



Jeanine L. Pray

March 21, 1942 - September 29, 2020

Coleman Funeral Home of Oxford

Jeanine Levy Pray passed away and joined The Lord on September 29, 2020 after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was born in Orangeburg, South Carolina on March 21, 1942 to Leon Alfonse and Margaret Wise Levy.

After graduating from Vidalia High School, Jeanine went on to nursing school at Chandler Telfair Hospital in Savannah, Georgia where she earned her degree as a Registered Nurse. Her career spanned from working with the American Red Cross to Baptist Memorial Hospital. She especially enjoyed working in the field of home health caring for many patients who grew close to her heart. Teaching prepared child birth in Germany and Oxford gave her much joy.

Jeanine was an avid animal lover. Raising and caring for her beautiful Arabian horses held an extra special place in her life. However, her children and grandchildren were her greatest accomplishments and joy. She had a green thumb, and grew many stunning plants and flowers.

Jeanine is survived by her husband of 52 years, Brian Pray, two daughters, Portia Pray Franks (Mitch) of Tupelo, and Kristin Pray Gaines (Carl) of Oxford, five grandchildren: Katy Franks, Margaret Franks, Brian Franks all of Tupelo,

Madelynnne Gaines of Abbeville and Hollis Gaines of Oxford. She is also survived by sisters, Ethelyn McKenzie of Vidalia, Georgia and Ann Shipes (Denny) of Baxley, Georgia, and niece Angela Latham, nephews Levy Pittman, Max McKenzie and Mark McKenzie. Preceding her in death were her parents Leon and Margaret, brother-in-laws Max Mckenzie, Van M. Pray and niece Theresa McKenzie.

A private memorial will be held by the family with burial to follow at a later date.

Memorials in her name may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the charity of choice.

Please leave online condolences on the Tribute Wall at www.colemanfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

JR

“ I remember Jeanine from the Pray's time living in Manhattan, Kansas. As a teenager and neighbor, I helped her around the house with chores while Brian was away serving our country in Vietnam. She was a very kind and loving woman and I know she is missed dearly by Brian and family.

*Jim Roberts
Bend, Oregon*

Jim Roberts - September 20, 2022 at 02:27 AM

MS

“ I never had the pleasure of meeting or speaking with Jeanine, but I own an Arabian horse she bred by the name of Streak Of Brass (barn name - Jack). Jack's former owner told me about how much Jeanine loved her horses and that she had a special soft spot for Jack. She gave me pictures of him as a baby/growing up that Jeanine had sent to her. I have been with Jack for the last 8 years, and he will be 20 years old this year. He is the sweetest, funniest, and most wonderful horse. I love him dearly and am so grateful to have him in my life. Prayers for peace and comfort for the family. I wish I had had the opportunity to speak to Jeanine; she sounds like she was a wonderful woman. Sincerely, Megan Schreifels



Megan Schreifels - March 17, 2021 at 03:08 PM

PR

“ *What a lady! Devoted mother, grandmother, nurse and the list goes on! Aunt Margaret is loving on her right now. Love to all the family.*
Pat Whitlock Rollins

Pat Whitlock Rollins - October 17, 2020 at 07:25 AM

LR

“ *Love, hugs & prayers to all the family at this difficult time. May the memories of Jeanine comfort you now and always.*



Linda May Rountree - October 02, 2020 at 07:18 PM

KT

Jeff and I are praying for you all. Jeanine was a special person. We remember how she loved y'all's dog Bear! During the ice storm of 1994 we used y'all's cell phone as not many people had them then. Jeanine was so kind and thoughtful. She loved her family so much!
Love,
Kathy and Jeff Terry

Kathy Terry - October 03, 2020 at 10:10 PM

MG

“ I worked for the Pray family throughout my time as an Ole Miss student. They became my family away from home and I will forever consider them all family. Mrs. Pray was such a sweet, caring woman! We used to sit and talk about horses for hours! In her I found someone just as horse crazy as me! My heart breaks that I am not there to hug all of my Oxford family members and tell you all how very sorry I am! I loved her so much and my prayers have been and will continue to be with you all!

Love,
Melissa Goe

Melissa Goe - October 01, 2020 at 11:00 PM

AB

“ Sweet Sweet Funny Jeanine. She was my favorite resident on at Hermitage Gardens when I worked there. She loved her family, horses, dogs, and those fat baby dolls! Every night before getting into bed she would rub the bottom of her feet together (trying to get the dog hair and dirt off the bottom of her feet). I told her i know that move! I do it before getting into bed, because I have dogs. I loved her name! I always told her i want a baby named Jeanine one day, its such an old fashion, beautiful name.
My thoughts and prayers are with the family drluring this tough time
Love, Amanda Bailey

Amanda Nicole Bailey - October 01, 2020 at 10:35 PM