



Gary Pray

September 1, 1947 - March 18, 2006

Gary Pray -- Kankakee Gary Joseph Pray, 58, of Kankakee, died Saturday (March 18, 2006) at Provena St. Mary's Hospital. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church, where he was a member. Rev. Dennis Settles will officiate. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. Mr. Pray worked at Roper's from the 1970's until 1982. He was currently a teacher at Trinity Services Inc. in Mokena. He was born Sept. 1, 1947, in Kankakee, the son of Wilbert and Vivian Lockwood Pray. He was interested in military history. He wrote a book "Purple Heart in the Pacific" which detailed his father's World War II experiences with the Army's 24th Infantry Division, where he was an auxiliary member. He enjoyed crossword puzzles and traveling to historical sites throughout the United States and Canada. He was a member of the Civil War Preservation Trust and a great friend of the squirrels. Surviving are his wife, the former Mary Raibley, whom he married Sept. 6, 1980 at St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church; one daughter, Arielle Pray of Kankakee; his mother of Kankakee; mother-in-law, Sereta Raibley of Dwight; one sister-in-law, Jayne Corsini of Ransom; one niece, Sarah Corsini of Ransom; two nephews, Sean and Shane Corsini, both of Ransom; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. His father, grandparents, aunts, uncles and one cousin are deceased.

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“ I enjoyed working with Gary the last 3 years here at Trinity. I enjoyed his funny disposition everyday, we did more laughing then anything on some days! It was a pleasure to work with him. He made my work life easy as he did for others! He talked about Areille alot, mainly about what she was up to. He was particularly proud of her Article on "Droopy". Gary touched all of our lives and he will be missed so much! His favorite saying when he left at night was, "See you last week" May God Bless you Gary, thank you for being in my life!##imported-begin##marianne Ritchey##imported-end##

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“ It is Mary, you & family have my sympathy

at this time. It may take awhile for you

to remember who I am, but I kept time

and did some typing of schedules for you

while I was working at SDC. Will be thinking of you at this time and offering

some prayers for Gary's soul. Love##imported-begin##Arlene B. Devine##imported-end##

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“ *Mary, My prayers are with you. ##imported-begin## Bonnie LaGesse ##imported-end##*

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“ *I worked with Gary as the District Representative from Joliet Grade School. ¶½ Gary was always very easy to work with and always was child centered. ¶½ He worked hard to do what was best for children. ¶½ We will all miss him. ##imported-begin## Terry Muir ##imported-end##*

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