



Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.

June 28, 1929 - December 10, 2018

GRAY, Mr. John Willie Jr. - Age 89, passed away Monday, December 10, 2018 at his residence. Family hour 11:00 AM Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church, 1851 W. Carpenter Rd., with funeral service commencing at 12:00 PM Pastor Kenneth L. Stewart officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd., Holly, MI. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 11:00 AM. Mr. Gray will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM Tuesday.

Mr. John Willie Gray Jr. was born on June 28, 1929 in Mt. Olive, Mississippi, the son John Willie and Bertha Gray. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1951 during the Korean War. Two years later, while serving in the army, John met and married Helen Taylor. This union lasted for 65 years until his death. After being Honorably Discharged from the Army in 1956, John and Helen moved to Flint Michigan where he worked at Chevrolet Engine Plant, a division of General Motors Corporation for 30 years and retired in 1985. He was a faithful member of House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church. John loved playing cards, going to the Hasselbring Senior Center, fishing, taking trips and spending time with his family.

Mr. John Willie Gray Jr. leaves to cherish his memory: wife, Helen Gray; 4 daughters, Annie McGee, Shirley Anderson, Telmesa (James) Phillips and

Kelika Gray, 3 sons, Kamaron Gray, JaQuan Coleman and John Jr.; 7 grandchildren, Kennedy, James Jr., Robert, Cedric, Shon (Kim) Burney, Ebony and Anthony; 11 great-grandchildren; 2 great -great-grandchildren; 2 sisters, Janie Marshall of Flint Michigan and Alice Dawson of Texas; a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends including special friends, Willie Powell, friends from Court Street Village and the Lewis family.

Mr. Gray was preceded in death by his grandson; great- granddaughter; parents, John Willie and Bertha Gray; 6 sisters and 7 brothers.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

G-4200 Belford Rd.
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Public Viewing

DEC 18. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home Chapel, Flint
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.
Flint, MI 48505
(810) 789-MOON (6666)
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com
<http://www.lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

Family hour

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

House of Prayer Missionary Baptist Church
1851 W. Carpenter Rd.
Flint, MI

Service

DEC 19. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Flint, MI

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Claudette Kennedy lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



Claudette Kennedy - January 02, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ *Sad to see you gone*



Keta Smith - December 20, 2018 at 12:19 AM



“ *Lisa Mason lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



Lisa Mason - December 19, 2018 at 05:19 PM

JH

“ We will always remember Uncle John in our minds and in our hearts. Your niece, Joann Hadley-Lee Ann Arbor, Michigan



Joann Hadley-Lee - December 19, 2018 at 12:06 AM

GM

“ I will miss my Uncle John, he always had a smile and was willing to help and I remember how his face would light up when I asked about cars. I can just imagine he and Mama having a good time seeing each other again.



Glenda Mason - December 17, 2018 at 09:00 PM

LC

“ Linda Clemons lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.



Linda Clemons - December 17, 2018 at 05:55 PM

EB

“ EARLIE BROOKS lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.



EARLIE BROOKS - December 17, 2018 at 12:07 PM

SP

“ *Sandra E Patton lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



Sandra E Patton - December 16, 2018 at 11:58 PM

LJ

“ *Linda Johnson-Barnes lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



Linda Johnson-Barnes - December 16, 2018 at 05:38 PM

GG

“ *Gabriel Grace/Woodbridge, VA/Uncle John always remember your smile and the hats you wore when visiting my mother Clara and Grandmother Ada Hadley you will be missed.*



Gabriel Grace - December 15, 2018 at 09:53 AM



“ *I'm saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. John, may God give each and every one of you peace in your bereavement.*



Reiny Crump - December 15, 2018 at 07:28 AM

BJ

“ *Uncle John, you will truly be missed and we love you*
Your niece Bobbie Hadley



Bobbie Jean Hadley/Laurel Ms Uncle John, - December 15, 2018 at 04:09 AM

BJ

“ *Bobbie Jean Hadley/Laurel Ms Uncle John, lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



Bobbie Jean Hadley/Laurel Ms Uncle John, - December 15, 2018 at 03:52 AM

BJ

“ *Bobbie Jean Hadley/Laurel Ms Uncle John, lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



Bobbie Jean Hadley/Laurel Ms Uncle John, - December 15, 2018 at 03:40 AM

BH

“ *Bobbie Jean Hadley/Laurel,Ms lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



Bobbie Jean Hadley/Laurel,Ms - December 14, 2018 at 08:14 PM

AD

“ Long live my brother John RIH Love You 🙏



Alice Dawson - December 14, 2018 at 07:33 PM

ET

“ Earnestine Tolliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.



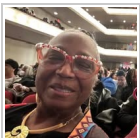
Earnestine Tolliver - December 14, 2018 at 06:16 PM



“ I will truly miss seeing Mister John



Carolyn Mayo - December 14, 2018 at 05:52 PM



“ Carolyn Mayo lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.



Carolyn Mayo - December 14, 2018 at 05:50 PM

KT

“ *Kathleen Tibbs lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



Kathleen Tibbs - December 14, 2018 at 05:15 PM

VN

“ *Veronica (Great Niece) lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



Veronica (Great Niece) - December 14, 2018 at 03:27 PM

NJ

“ *Nancine Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



Nancine Jackson - December 14, 2018 at 03:00 PM

AL

“ *You will truly be missed love you*

Althea - December 14, 2018 at 12:48 PM

OM

“ *REST IN PEACE KANGOL KID*



Ollie Morris - December 14, 2018 at 09:29 AM

GF

“ *Uncle John will be truly missed. We all loved him just as much as my Grandmother did. She loved her baby brother. Sending condolences to my entire family.*

Gail Grace-Battle/ Mississippi Family - December 14, 2018 at 08:30 AM



“ *Mr. John Gray will be Will be miss up at the center praying for your family Sandra Emery*



Sandra Emery - December 14, 2018 at 05:53 AM

PA

“ *PALA lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



PALA - December 14, 2018 at 05:16 AM

LP

“ *Leroy And Brenda Purifoy lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



Leroy and Brenda Purifoy - December 13, 2018 at 10:36 PM

BD

“ *Brenda Dickerson lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



brenda dickerson - December 13, 2018 at 08:27 PM

HC

“ *Hasselbring Senior Center lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



Hasselbring Senior Center - December 13, 2018 at 11:10 AM

BL

“ *Beverly Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



Beverly Lewis - December 13, 2018 at 11:08 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



MINISTER PAM - December 12, 2018 at 07:25 PM

SP

“ *Sandra Payne lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



Sandra Payne - December 12, 2018 at 11:26 AM

MP

“ *MINISTER PAM lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



MINISTER PAM - December 12, 2018 at 09:06 AM

PM

“ *Pat Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. John Willie Gray Jr.*



Pat Moore - December 11, 2018 at 05:16 PM

PA

“ To Annie, Shirley, Kahlika, Ms Janie and Mr. Johns entire family my heart goes out to you all. Mr. John was a caring and gentle soul. I have known him since I was a child. He and my Mother and father were the best of friends. May God comfort you and give you the strength that you will need to celebrate Mr. Johns home going. I am praying for you.



PALA - December 11, 2018 at 02:27 PM

TC

“ My deepest sympathy to the family, John was a friend of mine, you will be missed.
Tamika Cox

Tamika Cox - December 11, 2018 at 01:48 PM

NA

“ Please accept my condolence, praying the God will strengthen the family through all of this.

narvella - December 11, 2018 at 11:59 AM

SA

“ I am so sorry prayers heh took where I needed to go u was. A big help he was my friend I am going to miss him love u john Sally lozier

sally - December 11, 2018 at 09:28 AM