



Joseph Gerald "Jerry" Gray

April 23, 1933 - June 22, 2017

Under the loving watch of his three beautiful daughters, Jerry Gray died at Vi at Bentley Village in Naples, Florida on June 22, 2017. A General Motors executive and engineer for 61 years, Mr. Gray will be remembered for his business acumen and a golfing resume that included several holes-in-one and shooting his age many times.

Mr. Gray is survived by his devoted brother Richard A. Gray of Kansas City and was preceded in death by his parents Helen Marie McClellan Gray and Joseph Claude Gray, and by his sister Jacquelin C. Gray Tschiegg.

Mr. Gray was married for 37 years to Antoinette W. Gray who died in December 2016. Their love together was deep and broad, and Toni welcomed Jerry's children and grandchildren into her embrace.

Born in Dayton, Ohio on April 23, 1933, Mr. Gray graduated from Fairmont High School. He received a mechanical engineering degree from General Motors Institute and an MBA from Xavier University. A consummate engineer in all aspects of life, Mr. Gray pursued interests far and wide, serious and fun, from analyzing financial markets to color coordinating his wardrobe with his loving wife for their travel adventures. He would gladly admit that Excel spreadsheets were an integral part of his life.

Though golf remained a constant in his life since childhood, Mr. Gray also enjoyed contributing his time and talents to the Dayton YMCA, where he served on the Board of Directors. He was also a faithful member of First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs. He had many friends at Bonita Bay Club and Vi at Bentley where he lived several years.

Mr. Gray and his first wife had three daughters, Debra Gray Yosick, Rebecca Gray DeVol, Jennifer Gray Heimach. He also had six grandchildren, Kristin and Mitch Yosick; Markie Jo DeVol Utley and Samantha DeVol; Abbi Heimach-Snipes and Lawson Heimach and a great-grandchild, Caroline Utley. They all celebrate his love for them and they will never forget the times they spent with him.

A Memorial Service of Thanksgiving for his life will be held on Friday, July 14 at 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to the National Kidney Foundation Golf Tournament of Naples (C/O Mark Russo 878 109th Ave. N. Naples, FL 34108) or First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs (9751 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs, FL, 34135).

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

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUL 14. 2:00 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church of Bonita Springs
9751 Bonita Beach Rd.
Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Gerald "Jerry" Gray*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Jerry was a great man to work for. I was his secretary for many years at Harrison Radiator in Lockport, NY and he always had tidbits on saving money and liked to use his Excel spreadsheets to monitor the stock market. He is well known in Purchasing and having his picture taken with all the secretaries in their Buffalo Bills shirts! So sorry to hear of his passing. My prayers are with you.*

Christine Barnes - July 10, 2017 at 04:32 PM



“ *Jerry was a great guy to work for and with. I spent several years with him at Harrison Radiator Lockport during the good years in the Purchasing Dept. Visited him and Toni once in Florida and they were gracious as always. Sorry to hear of both their passing. My prayers to their family. They were a wonderful couple.*
Bob Falgiano
Lockport, NY

Robert Falgiano - July 09, 2017 at 12:10 PM

AT

“ We were fortunate to get to know Gerry & Toni, however, for a very short time.

We moved next door to them in Bentley a year ago.

We were saddened to learn of Toni's passing and now Gerry!

We will be out of town for the Memorial but our thoughts and prayers will be with you.

Fondly

Angie & JackToth

ANGIE TOTH - July 06, 2017 at 03:25 PM

LM

“ Landi and Bob Muller purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Joseph Gerald "Jerry" Gray.



Landi and Bob Muller - June 26, 2017 at 04:26 PM

RC

“ Gerry brought so much happiness to my aunt Toni. We really appreciated having him as part of our family. He was such a gentleman. His passing is such a loss to us but I'm sure he is at peace and enjoying his eternal reward.

Ron Cochran

Ron Cochran - June 25, 2017 at 11:32 PM

KF

I transferred from Detroit in 1985 and was so lucky to have Jerry for my boss. Got to know he - and Toni - well and they were so gracious in opening their door and hearts. For many years, exchanged Christmas messages and they were enjoying their golden years in FL. I moved back to MI in 2014 and my husband, Bill, fondly recalls Jerry as his fraternity brother at GMI. God Speed, Jerry.

Karen Pomicter Flynn

Karen Flynn - July 10, 2017 at 07:39 PM

RH

I also worked for Jerry in the Purchasing Department in Lockport, NY at Harrison Radiator for many years. Although he was the Purchasing Director, he always had time for you, and showed respect to everyone, no matter what your title was. I will always remember what a gentleman he was, along with being a consummate professional.

*Randy Haseley
Sanborn, New York*

randy haseley - July 12, 2017 at 07:45 AM

DS

I had the pleasure of knowing and working with Jerry for more than 30 years---including my time as a Supplier to Harrison and then in retirement living near Jerry and Toni in Florida. He was great as a friend, very professional in Business and you wanted him on your side in a Golf Match. R.I.P. Dick Showalter Pinehurst North Carolina

Dick Showalter - July 14, 2017 at 08:11 PM