



James Earnest "Earnie" Gray

February 22, 1945 - February 15, 2026

James Earnest "Earnie" Gray, passed from this life on Sunday, February 15, 2026, in Fayetteville, Arkansas at Fayetteville VA Hospital in Fayetteville, Arkansas surrounded by loved ones. Earnie was born in Peoria, Arizona on February 22, 1945, to Clyde Gray and Carrie Mae Jones Gray. He graduated from Colcord High School in 1963. He married the love of his life, Goldie Mae Sisson on May 14, 1964. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict where he earned the Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars, the National Defense Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and was considered a Rifle Sharpshooter. Earnie was an experienced mechanic. James was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Colcord where he was a Sunday School teacher for many years. He enjoyed people, his dogs, helping people, and was very active in helping with Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous since 2004. Earnie was preceded in death by his parents, Clyde and Carrie Gray.

He is survived by his wife, Goldie, of Colcord, Oklahoma; his son, Jimmie Gray (Brenda) of Colcord, Oklahoma; daughters, Melanie (John) Sheppard, of Hurst, Texas, Sheila (Don) Dennis of Jacksonville, Texas; his sister, Belle (Bub) Wooten of Colcord, Oklahoma; brothers, Dennis (Barbara) Gray of Colcord, Oklahoma, Carlton (Melissa) Gray of Colcord, Oklahoma; ten grandchildren; several great grandchildren; several loving nieces, nephews; a host of friends and extended family.

A public visitation is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on Monday, February 23, 2026, at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. A private family graveside service is scheduled at Fayetteville National Cemetery in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Cemetery Details

Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 Government Ave.
Fayetteville, AR 72701

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wasson Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall

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“ *jerry & Cheryl Snell lit a candle in memory of James Gray*



jerry & Cheryl Snell - February 19 at 09:56 AM

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“ *Goldie and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. May God comfort you in this difficult time. Hugs and prayers.*

Flora L Forrest (Anna Lue's daughter) - February 18 at 09:38 PM

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“ *To all of the family...we are so sorry for your loss. May your memories and God's love bring you peace, comfort and strength at this difficult time.*



Larry & Lana Hurt - February 18 at 02:45 PM