

Order of Funeral Service

OFFICIATING THE SERVICE - SGR JR. (11:00 AM)
OPENING -

"We are here today to remember and honor the life of Janice Gray. LIFE is the most precious of God's gift and we are thankful for the 68 years God gave Janice. Would you bow your heads as _____ leads us in prayer."

OPENING PRAYER - _____

EULOGY - READ BY SGR JR. (read obituary)

Janice L. Gray, age 68 years, of Edgewood, MD died on Friday, September 10, 2010 at University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, Maryland. She was the beloved wife of James A. Gray, Jr.

Janice was born on February 1, 1942 in Bluefield, West Virginia a daughter of the late Rev. Perry and Ethel Grose. Janice was a bus driver for *Anderson School Bus Company* for many years. She loved music and enjoyed singing, playing the piano and organ and doing word puzzles. Janice was a member of Upper Room Gospel Tabernacle. She loved her dog, Minnie.

She is also survived by her four children: Tina R. Chapman, Corrina J. Garcia, Oscar L. Dillion, Jr., and Michael G. Dillion

Brothers: Rev. Perry Grose, Jr. and Rev. Johnny Grose

Her four sisters: Bonnie Whiteford, June Rutherford, Carol Copenhaver, and Joyce Meadows

Song 1 - Son, OSCAR LEE DILLION, JR. is coming at this time.

Song 2 - Nieces Laura Reynolds & Holly Mazur are coming to sing "Family Ties."

Poem - Niece Angel Copenhaver is coming to read a poem of her own and SAFELY HOME on behalf of Uncle Jim:

*I am safely in Heaven, dear ones; Oh so happy and so bright!
There is perfect joy and beauty in this everlasting light
All the pain and grief is over, ever restless tossing past;
I am now at peace forever, safely home in Heaven at last.
And He came himself to meet me, in that way so hard to tread;
And with Jesus' arm to lean on, Could I have one doubt or dread?
Then you must not grieve so sorely, For I love you dearly still,
Try to look beyond earth's shadows, Pray to trust our Father's will.*

Song 3

- Nieces Amy Grose and Kimberly Brockmeyer are coming to sing.

Sermon & Invitation

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INTRODUCTION

Not too many months ago, I had the privilege to preach a Sunday evening service at this church. It was a Sunday evening service and Janice and Jim came in and sat in the back on my left. After preaching, I went down to greet them and Janice hugged my neck kind of roughly like she could and told me to 'keep it up.' If I remember right, I preached that evening on the cross: the tree that sweetens life's bitter streams. In the next few moments, I will be obedient to the call of God, the wishes of her family and Janice's own instructions to KEEP IT UP and preach to you "**CHRIST CRUCIFIED.**"

TEXT: I Corinthians 1:23,24

1 Corinthians 1:23-24—*But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.*

I. The Mystery of the Cross

- A. Why would God die for man?
He was wounded, stripped, mocked, and died in open shame
- B. The Jews looked for a reigning king, to them the cross is a stumbling block. **They looked for God to fit their program.**
- C. The Greek looked for the eloquence and brilliance that **glorified man** like the plato, Socrates and their other great philosophers. To them the preaching of the cross was **FOOLISHNESS.**

II. The Message of the Cross

- A. God hates and will always judge sin. He is a HOLY God and demands holiness from us. It is a message of PURITY.

Ro 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

B. Business with God is done on His terms.

Lu 9:23 And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. ← SELF-DENIAL

The most provoking image of all of history is that of the innocent and righteous son of God abused by man and hung on an old rugged cross.

Christ went ALL the way and paid the price.

No one is worthy to reason with God. We come before God destitute. The ground is level at the foot of the cross. We cry for mercy.

III. The Meaning of the Cross

A. Are you like the Jews today and the message of the cross doesn't fit your religious system?

B. Are you like the Greeks and consider it all FOOLISHNESS.

C. Will you answer the call this morning.

1Co 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks,
Christ **the power of God, and the wisdom of God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- BY SGR JR.

The committal service will be held at Highview Memorial Gardens in Fallston immediately following this service. A lunch will be shared in the pavilion behind this church shortly after the graveside service.

Please wait for your pew to be directed to pay your respects to the family. Janice's immediate family will be dismissed last so please be understanding and give them a few moments alone by making your exit after paying your respects.

Order for Committal Service

--SING A CHORUS _____

--(SGRJR) Committal Verses & Remarks followed by PRAYER.

“John 11:25,26—Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: 26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeest thou this?

Job 19:25-27—For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: 26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: 27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God, in His infinite grace to bless with earthly life that is a vapor appearing for a little time and then vanishing away, we therefore, commit this body into this ground.

EARTH TO EARTH, ASHES TO ASHES, DUST TO DUST; For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

Looking for resurrection at the last day, in hope of life of the world to come, through our Lord Jesus Christ: at whose coming in triumph and glorious majesty to judge the world in righteousness, the earth and the sea shall give up their dead; and the bodies of those who are asleep in Him shall be changed, and made like unto His own glorious body; according to the mighty working whereby He is able to subdue all things unto Himself.

Let us pray.”

--ANNOUNCE INVITATION FOR RECEPTION _____

SUGGESTIONS & QUESTIONS TO ASK

<<OFFICIATING THE SERVICE	-[doesn't have to be the preacher] _____
BULLETINS?	- Order of Service, Made by? _____ Passed out by? _____
ANNOUNCEMENTS	- SGR JR. 1)"We are here to..." 2)by the end of the service directions will be given concerning the committal service & reception.
OPENING PRAYER	- Preacher _____ (11:00 AM)
EULOGY	- READ BY _____ (reads obituary)
SONG 1	- Singer _____
SCRIPTURE READING	- A collection of family preferred verses read by _____
Thoughts & Remarks	- _____ _____ _____
Song 2	- Singer _____
Sermon & Invitation	- SGR Jr. <i>family wishes, time???</i>
ANNOUNCEMENTS	- BY _____
	Time & Place & Order of Committal Service/Time & Place of Reception _____ _____
	Directions for giving of respects to family and deceased & for exiting: _____ _____

Some suggested Scripture Readings:

1Th 4:14; John 14:1-6; John 11:25,26; John 5:28,29; I Cor. 15:19-22;

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FAMILY:

JANICE (GROSE) GRAY

HUSBAND:	-	JIM GRAY
Mother:	-	s (deceased)
Father:	-	s (deceased)
CHILD #1:	-	S
CHILD #2:	-	S
CHILD #3:	-	S
CHILD #4:	-	S
SIBLING #1:	-	S
SIBLING #2:	-	S
SIBLING #3:	-	S
SIBLING #4:	-	S
SIBLING #5:	-	S
SIBLING #6:	-	S
GRANDCHILD #1:	-	S
GRANDCHILD #2:	-	S
GRANDCHILD #3:	-	S
GRANDCHILD #4:	-	S
GRANDCHILD #5:	-	S
GRANDCHILD #6:	-	S
GRANDCHILD #7:	-	S
GRANDCHILD #8:	-	S
GRANDCHILD #9:	-	S
GRANDCHILD #10:	-	S
CLOSE FRIENDS	-	