



John Wayne Gray

June 8, 1947 - June 14, 2017

In loving memory of John Wayne Gray, 1947-2017.

Born in Heber Springs, Arkansas on June 8, 1949, to Susan Grace Gray and Jess Willard Gray. He went to be with the Lord on Wednesday June 14, 2017 at the Arkansas Veterans Hospital at the age of 70.

He was the beloved husband for 49 years to Vicki Gray, loving father of Jeffrey Wayne Gray of Judsonia, and daughter Stacy Lynn Stephens and her husband Dave of Pleasant Plains. Devoted grandfather of Samantha

Stephens (Dickey) and her husband Nathan Dickey, Brandon Wayne Gray, Emily Lynn Stephens, Colton Lee Stephens, Hannah Marie Gray, and Noah Jacob Stephens. Cherished great-grandfather to Darren Dickey and Jackson Dickey. Survived by his older brother Billy Joe Gray and his wife Carolyn, of Pangburn; and younger sisters Bobbie sue Viall and her husband Dennis of Searcy and Sandy Lee Greenough and her husband Mark of Aledo, Texas.

Wayne attended school in Somerton and Yuma, Arizona. He was a FFA member and showed live stock, played football and baseball and became the most devoted fan to all his grandchildren's activities. He attended Union Grove Missionary Baptist Church. Wayne served in the United States Navy, January 5th 1967 through October 30, 1970.

In 1979, Wayne and his family moved to Arkansas and bought a small farm. He loved raising cattle and horses, but most of all he cherished his family. His favorite vacations were spent with his kids and grandchildren. He especially loved the beach and playing in the ocean with his family. His surfing and

famous birthday song will be forever remembered.

Visitation Friday, June 16, 6:00-8:00. Funeral Service Saturday, June 17, at 3:00 at Powell Funeral Home Chapel. Committal will follow at Union Grove Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Union Grove Cemetery

Pleasant Plains, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 16. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Powell Funeral Home & Cremation Services (Searcy)
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Tribute Wall

MJ

“ Mike and Carma Judy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of John Wayne Gray.



Mike and Carma Judy - June 16, 2017 at 03:25 PM

LP

“ My love and prayers are with all of you. I enjoyed working with Wayne at Land-O-Frost. He was a great man and always had a smile on his face.

Lorrie Poss - June 16, 2017 at 03:18 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of John Wayne Gray.



June 16, 2017 at 01:07 PM

BF

“ BOBBIE AND CAROLYN AT LAND O FROST lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Gray



BOBBIE AND CAROLYN AT LAND O FROST - June 16, 2017 at 10:09 AM

TW

“ I worked with Wayne for many years at Land O Frost.....very sweet man !!

Wayne was liked by everyone that knew him...he will be missed

Tammy Williams

Tammy Williams - June 16, 2017 at 08:07 AM

LK

“ Vicki, Jeff & Stacey, our prayers are with you and your families. Wayne was the kind of person that this world needs, however; heaven is sweeter because of his arrival.

Lanell Kimbriel - June 16, 2017 at 08:06 AM

LA

“ I think it was impossible to be around Wayne without a smile on your face.

Larry - June 15, 2017 at 11:22 PM

LR

“ Vicki, Stacy, Jeff, Dave and grand-kids. I was so very sorry to hear about Wayne's passing. He was a very special person. We were really looking forward to seeing him in August. He left such a strong family behind. I know you have all come together in support of each other, and that will bring you through this time of grief. You have so many wonderful memories of him to share.

Larry Reddell - June 15, 2017 at 11:18 PM

GJ

“ Gary And Marvell Jackson lit a candle in memory of John Wayne Gray



Gary and Marvell Jackson - June 15, 2017 at 09:43 PM



“ Jeff, I am so sorry for your loss.



Leah Brooks - June 15, 2017 at 03:15 PM

SC

Wayne was such a nice man, he was always friendly, respectful and always had a smile. I feel honored to have known him and worked with him. Condolences to the family. Stacy my heart goes out to you I always thought you were a daddy`s girl, so I know it is hard on you. You and your family are in my prayers. Hold on to the memories. May God grant you peace and comfort.

Shirley Cox - June 16, 2017 at 12:31 PM