



Mr. Delbert Gray

October 29, 1923 - January 9, 2021

Delbert Gray, 97, beloved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle, passed away peacefully in Longview on January 9, 2021.

A Visitation will be held for Delbert at 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 16, 2021 at Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home chapel in Henderson, Tx, followed by the Service at 2:00 p.m., officiated by Pastor Brian Johnson. A private family graveside will be held with Pastor Mike Blake officiating. Because of the Covid-19 pandemic, all events will be socially distanced. Please wear a mask and take appropriate precautions.

Delbert was born on October 29, 1923 in Henderson, Texas to C.W. Gray, Sr. and Lillian Bailey Gray, and he graduated from Henderson High School in 1941. After attending Kilgore College, he proudly served his country during World War II in the US Army Air Corps in Europe. Upon returning from the war, he completed his education at Texas A & M, graduating in chemical engineering. He worked as a Registered Professional Engineer in the East Texas oilfield, and was the long-time Superintendent of Parade Company's natural gas processing plant at New London.

Delbert had been a member of Central Presbyterian Church in his earlier years, and became a charter member and elder of Westminster Bible Church, where he taught Sunday School for many years. He was active in his

professional Gas Processor's Association, and with the boards of his children's youth organizations, enjoyed jail and prison ministry, and was especially active in the Gideons and Bible placement. He loved playing baseball, softball, and golf, coaching youth sports, taking his family traveling, hiking the mountains, telling stories, and meeting people from all walks of life. He was a generous man who lived simply so that he could give to others. Delbert was a humble, kind, and gentle man. Many friends and family sought his wise counsel.

Delbert was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Betty Brust Gray; his sister Arnette Gray Gregory; his brothers Charles and Jack Gray; and his son-in-law Bob Johnson. He is survived by his children Marsha Gray Johnson of Bend, Oregon; Wendy Gray of Longview; David Gray and wife Linda of Henderson; Dinah Gray of Longview; his grandchildren Dave Johnson and wife Carrie, and Brian Johnson and wife Kelly, all of Bend, Oregon; and his sisters Jane Gray Bloomquist and Jean Gray Nelson, both of Arlington. Also his grandchildren Aaron Howard and wife Danielle of Tyler; Brent Howard and wife Lyndsey of Tacoma, Wa.; Cristin Wells and husband Kirby of Ft. Worth; Anthony Howard of San Diego, Ca., and many great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews who dearly loved their Grandpa and Uncle Delbert.

In lieu of flowers, our father would be deeply honored with any memorial to the Gideon's for the placement of God's Word: The Gideon's International, Dr. Jeff Cahill, P.O. Box 1741, Henderson, TX. 75653.

Condolences may be made at www.crawfordarim.com.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Memorial Service

JAN 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Henderson, TX 75654

Tribute Wall



“ Crawford A.Crim Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 14, 2021 at 03:10 PM

MM

“ What a wonderful person Uncle Delbert was. Had the greatest conversations. I still think about him whenever I am in East Texas. So sorry for your loss, Melinda Martin

melinda martin - February 05, 2024 at 05:35 PM

JA

“ The few times I visited him when I attending LeTourneau with Wendy I was very impressed with the man. Sorry for your loss Wendy. Hope every thing is going well with your family. In Christ Jack Adams. jladamsjr46@hotmail.com

jack adams - July 15, 2021 at 03:05 PM

LB

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<https://lindaburklin.wordpress.com/2021/02/17/a-great-man-a-great-loss/>

Linda M Burklin - February 17, 2021 at 12:58 AM

LB

“ *Mr Delbert meant a lot to me and my family , he was a gentle kind Christian man who loved the Lord ! Always ministering wherever he went . We went to Church with Mr Delbert and Mrs Betty as Mrs Betty was my Sunday school teacher, and what a great one she was ! He love and cared about all. We will miss him but know he is in his heavenly home now ! To his family , you all had wonderful Godly parents whom taught you all well and we know you all will miss him on earth but know you all will see him again. We are praying for your family and thank you all for ministering to us all these years . God Bless you all! Linda and Mark Brooks*

Linda Brooks - January 17, 2021 at 07:03 PM

SH

“ *Steve Green & Missy Hacker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Steve Green & Missy Hacker - January 15, 2021 at 07:52 PM



“ 9 files added to the album Life Tributes



Linda Gray - January 15, 2021 at 03:25 PM



“ 9 files added to the album Life Tributes



LINDA GRAY - January 15, 2021 at 03:16 PM



Thanks for adding these Linda. Wish they all had been in the video!❤️

Dinah Gray - January 17, 2021 at 12:48 AM



Many thank, Linda

Blackie - January 21, 2021 at 09:15 PM

BH

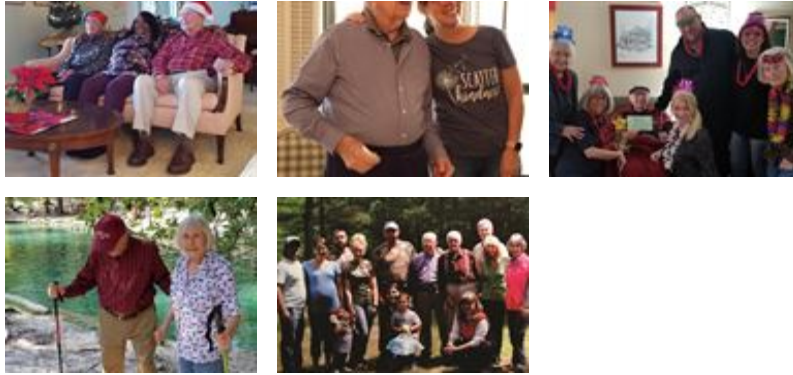
“ *Brent Hale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Brent Hale - January 15, 2021 at 07:54 AM



“ *67 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 14, 2021 at 03:09 PM

KS

“ *Kelly Stroud lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Kelly Stroud - January 14, 2021 at 02:24 PM



“ 70 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Crawford- A.Crim Funeral Home - January 14, 2021 at 01:05 PM

GJ

“ *Gina Juarez lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Gina Juarez - January 14, 2021 at 09:59 AM

CN

“ *Clay Newcomb lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Clay Newcomb - January 14, 2021 at 08:24 AM

DW

“ *Debbie May Watkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Debbie May Watkins - January 13, 2021 at 11:05 PM

AP

“ *Mr. Gray was the sweetest man I ever met at Heartis, his caretakers were just as sweet! Miss y'all! Praying for y'all! 🙏❤️ Rest east Mr. Gray.*
Ashlie Peyton



Ashlie Peyton - January 13, 2021 at 09:09 PM

BM

“ *Dearest Wendy and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad and will pray for all of you during this difficult time. You were a wonderful caregiver to both of your parents through the years, as you always put their needs above all else in your life. May you treasure the abundance of memories you shared with your Dad which will hopefully provide you with comfort during the days ahead.*

Brenda Modisett

brenda modisett - January 13, 2021 at 07:16 PM

JS

“ *One of the best neighbors we ever had. RIP, Mr. Delbert.*

Roger and Jan Spann

Jan Spann - January 13, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ *Heaven has gained an angel as Delbert joins Betty and my dear coach Jack Gray! America needs their values more than ever in this time of crisis. May God bless his family and share His grace as He holds them close.*

Fondly,
Joe White

Joe White - January 13, 2021 at 05:26 PM

CB

“ *Connie Boatwright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Connie Boatwright - January 13, 2021 at 04:59 PM

ES

“ *Elwanda Hunt Sheridan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Elwanda Hunt Sheridan - January 13, 2021 at 04:51 PM

RF

“ *Robby Foster lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Robby Foster - January 13, 2021 at 04:09 PM

JC

“ *Jan Crow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Jan Crow - January 13, 2021 at 03:30 PM

CB

“ *Cyndy Cates Broadus lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Cyndy Cates Broadus - January 13, 2021 at 10:37 AM

JG

“ *Delbert and Betty taught me in SS at Central Presbyterian Church. Loved the whole Gray family and Betty's family. ❤️ Excellent example of Cristians.*



jane gibson - January 13, 2021 at 10:02 AM

GG

“ Greg And Melinda Gibson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray



Greg and Melinda Gibson - January 13, 2021 at 08:59 AM

SS

“ Delbert was a kind, and sweet man. He will be great missed by all. My condolences to the family.

Sonja Smith - January 12, 2021 at 08:26 PM

JS

“ Delbert & Betty were two of the finest people I ever met. No doubt they are gracing God with their presence. I Remember they're words of advice on controlling emotions on the golf course. Amazingly they were giving it to David & NOT me. They just happened to walk up to the 9th green at Overton golf course on the final hole of the tournament when David hit a bad shot. Probably his only one of the day. Their calming advice has stuck with me for many years. " It's a game & not the end of the world. "We still won. I still get upset on the course at times but frequency is much less. I Thank Delbert & Betty for that.
David, I'm so sorry for your loss. Know that you & your family are in my thoughts & prayers. Know that I reminisce about our (mine & David)golf outings.

Jeff Senf - January 12, 2021 at 08:15 PM

KH

“ *Kurt Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Kurt Hunt - January 12, 2021 at 07:52 PM

JS

“ *Jeff Senf lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Jeff Senf - January 12, 2021 at 07:49 PM

KT

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family. Heaven has call home a great man of God.*
Ken Terry



Ken Terry - January 12, 2021 at 07:31 PM

JS

“ *Our condolences to the Gray family. I worked at The Parade Company for Delbert and thought highly of him. He never failed to recognize me and talk to me when we would run into one another in Henderson. May God bring you peace and comfort during this time.*
Joe Summy



Joe Summy - January 12, 2021 at 07:22 PM

PP

“ *Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



pud patterson - January 12, 2021 at 07:10 PM



“ *Mr. Gray was such a nice man. I know he will be missed.*
Mart and Cathy Hooper

Cathy Hooper - January 12, 2021 at 04:29 PM

CM

“ *My heart is heavy for our earthly loss of this kind man. He served God, his family, his country, and his community with a big heart and a gentle soul. I'm grateful beyond words that I got the chance to know him.*



Claudia Morgan-Gray - January 12, 2021 at 04:25 PM

CH

“ *Cheryl Harkness lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Cheryl Harkness - January 12, 2021 at 03:28 PM

DW

“ *Dianne Wylie lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Dianne Wylie - January 12, 2021 at 02:55 PM

CA

“ *CarolynBoren lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



CarolynBoren - January 12, 2021 at 02:32 PM

PM

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the family.*



Patsy Duncan Morrison - January 12, 2021 at 12:20 PM

SR

“ *Suzanne Reed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Suzanne Reed - January 12, 2021 at 11:28 AM

DA

“ Donna Dorsey Aaron lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray



Donna Dorsey Aaron - January 12, 2021 at 10:51 AM

JC

“ Jim and Jeanne Cowart



Jim Cowart - January 12, 2021 at 09:46 AM

AV

“ Andy Vinson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray



Andy Vinson - January 12, 2021 at 09:31 AM

RA

“ Rex And Phyllis Ashby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray



Rex and Phyllis Ashby - January 12, 2021 at 08:38 AM

MM

“ *Mike Mason lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Mike Mason - January 12, 2021 at 06:15 AM

TC

“ *Tony And Anita Cavaliere lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Tony and Anita Cavaliere - January 11, 2021 at 10:32 PM

JW

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family. Robert and Janet Williams*



Janet and Robert Williams - January 11, 2021 at 09:43 PM

RH

“ *Ray Hunt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Ray Hunt - January 11, 2021 at 09:10 PM

BG

“ *Praying for peace and comfort for family and friends.*

Bonnie Geddie



Bonnie Geddie - January 11, 2021 at 03:49 PM

BH

“ *Bob & Sue Henderson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Delbert Gray*



Bob & Sue Henderson - January 11, 2021 at 03:26 PM

GC

Delbert Gray was truly a God man. He was an inspiration to me. He is now with Betty and his Savior Jesus whom he loved both with all his heart.

George Conway - January 12, 2021 at 08:47 AM