



## Elesa Fay Gray

December 29, 1951 - April 22, 2022

Elesa Fay Gray (Fender) was born December 29, 1951 in Ypsilanti Michigan. She has lived in Florida since her early childhood when the family moved to St Cloud/Palm Bay, Florida. She attended elementary and high school in Melbourne, FL and graduated Melbourne High School in 1970.

After graduation she was employed with Boeing Company at Nasa Space Center, where she reconnected with her 8th grade sweetheart, Robert (Bob) Gray, also a Melbourne high graduate, whom she married May 8, 1971. During the next 51 years she was: an Army wife, owned a small business, worked for two Aerospace companies, church Elder/pastor's wife and Women's Ministry leader. But her greatest accomplishments were being a Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother.

In addition to her varied employment skills Elesa, affectionately named "Nanny" by the family, was an avid volunteer for her Church. Nanny was an accomplished flutist, playing in her church orchestra and a teacher/small group leader. Her entire life could be characterized by the words "Mercy and Giving". God gave her the gift of discernment. She intuitively knew the hurt and need in people's lives and she would provide. She was a seamstress and one of her greatest passions was donating handmade children's clothes, especially for Hospice.

Nanny loved cooking and was a gourmet cook enduring many painful hours to prepare a special meal for family or someone in need, only anticipating a smile for payment.

Nanny is survived by a loving family: her husband Rob; two daughters and sons-in-love Kym/Pat Wall (ST Cloud, FL) and Becky/Todd Harriman (Ardmore, TN); a brother and sister-in-law Leslie/Jill Fender (Apopka, FL). Grand Children: Grayson Wall, Brennan Wall, Bella Wall, Katie Wall, Tate Harriman, Cade Harriman, and Great Grandson Elijah Gray Harriman.

A celebration of life will be held at Refuge Church 5700 AL-53 Harvest, Al 35749 at 4:30

pm Thursday, May 5, 2022. A potluck dinner will follow the celebration in the community hall. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to St Jude Children's Hospital. We are limited in time, so other than previously selected family, anyone desiring to speak should contact Rob Gray at 407-319-1714. The celebration will be live streamed to a website link and directions for access will be posted on Elesa's. Becky, Kym and Rob's Facebook page.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Elesa was a wonderful, Godly lady. When she attended UHBC, she was always willing to help with anything she was asked to do. She will be missed by all who knew her. It was obvious that she loved her family and enjoyed having them worship with her. Heaven has received another angel.* ”

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**Jeanette Jones** - April 30 at 12:22 PM