

Constance Leighton Gray

April 1, 2023

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0164656 Mrs. Constance L Gray
Birth Name: Constance L Leighton
Deceased Date: 04/01/23 Reunion Class(es): 1961

Last Address of Deceased: (Preferred Address)
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Relations...:

Gray, Paul - Son
- Source: RLA
Gray, Stephen - Son
- Source: RLA
Gray, Fenton P. - Late Spouse **Deceased
- Source: RLA

Employment

Employer	Start Date	End Date	Position
State of Connecticut	02/01/89	05/31/03	Economic Development Age
Caldor	01/01/78	12/31/78	Office Clerk
The Williams School			Teacher

Volunteer

Organization	Start Date	End Date	Role
Class of 1961	07/01/00	06/30/01	Misc Reunion Chair

Education

Institution	Degree	Date Rcvd
Mount Holyoke College	AB	06/01/61
Southern Connecticut State University		PEND

Awards

Description	Type	MHC	Date
MHC Academic Awards	Phi Beta Kappa	Y	01/01/61

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Text: Constance L. Gray (Leighton), age 83, of Old Lyme, CT passed away peacefully at home on April 1, 2023.

Connie, daughter to the late Willmott and Florence Leighton, was born in Cleveland, OH on July 6, 1939.

Connie was preceded in death by her husband, Fenton Paul Gray, 1971. She is survived by her devoted children, Fenton Paul Gray (Wellesley / Nantucket, MA) and Stephen James Gray (Middletown, CT); siblings, Joan Leighton (Melrose, MA) and George Leighton (Old Lyme, CT); and cherished grandchildren, Michael, Harrison and Leighton.

She will also be forever remembered by her extended family and dear friends. She graduated from Cleveland Heights High School and magna cum laude / Phi Beta Kappa from Mt. Holyoke College with a bachelor's degree in religion. Soon after marrying her beloved husband in 1961, she settled in Old Lyme. Here she raised her family and lived for the past 60 years.

Her love for Old Lyme Shores Beach was reflected in her 35 years of service as Beach Association secretary and 25 years as the Association rental agent. Connie had a passion for languages, especially Latin, which was evident during her tenure at The Williams School in New London. She served as the head of the English Department in the lower school for 13 years. She then had a successful nearly 20-year career with Connecticut's Department of Economic and Community Development before retiring in 2003.

A loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend, Connie was kind, thoughtful and generous to all who knew her. Her true passion and greatest gift involved helping others. Her selfless nature led her to volunteer with numerous organizations, including the Christ the King Church Prayer Line and the New London Community Meal Center. She loved devoting her free time to her family and was always engaged in the lives of her children and grandchildren.

Connie's sparkly personality made a lasting impression on everyone she knew. An attentive listener, she was endlessly curious about the lives of others. And she was eager to share the latest news about her own family. Always upbeat, Connie had an endearing knack for converting any temporary setback into an entertaining - and often lengthy - story.