



## Ida Beatrice Gray-Tinsley

February 24, 1943 - November 5, 2023

GRAY-TINSLEY, Mrs. Ida Beatrice - age 80, passed away Sunday, November 5, 2023 at Trinity Hospital in Pontiac, Michigan. Family hour 10:00AM Friday, November 17, 2023 at First Spanish American Church, 1533 Giddings Road, with funeral service commencing immediately at 11:00AM. Pastor Carlos Quinones, officiating. Interment Perry Mount Park, 878 North Perry Street. Friends and pallbearers will assemble 10:00AM Friday at the church. Mrs. Gray-Tinsley will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 268 North Perry Street, and may be viewed from 12:00PM - 6:00PM Thursday.

Mrs. Gray-Tinsley leaves to cherish her memory: her children, Elbert (Marylou) Gray and Terry (Kelly) Gray; grandchildren, Jared, Brionna, Brandon, Taylor "TJ", Anthony, Shaylyn, Shaina and Rafael "RC"; great-grandchildren, Aaliyah, Devyn, Khalyl, A'Lyvia and Zenon; sisters, Carol Farmer and Debra McCollough; brothers, Albert McCollough and Edmond "Eddie" McCollough; several nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives including cousins, Mary (Paul) Thomas and Troy "Cookie" Spillman.

Mrs. Gray-Tinsley was preceded in death by her husband, Houston Tinsley; parents, Sam Jarrett and Fannie Pitts; step-father, Albert McCollough, Sr.; grandparents, Ida Louise Pitts and Robert Lewis Pitts; sister, Gloria Saxton; brothers, Jesse McCollough, William McCollough and Samuel Jarrett, Jr.; and

aunts, Dorothy (Taylor) Gipson and Mae Spillman.

# Cemetery Details

## Perry Mount Park Cemetery

878 N. Perry St.  
Pontiac, MI

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 16. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Pontiac  
268 North Perry Street  
Pontiac, MI 48342  
(248) 758-1913

## Family Hour

NOV 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Spanish American Baptist Church  
1533 Giddings Road  
Pontiac, MI 48340

## Funeral Service

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Spanish American Baptist Church  
1533 Giddings Road  
Pontiac, MI 48340



# Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ida Beatrice Gray-Tinsley.*



November 16, 2023 at 11:21 PM



“ *Shelba Frazier, Realtor & Friend planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ida Beatrice Gray-Tinsley.*

**Shelba Frazier, Realtor & Friend** - November 16, 2023 at 01:56 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ida Beatrice Gray-Tinsley.*



November 16, 2023 at 01:56 PM



“ *Beverly Rollins lit a candle in memory of Ida Beatrice Gray-Tinsley*



**Beverly Rollins** - November 15, 2023 at 07:14 PM

TA

“ Terry A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ida Beatrice Gray-Tinsley.

Terry A. - November 15, 2023 at 03:50 PM

AS

“ My College Momma was a light in my dark days in college we worked together and I was welcomed to the Family. I remember her giving me food outside her garden for campus She free the best lettuce I've ever had. Gone but never forgotten always in my Heart. Love and Strength Elbert and Terry I will always be your Sister ❤️



Angela Pittman Stewart - November 15, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ida Beatrice Gray-Tinsley.



November 15, 2023 at 03:09 PM

BG

“ Brionna N. Gray and Brandon A. Gray. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ida Beatrice Gray-Tinsley.

Brionna N. Gray and Brandon A. Gray. - November 15, 2023 at 03:07 PM

BG

“ *Brionna N. Gray and Brandon A. Gray. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ida Beatrice Gray-Tinsley.*



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**Brionna N. Gray and Brandon A. Gray.** - November 15, 2023 at 03:07 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ida Beatrice Gray-Tinsley.*



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November 14, 2023 at 09:54 PM

LT

“ *Luis Rueda, Bill Mason and the Axis Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ida Beatrice Gray-Tinsley.*

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**Luis Rueda, Bill Mason and the Axis Team** - November 13, 2023 at 03:49 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ida Beatrice Gray-Tinsley.*



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November 13, 2023 at 03:49 PM

CF

“What a remarkable woman! Ida and I met for the first time on Monday, 9 Sept 1968, the first day of classes at Oakland University, and for both of us our first day on the job, she as secretary to the Area Studies Program and I as a new faculty member. In 1976 that program became the Center for International Programs and I was appointed its Director, and for the next 24 years Ida and I made that program shine. Small but significant, efficient, innovative, and student-friendly. She was its heartbeat who kept everything and everyone in order, including me, correcting my spelling in memos and reports ("accommodate" has two c's and two m's), gently pushing me with a smile if I fell behind with planning or reminding me to follow up calls, and all those sorts of things (large and small) that kept the program going. And in all of it, she was professional, super competent, a charmer, and very patient with clueless students, faculty, and even administrators! She was respected and appreciated as one of the most competent, distinguished secretaries at OU who helped others in that position with advice and wisdom. Everyone loved her. Full stop! She refused to allow me to refer to her as my "assistant," as was the trendy term in the 90s; she was proudly a secretary, in the fullest and vital sense of the word. When I retired from OU in 2005 and moved to LA, she and I kept in touch especially around our birthdays. I share in the sadness and sense of loss her wonderful, dear family is experiencing. And I offer my most profound, heart-felt condolences. As we all know, she is, of course, in a better place . . . and I wouldn't be surprised if she's up there helping St. Peter keeping his books straight! (Sorry for being long-winded, dearest Ida!)

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Carlo Coppola, friend - November 12, 2023 at 10:11 PM

AJ

“ *Alesia James lit a candle in memory of Ida Beatrice Gray-Tinsley*



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**Alesia James** - November 10, 2023 at 11:50 AM

BR

“ *Barbara RogersLandry lit a candle in memory of Ida Beatrice Gray-Tinsley*



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**Barbara RogersLandry** - November 10, 2023 at 11:31 AM

AM

“ *No more suffering, she has her wings.  
Rest in Heaven Ida 🙏  
Love & Prayers for Family. Hold on to God's  
hand Elbert, he will give you strength.*



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**Anthony Cooper & Shirley Mason-Cooper** - November 09, 2023 at 06:53 PM