



Louise Sullivan Bray

June 21, 1932 - March 13, 2018

Louise Sullivan Bray went to her heavenly home on March 13, 2018. After suffering with congestive heart failure for many years, she died at the home of her daughter, under the care of Good Shepherd Hospice. Born June 21, 1932 in Thomasville, NC, Louise was the eldest daughter of seven children born to H.A. and MaeBelle Sullivan.

She moved to Lakeland with her husband and two children in 1957. As a young mother, she kept her family active in church, was a den mother with her son's Boy Scout Troop, helped her daughter earn her Girl Scout badges, and played couple's bridge. In 1970, another daughter was born. Louise was an expert seamstress who made all the clothes for herself and her daughters. As an exceptional cook and baker, she was well known for her fried chicken and sweet potato pie. When her children grew older, she worked as a switchboard operator for the City of Lakeland at City Hall, and later retired from a 25-year career in the corporate office at Publix Super Markets.

Louise lived her life in dedication to Christ and in service to others. As a charter member of Victory Church in Lakeland, she sang in the choir, was a long-standing member of the Praying Moms, and devoted many hours to leading Bible studies for mentally challenged adults in a group home. Louise was an avid reader of the Bible and inspirational literature, was a sought-after prayer warrior, and supported many missionary families around the world, as

well as countless local and international charities. Those who loved her relied on her wise counsel and compassion, and admired her for her strength and calm demeanor in the face of adversity.

Louise loved to travel, and in later years, enjoyed many girl trips with her oldest daughter and her three sisters. Always happiest when surrounded by family and friends, she greatly enjoyed the fun and fellowship of her Monday card group and Friday night dominoes group. She was known for her sweet spirit, kind heart, and her joyful laugh that made everyone else want to laugh with her.

Louise was predeceased by her parents; her brothers Gerald, Wade and Maschil; and her son, H. Scott Bray. The surviving family are her daughters, Teresa Bray and her husband Joe Paul, and Joy Day Weaver and her husband Matt (all of Lakeland, FL); daughter-in-law Patricia Bray (Howie-in-the-Hills, FL); sisters Linda Hawks (Johnson City, TN), Karen Sink and her husband Steve (Thomasville, NC), and Judy Rains and her husband Scott (Trinity, NC); grandchildren Laura Magrone (Nick), Darien Watkins (Kyle), Kalen Bray, Jessica Day and Jeremy Day; great-granddaughter Lirin Watkins; and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

The family sends special thanks to the Rose Team at Good Shepherd Hospice for their great care and support; especially to Carrie Shills, Tammy Konkol, Alicia Henry, Shaneka Calhoun, Chaplain Walt Godwin and Chaplain Bob Franklin. As a personal note to Maribel Page, there are simply no words that can express our thanks for all you did for Mom and our family.

A memorial service celebrating Louise's life will be held at the Community Center at Parker Street Ministries at 719 N. Massachusetts Avenue in Lakeland at 10:30 am on Saturday, March 24, 2018. The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch immediately following the service in the

Family Life Center.

An interment ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m. at Serenity Gardens Cemetery, 3350 Mall Hill Drive, Lakeland, FL.

In lieu of flowers, you may wish to consider a donation to Louise's favorite local ministry, Parker Street Ministries, Inc., PO Box 433, Lakeland, FL 33802.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR **24.** 10:30 AM (ET)

Parker Street Ministries
719 N. Massachusetts Avenue
Lakeland, FL

Interment

MAR **24.** 2:30 PM (ET)

Serenity Gardens - Cemetery
3350 Mall Hill Drive
Lakeland, FL 33810
(863) 853-5959
t.hall@gentry-morrison.com
<https://serenitygardensoflakeland.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Louise Sullivan Bray

November 17, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Louise Sullivan Bray.



March 22, 2018 at 07:13 PM



“ TherapeuticsMD Team purchased the Divine Light for the family of Louise Sullivan Bray.



TherapeuticsMD Team - March 22, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ Louise was beautiful inside and out. She was always lifting everyone up around her. I was fortunate to have known her & call her my friend. My prayers are with her family and Louise's memory lives on.

Janet Spear - March 17, 2018 at 08:58 PM

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“ As I write this, I can hear Louise's distinctive laughter in my thoughts. Together, we could have a laughing good time ❤️ I would like to share about Louise as my friend and prayer partner. We were part of a group of Praying Moms at Victory Church and we bombarded heaven for our children and families. Louise created the spreadsheet we each had with our names, names of children, grandchildren, etc. Over the years, I would send new info and she would update the spreadsheet. She kept doing this for me, even when she was no longer able to attend our Wed night prayer times. She was always the first to respond by email when I sent out new prayer requests. In Feb. of this year, when I tried updating the spreadsheet, Louise was the first to respond about something that needed to be corrected. 😍 WHAT A BLESSING of prayer and encouragement Louise was, right up until she went on to heaven ❤️ I believe all those prayers will continue to cover us.
Carla Bryan

Carla Bryan - March 17, 2018 at 08:48 PM