



## David Charles Gray

January 16, 1944 - August 28, 2015

David Charles Gray, 71, of Ft. Myers, FL, died Friday, August 28, 2015. Formerly of Deephaven, MN, and Sheboygan, WI, he had been a Ft. Myers resident since 2008. He was born January 16, 1944 in Detroit, MI, the son of Charles McFeely and Margaret (née Liddell) Gray.

Dave Gray held many executive leadership positions throughout his career in the consumer packaged goods industry and later in retirement. These include Vice President positions for Land O' Lakes and President and CEO of EnzoPac Foods in Sheboygan, WI. He was President of Wayzata Country Club, held leadership positions at Wayzata Community Church, Wayzata, MN and was President of Shadow Wood Preserve Country Club in Bonita Springs, FL. He will be remembered by his many friends and family as a compassionate man of integrity and a loyal friend.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Barbara "Bobbie" (née Haselman); his beloved children, Charles (Lisa) Gray and Lauren (Peter) Bergsland; his grandchildren, Amanda, Davis, and Aaron Gray, and Anna and Tommy Bergsland; sister-in-law, Rebecca (Edward) Baldwin; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and by his brother, Richard Gray.

A memorial service will be held Friday, September 11, 2015 at 11:00am at the First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs, 9751 Bonita Beach Rd., Bonita Springs.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Compassion International, [www.compassion.com](http://www.compassion.com) in care of First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs Rose Garden

9751 Bonita Beach Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

SEP 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *David Charles Gray*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of David Charles Gray.*



September 10, 2015 at 06:43 PM



“ *Ed and Sue Lode purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of David Charles Gray.*



**Ed and Sue Lode** - September 10, 2015 at 04:25 PM



“ *Tim & Deb Forbes purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of David Charles Gray.*



**Tim & Deb Forbes** - September 10, 2015 at 03:07 PM

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“ *Bobbie*  
*All of us are saddened by the loss of a good friend. Dave was a man of principle and courage. I learned a lot from Dave and he probably never realized he was teaching me. I will miss him. Forbo*

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**Tim Forbes** - September 10, 2015 at 02:14 PM

EW

“ *Bobbie,*  
*Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss...our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.*  
*Brian and Eileen Wilson*

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**Eileen Wilson** - September 10, 2015 at 02:10 PM

BH

“ *Dear Bobbie,*  
*I am so sad to hear that you have lost Dave! I send love and prayers to you and all the family. Hope to see when I return to FL for the winter season. Love, Barbara Hopton*

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**Barbara Hopton** - September 10, 2015 at 04:46 AM

GD

*Dear Bobbie , We are so sorry to hear of your loss. No matter how many years you've had together....it's never quite enough. We are thinking of you and praying for you. Ginny and Ray deSteiger.*

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**Ginny deSteiger** - October 07, 2015 at 07:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of David Charles Gray.



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September 08, 2015 at 01:18 PM

PH

“ Hello Bobbie:

*It's not my normal process of reading the obit column of the Minneapolis Star & Tribune on Sunday morning. But for whatever reason this past Sunday I opened up that section and immediately saw Dave's picture. My first thought was, "Oh my God, Dave Gray passed away." I was stunned and surprised and must have read his column several times over and over again.*

*I am sorry to learn of his passing and my condolences to you and your family. My relationship with Dave began when he was Vice President of the Foods group at Land O'Lakes. My company provided sales training to his retail & foodservice sales team for all the years of his time with LOL. I knew he was a 'good leader' when he asked me to work with and spend extra time with both Charlie Pantera & Larry Hokanson helping them deal with some 'personal' issues they needed to address beyond their professionalism. Then he asked me to conduct some 'positive thinking' sessions for a few youth groups at your church in Wayzata. He cared about people beyond the role of his job - that was unique in the business world then and even more so in today's business world.*

*I always enjoyed his firm resolution on issues, his focus on the job needing to be done, and his jovial laugh - his laugh let it all out!*

*I will pray that you and your family find peace in your hearts without his presence and I will keep his soul in my prayers.*

*Be well Bobbie*

*Sincerely,*

*Paul Hughes Sr.*

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**Paul Hughes** - September 08, 2015 at 11:11 AM



“ 57 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home** - September 06, 2015 at 03:48 PM

EN

“ *Dear Bobbie and Family,  
I am very sad to hear of Dave's passing. I had the pleasure of working with Dave on the Commons Club transition team. As you know, that was an all-consuming task for 9 or 10 months in 2009/early 2010. I very much appreciated his sense of humor - especially his sarcasm - during the frustrating negotiations. Dave was a straight shooter and always spoke directly and decisively. He made me laugh when I was ready to throw in the towel. I know he loved golf and loved golfing with Bobbie. He should have had many more years of golfing pleasure. Please know that he was respected and liked by many people - even more than you know. May your faith comfort you and lead you to happy memories without the current pain of loss.*

*Elaine Nelson, Bonita Springs FL*

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**Elaine Nelson** - September 06, 2015 at 08:07 AM