



Mr. Albert A. Gray

November 26, 1934 - March 25, 2017

Albert Arthur Gray, age 82, passed away Saturday, March 25, 2017 at The Crossings, in Columbia SC. Albert was a son of the late Albert Arthur Gray, Sr. and Annie Turner Gray. Albert was an English teacher in Hartsville and Lamar, SC for almost 40 years and also co-owned and operated the Gamecock Motel in Myrtle Beach, SC for many years. He loved his family, teaching, gardening, the Oates community, and Elim United Methodist Church and its members where he taught Sunday School and sang in the choir. He also loved volunteering at Lamar High School sporting events and was an avid Celtics, Red Sox, and Lamar Silver Foxes fan.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at Elim United Methodist Church. The Rev. Wes Conner will officiate with burial in the church cemetery. The family will receive friends Monday, March 27, 2017 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home.

Surviving are his brother-in-law and spouse, Gordon (Floy) Brown of Lamar, SC; special cousins, Gilda (Craig) Tyler of Lexington, SC, Ginger (Bob) Polk of Summerville, SC, Kenneth (Carol) Reynolds of Mt. Pleasant, SC; special nieces and nephews, William "Top" (Norma) Gray of Lamar, Becky Gray Ishman of Darlington, SC, Rusty Gray and Wayne G. (Kelly) Brown of Florence, SC, Nancy Brown (Marcial) Briggs of Columbia; and special grandnieces and grandnephews, Jeffrey Briggs, Brandon Briggs, Bobbi Briggs, Parker Brown; special friends, Susan Mullis of Hartsville, Daisy Zimmerman of Lamar.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; his brothers, A. N. "Bubba" Gray, Turner Gray; sisters, Barbara Gray Brown and Jean Lavinia Gray; special aunt, Louise Turner Reynolds.

The family expresses gratitude to the wonderful people at the Covenant Place, in Sumter, Harmony Square at The Crossings in Columbia, and Dr. Brian Mozingo, Columbia who lovingly took care of Albert through his illness in his last months.

Memorials may be made to Elim United Methodist Church, c/o Muryl Gardner, 3586 Oates Hwy. Lamar, SC 29069.

Cemetery Details

Elim United Methodist Church Cemetery

3900 Oates Highway
Lamar, SC 29069

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brown-Pennington-Atkins Funeral Home
306 W. Home Ave.
Hartsville, SC 29550
(843) 332-6531
info@bpafuneralhome.com
<http://www.bpafuneralhome.com>

Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Elim United Methodist Church
3900 Oates Highway
Lamar, SC

Tribute Wall

SM

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Gray. He was a wonderful English teacher. He taught me at Hartsville High School. He was fun but kind of strict. He just wanted you to learn to benefit and better yourself . He is the reason I am an English critic today and proud of it. He will be missed by all that knew and loved him.

Shirley Kelley Mozingo
Class of 1968

Shirley Mozingo - April 06, 2017 at 04:01 PM

DW

“ D. L. Weaver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert A. Gray



D. L. Weaver - April 03, 2017 at 02:38 PM

CM

“ Mr. Gray was my English teacher my junior year at Hartsville High. He was the best. God be with you and your family.

Corliss Hulsey Maksin - March 30, 2017 at 01:35 PM

JK

“*Mr. Gray was my teacher in high school. He must not have been out of college long when I came along. He was professional but he was fun. I was in the fun class with Billy Boy and a few of the others. I think it was our class that started him turning gray. One of my favorite years. Thanks Mr. Gray and we will see you again one morning!!*

Judy Norwood Knight - March 30, 2017 at 12:55 PM



“*Albert was my English teacher in the 11th grade at Hartsville High School in 1963. I remember him as relaxed, in charge, and focused on helping us learn. I thoroughly enjoyed his class. I also watched how he dressed and copied his coat, shirt, and tie combinations when I went somewhere "dressed up" because I admired his style. Good man, good memories.*

Michael Johnson - March 29, 2017 at 08:18 AM

SE

“*Albert was not only my 9th grade English teacher at HHS, but also a neighbor who lived "down the road" from my family. He was such a good, caring teacher. He had a wonderful sense of humor, but could get tough when he needed to. I never tried to get by with anything in his class because I knew he could just stop by my house and have a chat with my mother and daddy!! A fun teacher, a kind man, and one who will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Stephanie Burch Easterling

Stephanie B. Easterling - March 28, 2017 at 01:01 PM

JD

“ Mr. Gray was such a wonderful and inspiring teacher. He taught me English at Lamar High School. One of my favorite memories of him was one day when several of us were waiting around after school for basketball practice to start, he let us come over and hang out at his house. He didn't care what color we were. We met his mother and sat around eating snacks and talking with him about his travels and how he became a teacher. It was a fun day. My prayers are with his family. "Rest In Peace" Mr. Gray, you will truly be missed.

Jackie "Jacadele" Dargan - March 28, 2017 at 10:22 AM

TK

“ My heart felt condolences to the family. I was a former student of Mr. Gray at Lamar High School. I worked with him on the weekends while in high school. Mr. Gray was a good man. He taught be a lot education wise and about life. Becky I don't know if you remember me but I would help you and Ms Jean at the flower shop sometimes on the weekends along with Ms. Clara. Ms Jean was a tough soul but she was very sweet and she took care of us when we came to help her. I will miss Mr. Gray, but I know he is in a better place.

Please know that I will be praying for your family and if there is anything the Kirkland family can do for you during this time, please let us know. Take care and God's speed.

Rev. Tracey A Kirkland



Tracey A Kirkland - March 28, 2017 at 10:04 AM

Linda
Warren
Coates

“ *Linda Warren Coates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert A. Gray*



Linda Warren Coates - March 28, 2017 at 09:25 AM

KG

“ *Kent And Linda Watson Gainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert A. Gray*



Kent and Linda Watson Gainey - March 27, 2017 at 09:09 PM

KK

“ *Mr. Gray was my English professor at Hartsville high when I was a junior. He was a fair and demanding teacher who was very concerned that we learn English in a way that would stand us in good stead as we went out into the world. He was dedicated and wanted the best for his students. My prayers and wishes for peace go out to his family and friends.*

Kenneth Krueger - March 27, 2017 at 08:29 PM

PL

Mr. Gray was my English teacher at Lamar High. I loved his class and his ability to get the best from his students. He had a great sense of fun, and his way of teaching has stuck with me all these years. He was one of my favorites. I pray for strength for his family, and that he may rest in peace.

Paulette Lunn - March 27, 2017 at 08:58 PM

DS

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with Mr. Albert's Family, he was a pillar for this community and his church. He was one of the hardest working men around. He would work from sun up to sun down. RIP Albert you will be missed.
Danny and Phoebe



Danny and Phoebe Stokes - March 27, 2017 at 08:08 PM

BC

“ Betty Lyles Cozart



Betty Lyles Cozart - March 27, 2017 at 07:37 PM



I knew Mr. Gray at Hartsville High School where he was an English Teacher.....RIP Mr.Gray

Betty Cozart - March 27, 2017 at 07:41 PM

JB

“ Jeanette S. Blackmon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert A. Gray



Jeanette S. Blackmon - March 27, 2017 at 02:45 PM

JL

“ top so sorry about albert i remember you and elton being good friends. albert will be greatly missed

johnnie r locklair - March 27, 2017 at 12:30 PM

LB

“ Mr. Gray was my English teacher at Lamar High School and he was a Wonderful Teacher and had a lot of patience with his students. He was a Wonderful Man.. R.I.P. Mr. Gray..

Lori Bullard - March 27, 2017 at 10:54 AM

DS

“ Mr. Gray was my English teacher at Lamar High School from 1974-1978. Always enjoyed his class and his stories. He allowed his students to express themselves. My condolences to his family and friends, God Bless.

Donna Hart Starling - March 27, 2017 at 09:41 AM

BB

“ Mr. Gray was my 8th grade English teacher who introduced me to sentence diagrams which served a a basis to my English education for years to come. I have fond memories of that time. My sympathies to the family.

Beler(Butch) Boswell - March 27, 2017 at 08:54 AM

BR

“ Mr Gray was my English teacher at Hartsville high school. If he had not been patient I am not sure I would have passed his class. Also he was good looking. Rest in peace Teacher Gray.

Barbara Melton Rocheleau

Barbara Rocheleau - March 27, 2017 at 08:10 AM



“ *Mr. Gray was my teacher in high school. He was also one of my granddaddy's friends. He and my grandfather went to USC together. I remember so many times of Mr. Gray telling me about the days that He and my granddaddy shared a hot dog on the campus of USC. I will miss seeing him throughout Lamar. His family will remain in my prayers for the days to come.*

Carrie Vest - March 27, 2017 at 08:09 AM

RG

“ *Albert will be missed in Gray Estates he loved our community and worked so hard keeping it clean. I will miss seeing him and talking to him during my walks . RIP*

Robin Galoway - March 27, 2017 at 07:30 AM

WB

“ *Mr Gray was my English teacher at Lamar High School in the 70s, and he taught it very well. He was very compassionate about teaching and you left his class knowing English. A job well done Mr Gray!*

Willisteen McDaniels Black - March 27, 2017 at 04:33 AM

WB

“ *Willisteen McDaniels Black lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert A. Gray*



Willisteen McDaniels Black - March 27, 2017 at 04:29 AM

KB

“ He was loved by many. My parents adored him and he them. I'm certain there is a huge reunion in Heaven of the many friends and family who went before him. He was a great person with a heart of gold.

Kathie and Steve Blackwell - March 26, 2017 at 10:13 PM

KS

“ Me. Gray was my first landlord when I moved out on my own. He was a very kind and caring man. He had the most amazing garden behind the house. He really was a gentle soul. The world will be a bit dimmer without Mr. Gray.

Kate Smith - March 26, 2017 at 08:25 PM

BD

So very sorry to hear of Mr Gray's Passing he was a very nice man I knew him from Lamar High school. Prayers for your family. Brenda Davis & family

brenda davis - March 26, 2017 at 09:42 PM

LS

“ Mr Gray was one of the very best of the best. I had him for English four years in a row. 9,10,11,12. He taught me how to spell so many words. Spelling test every day. Just to get started. 1964 graduate. Larry Stewart. RIP.

Larry Stewart - March 26, 2017 at 06:58 PM

SP

“ *Sydney Powell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert A. Gray*



Sydney Powell - March 26, 2017 at 04:53 PM

SP

Mr. Gray was my English teacher at HHS. My thoughts and Prayers to the family.

Sydney Powell - March 26, 2017 at 04:56 PM

L'

“ *Mr. Gray was my favorite teacher. He was inspiring and very patient with us students. My sincere condolences to the Gray family. He's probably having dinner with Shakespeare.*

LaFond Biggs, HHS '64 - March 26, 2017 at 04:40 PM

Linda
Warren
Coates

“ *Linda Warren Coates lit a candle in memory of Mr. Albert A. Gray*



Linda Warren Coates - March 26, 2017 at 04:34 PM

MP

“ Was so sorry to hear about Mr. Gray's passing. He was my 8th and 10th grade English teacher at Hartsville High School. He taught me the love of reading and writing and inspired my becoming a teacher later in life. He was a great teacher! Condolences to his family and many prayers for each of you.

*Monnie Thomas Privette
Class of 1963*

Monnie T. Privette - March 26, 2017 at 04:00 PM

RH

“ Sorry to hear about Albert. The hardest and best English Teacher I had in high school.
Sorry to hear that news. Prayers for the family.
Ron and Carole Howard

Ron Howard - March 26, 2017 at 03:21 PM

GB

“ I would like to express condolences and sympathy to the family.
God Bless You! Gerald Brock. I remember Mr. Gray from Hartsville High School.

Gerald Brock - March 26, 2017 at 02:15 PM

DM

“ Mr. Gray, you will always be remembered by me. You were one of the best English teachers. If we didn't learn, it wasn't your fault. RIP Mr. Gray. My prayers and thoughts are with the family. Deborah Moore

Deborah Moore - March 26, 2017 at 02:05 PM

CW

“ So sorry to hear about my dear friend Albert.
Elim will miss a treasured member. RIP



Carl and Susan Watkins - March 26, 2017 at 11:02 AM