



Gerlinde "Linda" Ruth Gray

July 18, 1932 - January 27, 2025

Gerlinde "Linda" Ruth (Schnell) Gray, formerly of Hyattsville and Glenwood, Maryland, passed away at Queenstown Landing, on Maryland's Eastern Shore Monday, January 27, 2025. She was 92 years old.

Born July 18, 1932, in Erlangen, Bavaria, Germany, she was the daughter of Friederich Schnell and Luise Magdalene Schuster. She is preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and two sisters.

Gerlinde was raised in Germany during the deprivation and sacrifice of the worldwide Great Depression and World War II. Her strong and determined spirit was further forged in the lean years of the post-war period in the American sector of occupied West Germany.

Linda was united in holy matrimony to Theodore Michael Visnic, Sr. of Versailles, Pennsylvania in October of 1953. They settled in the Washington, DC area in 1954 and moved to Hyattsville, Maryland in the early 1960s. They were blessed with four lovely children, Mary Lou, Ted, Larry and Lisa. Later in life she married Roscoe Langston Gray, III of Prince George's County, Maryland. She eventually settled in Glenwood, Maryland in 1998.

Linda was a dedicated and conscientious employee of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for many years. At the same time, she was appreciated as a well-loved, hardworking, and respected Senior Cashier for Giant Food of Maryland, and well-known for her customer service excellence. Shoppers waited in long lines to pass through her check-out just to say hello, see her bright smile, and experience her charm and quit wit. She loved

interacting with anyone and everyone. She was also well cared for and loved by the caregivers at Brightview Severna Park, and Queenstown Landing.

Linda was an excellent ballroom dancer, enjoyed listening to music, singing popular tunes of the day, and loved getting dressed up and going to dances and parties. She was a loyal fan of the Washington Redskins (now Commanders) professional football team.

Linda is survived by her loving children Lisa Rose Sheehan and Lawrence Matthew Visnic (Jackie). She is preceded in death by her children Mary Louise Visnick and Theodore Michael Visnic, Jr. Her life will forever be cherished in the lives of her ten grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren, along with their spouses.

A mass and burial will be held at St. Peter's Catholic Church, 5319 Ocean Gateway, Queenstown MD on February 5, at 11:00 am. A Gathering will be held from 10:30-11:00 am, prior to the funeral. Burial will follow the funeral service at St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Previous Events

Gathering

FEB 5. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Catholic Church
Queenstown, MD

Funeral Service

FEB 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Peter's Catholic Church
5319 Ocean Gtwy
Queenstown, MD 21658
(410) 827-8404

Burial

FEB 5 (ET)

St. Peter's Cemetery
5319 Ocean Gateway
Queenstown, MD 21658

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Gerlinde "Linda" Ruth Gray.

February 04, 2025 at 11:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gerlinde "Linda" Ruth Gray.



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“ Larry & Jackie purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Gerlinde "Linda" Ruth Gray.



Larry & Jackie - February 02, 2025 at 08:06 AM



“ Larry & Jackie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gerlinde "Linda" Ruth Gray.

Larry & Jackie - February 02, 2025 at 08:06 AM

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“ Queenstown Landing was honored to have Linda as part of our community for the last 3+ years. We loved to braid her hair and spend time her. She was always up for some fun and definitely a healthy dose of mischief. Clever, sweet and feisty - we loved every part of her and we adore her family, most especially her daughter, Lisa.

Queenstown Landing - January 30, 2025 at 02:15 PM

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My wonderful friend that took a scared 21 year old With two little girls and her husband into her life in October 1962. Her beautiful daughter Lisa was born two weeks later. Many happy and sad memories will always be remembered. Rest in peace my friend. Patti Maxwell

patti Maxwell - January 30, 2025 at 04:40 PM

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*Those who knew her as her children did,
Knew that she would be there when you needed her
Of course, it sometimes when you weren't expecting her...I think we call that 'tough love' now.
That was her specialty, born of experience.
An indomitable spirit, she was a survivor.
God rest her soul.*

Larry Visnic - February 02, 2025 at 08:19 AM