



Joseph Gray

August 9, 1937 - November 2, 2011

Joseph Gray, 74 of Bourbonnais died Wednesday, November 2, 2011 at Riverside Medical Center. He was born August 9, 1937 in Chicago, the son of George Franklin and Mary Dudak Gray. Joseph was a father figure to many and a friend to everyone he ever met. He was a guitar mentor to many great and upcoming family members. A lover of all music, Joseph always had a song in his heart. He loved to play his guitar, fish, and golf with his sons. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family. Joseph lived in Park Forest for 42 years before moving to Bourbonnais in February. He retired from JC Penney as a maintenance supervisor at the Lincoln Mall in Matteson. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy where he served for 6 years. Surviving are his very grateful wife for 47 years of marriage, Carol Gray of Bourbonnais; his children, Joseph & Judy Gray of Manteno, Jean & Mickey Grubermann of Richton Park, George Gray of Raliegh, NC, Kimberly & Chris Wilson of Gary, IN, James & Carolyn Gray of Shorewood, and Lauri Ann Weringa of Martinton; 21 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren on the way; brother of Edward Gray of Lansing, Bill & Barb Gray of Omaha, NB, Patrick Gray of Chuckey, TN, Rosemary Boulhois of Fresno, CA, Margie Witiker of Afton, TN; and uncle of too many to count. He is preceded in death by one daughter, Debra; and his siblings, Michael, George, Richard, Mary, Louise, and Theresa. Visitation will be held from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 6, 2011 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno. Visitation will also be held from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:00 a.m. funeral service on Monday,

November 7, 20112 at the Christian Church of Manteno; 401 E. Third St. Rev. Bob Grove will officiate the service. Cremation Rites will be accorded following the services. Memorials may be made to the Park Forest Fire Department, where he had so many great friends or to the Artreach 4 Kids- a program to bring the arts program to children.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 6. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Manteno - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
291 N. Main St.
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Visitation

NOV 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Christian Church of Manteno
401 E Third Street
Manteno, IL 60950
(815) 468-6468
<http://ccmanteno.org/>

Funeral Service

NOV 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *My Uncle Joe I remember your smiles, laughs, and hugs. Be watching for me in heaven. I will meet you there! I love you!*
<>< Your Neice Karen (Cousin Karen)
P.S. Thanks for always making sure I got a Slurpee when we came to visit! :-)

Karen Rutherford - November 08, 2011 at 07:54 AM

HM

“ *I'm thankful for Uncle Joe. I don't know exactly how to put it into words, but I adored having him in my life and I will never forget him. There is a special spot on the dock for you always!*

Heather Miller - November 07, 2011 at 10:12 PM

BB

“ *Bess Novak Butler lit a candle in memory of Joseph Gray*



Bess Novak Butler - November 07, 2011 at 02:02 PM

PF

“ *Pamela Frey lit a candle in memory of Joseph Gray*



pamela frey - November 06, 2011 at 12:30 PM

JF

“ Joe was a great guy that I worked with at JCPenney before it closed. Joe & I were the last two employees there. We spent many a time on the roof looking out at the world. Great guy that I had many wonderful talks with! He really loved his family.

My sympathies to his family, Jayme Flowers

Jayme Carney Flowers - November 06, 2011 at 10:43 AM

DM

“ How can we ever forget the party at my house for my mom and dad's 30th Anniversary party. Everyone was there, we had a great time, especially Uncle Joe. He had all the little kids entertained all day, One time I came out of the house and looked over at our sand box (a Big tractor tire) and there sat Uncle Joe with all the kids in it and they had his feet (with his shoes and socks on) covered with sand and they all were just laughing like crazy. I will never forget that. I was so glad you and uncle Joe were able to come to Michigan for Moms Birthday in April and again for Karen's wedding in August. Uncle Joe was a wonderful man who I truly loved and respected growing up, I will miss him very much.

Diana Lynn Mckay - November 06, 2011 at 07:11 AM

KW

“ I still remember in Indian Princesses when all the tribes were yelling their tribe names to hear it echo back at them somebody had the bright idea for us to all yell "underwear" when it was our turn. Gee- I wonder who came up with that? I love you and will miss you greatly.

Kimberly T. Wilson - November 05, 2011 at 12:56 PM

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“ WE NEVER MET YOU BUT DID LOTS OF PRAYERS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. JOE AND JUDY ARE LIKE FAMILY TO US AND WE ARE SORRY.



ANGELA THOMPSON - November 04, 2011 at 04:51 PM

JG

“ Thanks Dad for sharing life with us. I cherish the time we have been able to share these last few years. Whether golfing, fishing, camping, singing around the campfire, it didn't matter what, I enjoyed every moment. Thanks for passing your passion for life and family to me. I thank God for the morals and values that you instilled into all of your kids. You truly were the best example of what it meant to be a man. Thanks for all of the talks over the years. No matter what the topic, you always had the right answers. I didn't always want to hear them, but I always new that you were right. I also thank you for living a Godly life and showing us the true meaning of faith. Until we are together again Dad, remember, I LOVE YOU and I am so very honored and proud to have been blessed to call you DAD. See you soon.

Joseph A. Gray - November 03, 2011 at 11:13 PM

JT

Jim liked golfing with Joe and always said he really is a nice guy. I always enjoyed talking to Joe at Joe and Judy's home. What a wonderful Joe had.

Jim and Nancy Thompson - November 04, 2011 at 01:46 PM



“ Well one thing for sure, he was the last man to catch a Walleye off the Dock at the River house! He is a wonderful man who smiled at life and why not? He is proud of all of his Children, Grand Children & Great Grand Children with all of their accomplishments. A true American who has served his country and who sired a beautiful Family! We will miss him! Just remember has has a lot of friends in heaven, and most of us will be there in a while. Good bye for now, until we meet again! matt

Matthew Miller - November 03, 2011 at 08:45 PM

SC

Although I never knew you, I can see in your family that I know that you were a wonderful father and friend to your children. May you know that the joy you instilled in them has touched us here at the deer camp. We are proud to be their acquaintances.

My prayers to the family.

Sally and Cecil

Sally Crofoot & Cecil - November 04, 2011 at 08:39 AM