McGowan, Mrs. Mary D., a resident of Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, died Monday, February 29, 2016 in Montgomery, Alabama. Mass of the resurrection will be held Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 11:00 A.M. from St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Stanley M. Deresienski, SSE officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery with the People Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 2:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M., with a family hour from 6:00 PM until 7:00 P.M., at the Peoples Funeral Home Chapel.

She had a love for everyone. As a result of her tender love and care, her home reflected her love for people, family, and friends. She was a giving person and would give to anyone she thought was in need.

On February 29, 2016, the Lord said well done, thy good and faithful servant; enter into the joys of the Lord. She leaves to cherish her memory her loving husband, Johnnie Gray, son, Walter Edgar (Lowri); one step son, Herbert (Jacqueline); grandchildren, Walter-John, Lizzie, Dhati, Isiah, Jamila (Gerriod), Amelia, Mack and Darren; and one great-grandchild, Trynatee; adopted sons, Mr. William Ford, Rev. Gary Lewis, Mr. Matthew Ware, and Attorney James Grasty; one brother-in-law, Dock McGowan (Bobbie); one devoted friend whom she considered to be a sister, Elizabeth Shipman; special friends, Geraldine Davis, Val Carte, Bernice Brown, Hyacinth Findlay, Winifred Tripp, Bernice Dawson, Alice Outsey, Carrye McCain, Lucy Brown, Alice Powell, Sarah Howard, Catherine Andrews, Jacqueline Grant and Phillip Lyman.