



## Helen "Maxine" Gray

June 20, 1933 - April 6, 2024

Maxine Gray, 90, formerly of New Hartford, passed away Saturday, April 6, 2024, at Lincoln County Nursing & Rehab in Troy, Missouri.

She was born on June 20, 1933, in New Hartford to Gerald and Leola (Thompson) Trower, and graduated from Bowling Green High School in 1951. She was married to Don Gray on February 16, 1955, in Pittsfield, Illinois. They were blessed with a son, Roger, and a daughter, Sandra.

Maxine worked for several years in area garment factories, including Bridal Originals in Bowling Green, and after that, was a homemaker, raising the kids and helping on the family farm in New Hartford. She lived for helping others and adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of Morning Star Fellowship in Bowling Green for many years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don; her son, Roger; brother, Jim Trower; and sister, Wanda (Trower) Pezzimenti.

Survivors include daughter Sandra (Richard) Lesh of Wentzville, Missouri; daughter-in-law Helen Gray of New Hartford; sister-in-law Jane Trower of St. Peters, Missouri; eight grandchildren: Ryan (Krista) Gray, Brandon (Amy) Gray, Chad (Lydia) Gray, Kelsey (Nick) Balassi, Trevor Gray, Eric (Mackenzie) Lesh, Erin Lesh, and Emily Lesh. Maxine is also survived by twelve great-

grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held on Friday, April 12, at 11:00 a.m. at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green with Rev. Skip Merkel officiating. Visitation will be Friday, April 12, from 9:00 a.m. until time of service at the funeral home.

Pallbearers will be Brandon Gray, Chad Gray, Trevor Gray, Eric Lesh, Alex Gray, and Nick Balassi. Burial will be at Smyrna Cemetery in New Hartford.

Honorary pallbearer will be Ryan Gray.

Memorials may be made to Smyrna Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Smyrna Cemetery

New Hartford, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 12. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green  
606 West Main Street  
Bowling Green, MO 63334  
(573) 324-2211  
office@bibbveach.com  
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## Funeral Service

APR 12. 11:00 AM (CT)

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## Burial

APR 12.

Smyrna Cemetery  
New Hartford, MO

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sending our sympathy and prayers for all of the family. Mrs. Gray was such a sweet lady.



Stephen and Zenda Luebrecht - April 14, 2024 at 10:02 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Helen "Maxine" Gray.



April 10, 2024 at 04:16 PM

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“ All of us at Young Enterprises, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen "Maxine" Gray.

All of us at Young Enterprises, Inc. - April 10, 2024 at 04:14 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Helen "Maxine" Gray.



April 10, 2024 at 04:14 PM

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“ *Carla Mills lit a candle in memory of Helen "Maxine" Gray*



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**Carla Mills** - April 10, 2024 at 02:32 PM

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“ *Elizabeth Trower, Cindy, Chris, Brenda, Julie, Michael & Families purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Helen "Maxine" Gray.*



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**Elizabeth Trower, Cindy, Chris, Brenda, Julie, Michael & Families** - April 10, 2024 at 11:20 AM

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“ *Tom & Jean Dempsey sent a virtual gift in memory of Helen "Maxine" Gray*



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**Tom & Jean Dempsey** - April 09, 2024 at 10:08 PM

JK

“ Visiting Grandma, uncle Don and Aunt Maxine will always be some of the most special memories of my childhood. I couldn't possibly list one. Aunt Maxine's ability to be a wife, mother and put on boots to help outside now amazes me. I never heard her say a harsh word and she was always smiling. I can only hope to be the woman she was. Aunt Maxine, you will be deeply missed and forever in our heart.

Julie Trower Keipp - April 09, 2024 at 06:24 PM

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“ This sweet lady will definitely be missed! May God comfort her survivors.

Dorothy Edwards - April 09, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ Deepest sympathy



Donna Korte Wiss - April 09, 2024 at 03:09 PM

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“ My condolences to the family.



Peggy Perkins - April 09, 2024 at 11:23 AM