



## Marisue "Bear" Gray

July 11, 1937 - March 6, 2025

Marisue "Bear" Malone Gray, 87, passed away March 6, 2025.

A native of Birmingham, Alabama, daughter of the late John M. and Vivian Wall Malone, she was a homemaker and a member of Covenant Church. Bear involved her life around her family and church. She was active in the quilting group at Lyman United Methodist Church, Gleaners at Covenant and her Emmaus Community. She was a very faithful servant in serving the community for Jesus.

Grandma Bear adored her four grandchildren and overwhelmed with love for her great grandchildren.

Bear was blessed, to travel a great deal with her husband, Mike Gray. Their trip to Australia was one of her favorites. One of her great pleasures in life was a good hand of bridge.

She will be missed by her family, knowing that she is at her everlasting home is great comfort.

Surviving are her husband, Michael Hix Gray of the home; two sons, Jeff Gray (Pam) of Milledgeville, Georgia and Glen Gray (Elizabeth) of Southport, North Carolina; four grandchildren, Joshua Gray (Courtney), Daniel Gray (Ashleigh), Sara Williams (Whyllie), and Meg Brown (Ethan); and seven great-grandchildren, Sawyer, Davis, Blake, Jack, Addison, Whyllie V, and John Paul. Funeral services will be held 2:00 p.m. Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Covenant Church conducted by Pastor Darren Hook, Pastor Laura Geloni, and Pastor Linda Guthrie. Burial will follow in Wood Memorial Park.

Visitation will be held 1:00-1:45 p.m. Saturday, March 15, 2025, at the church.

The family is at the home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Covenant Church, 1310 Old Spartanburg Road, Greer, South Carolina 29650.

Online condolences may be made at [www.thewoodmortuary.com](http://www.thewoodmortuary.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Wood Memorial Park

863 Gap Creek Road  
Duncan, SC 29334

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 15. 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Covenant Church  
1310 Old Spartanburg Road  
Greer, SC 29650

## Service

MAR 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Growing up, Marisue was my “adopted” Mom. Being best friends with my mom, she was older than me but younger than my mom, meaning she could understand my generation and in turn, help my mom understand me. She and Mike trusted me enough to give me my first baby-sitting job when I was 12 by keeping Jeff and Glen, which I continued until I left for college. Our summers at Lake Lyman were so memorable and are etched into my heart. She had a contagious laugh and I learned from her the importance of being joyful always. Marisue was a fierce prayer warrior, and had the hugest heart and the kindest spirit of anyone I have ever known. She will be sorely missed, but we WILL be together again in God’s presence forever!

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