



## Elsie Lee Gray

February 14, 1948 - July 15, 2025

Elsie Lee Baker Gray, also known as “BabyDoll”, was born February 14, 1948 to the union of Rayo Byfield Baker and Anna Lee Gee Baker in Florence, South Carolina. She resided on the east side of Detroit and graduated from Pershing High School.

She loved to sing and started singing with Golden World Records and the Debonaires as a teenager. Elsie met Maurice Gray during her singing career and they married on June 10, 1967. They had 2 children, Meko and Tonysha.

They embraced the Muslim religion and lived each day as in the presence of God.

Elsie was employed by the Detroit Public Schools as a high school Math and Computer Science Teacher, which she loved.

Preceding in death are her spouse, Maurice Gray; son, Meko (Beverly) Gray; parents, Rayo Baker and Anna Lee Gee Baker; and brother, Norman/Dilly Baker.

Remaining to cherish her memory are: daughter Tonysha Emerson; eight grandchildren (in order from eldest to youngest) Reko Greason, Tiere Emerson, Taryn Emerson, Areil (Jalen) Griffin, Jaleel Gray, Christopher

Emerson, Tamara Emerson, and Aaliyah Booth; five great grandchildren; two sisters Robbie Carey(Larry) and Annette Kimona Baker-Bordes, six brothers Rayo Baker Jr. (Sylvia), Glenn Baker (Kriselda), Rod Baker (Teresa), Tommy Baker (Patricia), Wayne Baker (Delise), Kim Baker (Juanita); and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Elsie's legacy lives on in the hearts of her family, who will remember her gentle spirit, heartfelt laughter, and beautiful smile.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn Cemetery

19975 Woodward Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48203

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL **23**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Webcast in memory of Elsie Lee Gray*



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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - July 23, 2025 at 11:52 AM



“ *Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Elsie Lee Gray*



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**Kemp Funeral Home & Cremation Services** - July 23, 2025 at 11:52 AM

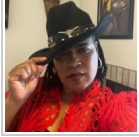


“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Nysha Dara** - July 23, 2025 at 09:12 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Elsie's Obituary



Nysha Dara - July 23, 2025 at 09:08 AM



“ Alex and Claudette Harrell planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elsie Lee Gray.

Alex and Claudette Harrell - July 22, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ Alex and Claudette Harrell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Elsie Lee Gray.



Alex and Claudette Harrell - July 22, 2025 at 01:01 PM



“ Angela T Woods and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elsie Lee Gray.

Angela T Woods and family - July 22, 2025 at 10:49 AM

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“ Angela T Woods and family purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Elsie Lee Gray.



Angela T Woods and family - July 22, 2025 at 10:49 AM

YV

“ Yolanda, Michele, Rayo, Juaquin, Virgil planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elsie Lee Gray.

Yolanda, Michele, Rayo, Juaquin, Virgil - July 22, 2025 at 06:50 AM

YV

“ Yolanda, Michele, Rayo, Juaquin, Virgil purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Elsie Lee Gray.



Yolanda, Michele, Rayo, Juaquin, Virgil - July 22, 2025 at 06:50 AM

NG

“ Nefertiti Gray sent a virtual gift in memory of Elsie Lee Gray



Nefertiti Gray - July 21, 2025 at 05:48 AM



“ Aunt Elsie Baker-Gray,  
I will certainly miss hearing your sweet, sweet voice and the  
encouraging words of wisdom you gave.  
Love you,  
Your Niece Stephanie Knox-Bernard (STEPH, as I was called by  
you.)

Stephanie Bernard - July 20, 2025 at 10:54 PM

BW

“ Deepest sympathy to the family. It's tough to  
lose a mother.



Beverly D Whatley - July 20, 2025 at 09:29 PM

RJ

“ Rest in peace BabyDoll. sending love and prayers for the family ❤️

Rikki Jones - July 20, 2025 at 08:43 PM

AH

“ Sending condolences and prayers. 🙏🕊️  
Rest in peace.



Aimee Hayes - July 20, 2025 at 08:21 PM

MJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family!  
-Maggie, Cayden, Caylee, and Caysie  
Johnson*



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**Maggie Johnson** - July 20, 2025 at 08:20 PM

MB

“ *Mildred Brown-Gee lit a candle in memory of  
Elsie Lee Gray*



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**Mildred Brown-Gee** - July 20, 2025 at 08:12 PM

MB

“ *My condolences and prayers are with the family. Knowing the love  
she had for her beloved Uncle Cody. Sending my love. Rest In  
Heavenly Peace 💔. Aunt Mildred*

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**Mildred Brown-Gee** - July 20, 2025 at 08:10 PM

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*My condolences to the Baker Family. Louise Braswell-Dorsey*

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**Louise** - July 21, 2025 at 01:26 PM