

Avanelle "Avy" Frances (Miller) Gray was born October 15, 1930, on a farm near Wheaton; the eldest child of three born to Delos and Alice (Boekholt) Miller. Avy attended rural schools in Traverse County and graduated from the West Central School of Agriculture (WCSA) in Morris in 1947.

Avy was faculty secretary for four years after graduating from WCSA where she met and married Wesley H Gray of Osseo MN. Avy stayed home to raise her growing family until 1966, when she joined Production Credit ASSOCIATION (Farm Credit) in Morris for 22 years. She was never happier than when working for PCA.

Avy was an active member of First Lutheran Church in Morris. She was President of the Pomme De Terre Chapter of March of Dimes for many years and helped raise thousands of dollars for this charity. She enjoyed Morningside homemakers, playing bridge, and entertaining.

After retiring, Avy and Wes travelled the world to many destinations, and frequently visited her daughter, Maureen and family in England. After moving to Alexandria, Avy enjoyed being part of Newcomers Club and several bridge and lunch clubs. She loved living in Alexandria and meeting new people.

She died peacefully April 25, 2021, at Alomere Health in Alexandria, MN at the age of 90. Avanelle was preceded in death by her parents and brothers, Donald and Marvin Miller. She is survived by children, David (Becky) Gray of Alexandria, Carmen (Scott) Kemper of Prescott AZ, Judy (Ronald) Long of Nashville, TN, Maureen (Ken) Scott of England, and Daniel (Tracy) Gray of Alexandria; grandchildren, April, Ashley (Isaac) Philibert, Abbie (Andrew) Rising, Anna Scott, and Mason and Myles Gray; and great grandchildren, Grayson, Wesley and Davidson.

## In Loving Memory



### Avanelle "Avy" F. Gray 1930 ~ 2021

For everything there is a season,

a time for every activity under heaven.

A time to be born and a time to die.

A time to plant and a time to harvest.

A time to kill and a time to heal.

A time to tear down and a time to build up.

A time to cry and a time to laugh.

A time to grieve and a time to dance.

A time to scatter stones and a time to gather stones.

A time to embrace and a time to turn away.

A time to search and a time to quit searching.

A time to keep and a time to throw away.

A time to tear and a time to mend.

A time to be quiet and a time to speak.

A time to love and a time to hate.

A time for war and a time for peace.

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

*In Memory of*

### Avanelle "Avy" Frances Gray

October 15, 1930 † April 25, 2021

#### Funeral Service

First Lutheran Church  
Alexandria, Minnesota

Monday, May 3, 2021 11:00 AM

#### Officiant

Reverend Kari van Wakeren

#### Organist

Randy Morken

#### Soloist

Paula Odlund

#### Casket Bearers

(Avy's Grandchildren)

April Gray	Mason Gray
Ashley Philibert	Anna Scott
Abbie Rising	Myles Gray

#### Honorary Casket Bearers

(Avy's Great-Grandchildren)

Grayson Philibert	Wesley Philibert
Davidson Philibert	

and the Alexandria Bridge Group

#### Interment

Summit Cemetery  
Morris, Minnesota

Monday, May 3, 2021 2:00 PM  
Reverend Daniel Belgum

  
**Anderson**  
FUNERAL HOME

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