



## Patricia Gray

February 24, 1927 - December 17, 2022

Patricia “Pat” Gray passed away December 17, 2022 at Fleur Heights Care Center in Des Moines. A celebration of her life will be 2PM Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at Fort Des Moines United Methodist Church, 6205 SW 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa with visitation 1 hour prior to service. Burial of her cremated remains will be at Sunset Cemetery in Des Moines.

Pat was born February 24, 1927 to Pearl and Larry Hammond in Des Moines and lived her entire life in Des Moines. Pat was the first waitress to work at Smitty’s Tenderloin and was well known on the southside by many locals. You can still feel her presence at the restaurant by viewing her picture behind the counter. She retired from the Des Moines Airport where she worked security. Up until her health declined, Pat was still working bingo on Sunday’s at The Eagles Lodge on the southside. Pat enjoyed playing darts, riding motorcycles, where her picture on an old Harley could be seen at Kung Fu Tap and Taco. But her favorite pastime was spending time with her family.

She is survived by her sons, Doug (Sue) Yates, Bill (Lucy) Yates; 9 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, 8 great great grandchildren and 2 nephews. She was preceded in death by her husbands, L.W. “Chub” Yates and Russ Gray; her companion, Jim Jones; sons, Mike, Steve and Marty and her parents.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Animal Rescue League of Iowa.

Please check back for updated service time.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Fort Des Moines United Methodist Church  
6205 SW 9th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50315

## Celebration of Life Service

JAN 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Fort Des Moines United Methodist Church  
6205 SW 9th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50315

## Burial

JAN 3. 3:00 PM - 3:15 PM (CT)

Sunset Memorial Gardens  
7601 Fleur Drive  
Des Moines, IA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Patricia Gray.



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December 30, 2022 at 07:11 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Patricia Gray.



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December 29, 2022 at 02:18 PM