



Anita S. Gray

July 13, 1926 - February 1, 2018

Anita S. Gray, 91, of Lake Panasoffkee, FL, passed away Thursday, February 1, 2018, at home in Lake Panasoffkee, FL. Anita was born July 13, 1926 to Paul and Frieda Shalensky in Prague, Czechoslovakia. During the German invasion she was separated from her family at the age of 13 and worked in the aircraft factory and on the German farms.

After the war she was introduced to Arthur Armstrong, a Navy Chief Petty Officer, whom she married and remained with in Europe until 1955 when she returned with him to the United States. The family moved to Lake Panasoffkee in 1979 from Jacksonville. After her husband died, she worked for Hospice and there met her second husband, George Gray.

She was a master gardener, a volunteer for Hospice, and a volunteer for Sumter County Adult Education. She was a survivor of the Holocaust in WWII and honored at the Candles Holocaust Museum in Terre Haute, Indiana. She received her GED at the age of 74 and was named one of Florida's All American Success Stories and honored at the Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center.

She is survived by her daughter, Mickee Martin, of Sumterville, FL. She has eight grandchildren:

Daniel, Cassandra, Anja, Gary Lee, Ashley, Ethan, Ryan, and Connor. Visitation

and Service - A time of visitation will be held on Monday, February 5, 2018 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Purcell Chapel in Bushnell, FL. A Service will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church ,Lake Panasoffkee with Pastor Randy Alonso officiating.

Arrangements entrusted to Purcell Funeral Home, Bushnell, Florida.

Tribute Wall

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“ OUR PRECIOUS ANGEL REST IN PEACE



DAVID & JENNIFER TAYLOR - February 08, 2018 at 05:08 PM

GJ

“ we will always have memories of my grandmother she was a wonderful women and I will always love her but she is with the lord and I know that some day I will see her again53



Gary Lee Armstrong Jr - February 08, 2018 at 12:56 PM

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“ Anita was truly inspirational and I will miss her greatly



Sharon Delaney - February 05, 2018 at 05:24 PM

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Sharon Delaney - February 05, 2018 at 05:23 PM

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Sharon Delaney - February 05, 2018 at 05:17 PM

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“ In all my years I will never meet another woman that has made such an impact on my life. Oma had the most beautiful soul of anyone I have ever met. I am honored to have know such an amazing Lady. Once you were in her family, no matter what life changes came alone ... you remained in her family. Rest in Peace Oma!



Joanna Rodgers (maw-maw) - February 05, 2018 at 02:18 PM

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“ See you later, Ms. Anita. Love you so much!!



Sarah J King - February 04, 2018 at 07:56 PM

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“ Ms. Anita, I love you so. You made such an impact on my life like you did to so many others. You were one of a kind. You will be forever in my heart and one day we'll meet again up there way beyond the blue where our Heavenly Father dwells. Where you are now dancing on the golden streets and sitting at the feet of Jesus. Words cannot express how much you meant to me and still mean to me. A fabulous lady and wonderful child of God. Your love for Him and your trust in Him was unending. He so tenderly led you home Thursday morning. No more pain, no more heartache, no more struggles. Peace, glorious peace and joy are yours forever! I'll be looking for you when I get there. I can't wait to hear what you have to tell me about the tremendous joys you are experiencing. I hope my mansion is next door to yours. My heart is sad because I will miss you so much but I rejoice that you are with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Til we meet again. Love you, Sarah Jo

Sarah Jo King - February 04, 2018 at 07:53 PM

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“ i love you oma Rip you're forever in my heart and i will remember allthe great times we had



Ethan Crouse - February 02, 2018 at 11:52 PM

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“ In memory of



Stella - February 02, 2018 at 06:47 PM