did so much for everyone and everyone loved her.##imported-begin##Barbara Salpas & Tom Salpas##imported-end##

January 31, 2012 at 03:44 PM



“ Althea was a beautiful person to know. Our condolences to her family. From the housekeeping staff at UCVH##imported-begin##Bonnie Day##imported-end##

January 31, 2012 at 03:34 PM



“ We were very fortunate to have had a chance to get to know Althea when she sat with my Dad when he was sick. We had some nice conversations together. She was a remarkable person who will always be fondly remembered.

With Deepest Sympathy to all of Althea's family,

Dick and Joni Hicks##imported-begin##*Richard and Joni Hicks*##imported-end##

January 31, 2012 at 03:08 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family. She will be missed a lot. Everyone loved her. We will be missing her at the Senior Meal Site every wednesday. We are thinking of you all. Denise c. and friends##imported-begin##Denise Carrier##imported-end##

January 31, 2012 at 02:55 PM