



## Ric Gray

November 23, 1959 - October 3, 2009

Ric Gray, 49-year-old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died Saturday, October 3, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Born November 23, 1959, in Siloam Springs, he was the son of Walter Cecil Gray and Patsy Bryan Gray and had been a lifetime resident of Siloam Springs. He was the owner and operator of Gray Construction, Inc. He enjoyed riding his Harley and spending time with his family and his dog, Champ. He attended Fellowship Bible Church in Rogers, Arkansas. Survivors include his wife Sharon of the home; one son, Julian Gray and his fiancé Candice Evans of Fayetteville; one daughter, Chanel Gray of the home and her boyfriend Chad Ramey; his father Walter C. Gray and his wife Donita of Siloam Springs; one brother, Rod Gray and his wife Sandra of Siloam Springs; one sister Kim Hager and her husband Ron of Fayetteville; his father and mother-in-law Charles and Nita Douglas of Siloam Springs; and his sister-in-law Lorene Douglas of Siloam Springs. Visitation will be Wednesday, October 7, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Wasson Funeral Home, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Funeral services will be Thursday, October 8, at 1:00 p.m. at JBU Cathedral of the Ozarks, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, with Tim Estes officiating. Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery with funeral services under the direction of Wasson Funeral Home. Memorial contributions can be made to Hannah's Hope Foundation, P. O. Box 141, Siloam Springs, AR 72761.

# Tribute Wall

BP

“ I just recently heard about Ric's passing. As you are coming upon the anniversary of his passing, I know he will be in your hearts and minds. Just know that I will honor him as well. I am so sorry for your loss, Kim and Rod. May God bless your entire family.

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**Brenda (Johnson) Paquette** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

SC

“ I just want you all to know you are in my thoughts and prayers!

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**Susan D. Cearley** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

ED

“ To the Gray Family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you. May the love of family and friends help ease the pain in this difficult time.

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**Eric Dziwanowski** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

MG

“ We are so saddened by the news of Ric's death. Please know that we are keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers. With our love, Mark, Marsha, Brittany and John Mark Goings

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**Mark, Marsha, Brittany and John Mark Goings** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

AS

“ My heart aches for your family. I pray the peace of God sustains you during this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you daily.

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**Angie (Wolfe) Scott** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

DH

“ To the Gray family:

*May God wrap his loving arms around you and comfort you during your time of sorrow.*

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**Dorothy Denney, Dusty Fountain, and Debra Halverson** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

MT

“ *I can not truly express my sorrow for the loss of Ric. I truly feel like I have lost another brother. My prayers go out to the whole entire family and know we love you all and if there is anything we can do please let us know.*

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**Mark ,Renee,@Braxton Tracy** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

FS

“ *Ric and his family always came in with a smile on their faces and brought a friendly atmosphere to the staff. We will miss his laugh. Our hearts go out to his family.*

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**Flint Creek Staff** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

DV

“ *Our deepest sympathy to family,especially to Walter, friend of many years.*

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**don and joyce voss** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

PC

“ Sharon:  
*There are no words adequate enough to express our thoughts or feelings for you and your family. Yesterday as we spoke about our memories of Ric we smiled - Patrick and Ric talking about Harley's, laughing together at the Grand Floridian over breakfast, watching Ric feed Champ burger and fries, and one of us carting the girls here and there over the years.*

*It is and will continue to be difficult and with time the empty place in your heart will find rest. May you know the Lord's peace...we are here if you need us. Patrick, Adriane and Rachael*

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**Patrick, Adriane and Rachael Carr** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

MB

“ *Kim, Ron and family,  
You are in our hearts and prayers. If you are in the Tulsa area, please let us know. We'd love to see you and give you a hug.  
Mike, Karen, Shane, Stacey, and Taylor Brown*

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**Mike and Karen Brown** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

MH

“ *Our deepest sympathy*

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**Mike and Chris Hubbard** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JH

“ Dear Walter, Kim, and Rod,  
Only a loving God, can walk you through this deep valley. There is nothing we can say, except, we love you and we are praying for you to have peace, in this unexpected tragedy...  
Sincerely,  
John and Ann Haid

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**John and Ann Haid** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

KD

“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Karen Davis** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

DF

“ To the Ric Gray Family

*Psalm 34: 17-18 says----- The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

*May your cries to the LORD bring you great comfort now and in the days to come. So very sorry for you loss.*

*Diane Brown and Reta Foster*

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**Diane Brown & Reta Foster** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

RR

“ We extend our deepest sympathy to the Gray family during this time of loss and sorrow. May you find peace and comfort. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Richard and Anne Ruble** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

BO

“ To Sharon and all the Gray family. We were saddened to learn about the passing of Ric. He will be missed by many. Our thoughts and prayers will be with you during this difficult time.

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**Butch and Nancy Overturf** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JT

“ I feel blessed to have had Ric in my life for the last 28 years. We have watched our families grow, enjoyed family vacations together and just hanging out at the lake. These are times that will be cherished forever.

Sharon, Julian and Chanel, I am so sorry for your loss. We have lost a great friend, husband and father. Our family is here for you during this heartbreaking time.

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**Jim and Tricia Thompson** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

BP

“ Rod, Kim & entire family,  
We wanted you to know that we are grieving for you and with you. We send our deepest love, sorrow and sympathy. May God Bless you and ease your pain.

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**Brenda, Bryan & Barbara Potter** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JS

“ My deepest sympathy, to all of the family. I have always had alot of respect for Rick. I will keep all of you in my prayers and God Bless You. Jacob

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**Jacob Squire** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

KK

“ *Walter Gray and Family,  
I want you and your family to know my thoughts and prayers are  
with you.  
With Deepest Sympathy,  
Kelley Kelly-Jones*

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**Kelley Kelly-Jones** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

KE

“ *Dear Walter and all of your family,  
We are so sad and aching for you and your family in the loss of Ric.  
You have always been a special family to us, and we always think of  
you as special friends. We just want you to know that we are  
thinking of all of you and care about you. We pray that you will be  
surrounded with continuous love and support during this difficult  
time.*

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**Ken and Marsha Emanuelson** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

GS

“ *You all are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of grieving.*

*Gary*

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**Gary Scism** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

CD

“ *Sharon and Chanel...I am thinking of you during this difficult time.*

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**Charlie Duffield** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JS

“ Rod and Kim:

*We are so sorry to hear about Ric. He will be missed by a lot of people. May God bless you during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Jim & Sherry Shrum** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

RB

“ *There are no words to express the loss your feeling or how sorry we are that you have given up a love one so early in his life. May God grace and mercy carry you through these dark days.*

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**Robbin Gorman and Rockett Burns** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

PM

“ *My thoughts are with you.*

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**Perry Murphy** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

MB

“ *Sharon, Julian, Chanelle and family  
Our thoughts are with you, our memories are great! Ric was a great guy/boss, he will be missed. Hold on to each other. God will see you thru!*

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**Mark & Jan Brown** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

TE

“ Dear Sharon and family,

*Life often renders questions to which there are no immediate answers. In such trying times we rely completely upon our faith. May the God of all comfort sustain you during this season of extreme sadness. If there is anything I can do please let me know.*

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**Tim & Tricia Estes** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

BW

“ Sharon, You and your family are in my prayers. This is way to soon for a good man like Ric to leave us. I enjoyed working with Ric over the years.

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**Bruce Witthans** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JJ

“ My heart is with you at this very sad time. It has been many years since I last saw Ric and Sharon, and those memories of stopping by and visiting with them and being entertained by Ric's sharp wit and quick humor will always stand out as a highlight of my life.

*My our God comfort you and carry you through this time of heartache and pain.*

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**John Smiley, Jr.** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JL

“ My heart goes out to you all. May the peace of Christ be upon each of you, and may you be comforted by happy memories.

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**Jan Lauderdale** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

BR

“ Rod to you and your Family, My Heart ace for you Brother, You boys have always had a place in my heart, My Love and Prayers I send to You, And that the Peace Of God Wrap his Mighty Arm's around u and hold u and love u. And for the path you will have to do and take that God will give you the words to say and wisdom to seek HIm and what u need. Love U Barb

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**Barbara Lamar, Reding** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

SB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time.

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**Scott and Becky Bull** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

ST

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. We are keeping you close in thought and prayer. May God hold you and comfort you as only He can at this time. May you find comfort and healing in your wonderful memories of Ric. Our hearts go out to all of the Gray family as well as many, many friends who loved him and will miss him deeply.

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**Sarah Thurstenson** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

MM

“ I am praying for the entire family at this time. Please find comfort in knowing that many are offering you love and support and God will guide you down this path.  
I remember Ric and Rod as two of the cute little feisty boys in our neighborhood while growing up. His smile was great then. Blessings on you all.

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**Michal Hall Montgomery** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

GC

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Garry Collins** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

RS

“ *Sharon,  
I don't have the words to express my sadness at hearing the news.  
You and your family are in my heart and prayers.*

*Richie Simmons  
WMHS Class of '82*

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**Richie Simmons** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

SA

“ *Dear Sharon and Family,*

*We were so sorry to hear about Ric. Please know our prayers are with you. We are praying that the "God of all comfort" in 2 Corinthians 1 will do as He promised and continue to deliver you as you set your hope on Him.*

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**Steve and Jeannie Abbott** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

SW

“ *Dear Gray Family,  
We are so very sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers, and we are praying for God's comfort and peace to be with you during this difficult time.*

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**Steven & Ann Woodruff** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

KW

“ *The appropriate words don't exist to bring comfort and peace for all of you during this extremely challenging time in your lives.*

*Cherish the good and let our Heavenly Father help sooth the heartache.*

*Lean on us whenever you need.. We are here for you.*

*Prayers going up for all the family.*

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**Kim (Anderson) Woods** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JS

“ *We are deeply saddened by your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and may your past memories comfort your tomorrow.*

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**Jim Snodgrass** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

MP

“ *To the Gray Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

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**Mark and Carie (McReynolds) Pryor** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

AC

“ *Walter & Family,*

*Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers. So sorry for the loss of your son, Ric. God bless all of you.*

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**Annette Andrada & Judith Carson** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

EV

“ *Our hearts are saddened by your loss.*

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**Evan & Dean Vohs** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JR

“ *May God's peace, which surpasses all understanding, surround each of you at this difficult time. My prayers are with you.*

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**Jana Jones Roberts** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JW

“ *Over the years I (we) have many memories of Ric & Rod & Gray Family! Through out the years we have worked together and/or around each other! Either when we were young or as we got older Ric still had his quick wit about him! To each of you, you are in our deepest thoughts and prayers! Our hearts go out to each of you!!*

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**Julie Devor Webb** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

WC

“ *Sharon, Chanel, Julian, and the Gray family: I am very saddened by Ric's death. I know these are very difficult times for you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you. My fondest memories from high school all involve the times spent with Ric and the Gray family. The Gray home was my home away from home. Ric certainly made my four years in Siloam Springs more enjoyable and exciting. He was a true friend and will be greatly missed.*

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**Will Campbell** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JC

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts break for you all and though are words are few our prayers for you during this time are many. God hears your cries and will comfort you during this difficult time. Please let us know if you need anything! We love you and are praying for you all!*

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**Jennifer Callahan** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JR

“ You are in our thoughts and prayers. May you find comfort in the arms of God through this difficult time and the arms of loved ones. We are here for you.

Jan Rakestraw - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

VB

“ My sincere condolences to Rod, Kim and the entire Gray family.

Vicki Bratcher - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

AB

“ Walter, Sharon, Chanel, and family, you are in my prayers and constant thoughts. My heart is breaking along with yours and I will continue to lift you up to our King for strength, comfort, and peace.

Angel Burke - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

PP

“ My heart goes out to the entire family. I have many great memories over the years of Ric. My son Dustin and daughter Cody thought of Ric as an Uncle more than a cousin. We will all miss him dearly.

Pam (Gray) Phillips - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

BM

“ Dear Gray family, My heart goes out to every one of you. You are all in my prayers.

Bevra Mickel - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

TR

“ Walter, Rod and the whole Gray family, I wish I had the words to say to take away some of the pain and suffering that you are facing right now. But I don't have. All I can say is I am praying for you all daily that God will give you the strength and comfort to face the road that lies ahead of you all at this time! I pray that God bless you each and everyone and if I can do anything please let me know!

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**Tonya (Myrick) Roberts** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

SH

“ I'm deeply saddened by your loss. Ric will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his loved ones. May God comfort you at this difficult time.

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**Sally McKinney Hensley** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

DE

“ My heart goes out to Walter and the Gray family for their lose.

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**David Elliott** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

CB

“ Your family is in our prayers.

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**Courtney Walters Bailess** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

BA

“ Ric will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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**Bill Allcorn** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

DG

“ Dear Sharon, Julian, and Chanel our thoughts and prayers are with you. We were so sorry to hear about Ric. We pray that you all remember to lean on God to carry you thru this. and that God wraps his arms of comfort around you. Days and nights to come are going to be hard, but God will carry you thru if you let him.

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**David and Vicky Goodman** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

BB

“ WE were only around the Gray family a few times, all memorable. Hold your family and your friends close. You never know when they will be called home. We are so sorry for the loss everyone close to this family must feel. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Bob & Brenda Baucom** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

TS

“ Rod, Kim & Gray Family: We are so sorry for your loss. Ric was so liked in the community and will be very much missed. May God put his arms around each of you and help you through this difficult time. We are thinking of you and will miss Ric. God Bless! Mason Family....

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**Teresa "Mason" Martin & Darla Scott** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

MC

“ We were close family friends growing up in Siloam Springs. All my memories of Ric are so sweet. I remember him "taking care" of me as a "baby sister" and specifically, helping at one of my birthday parties during his "tween" years. He was always like that . . . compassionate, fun loving, caring, and a loving spirit! I am so sorry for your loss and am praying continually for the Lord's protection around your minds and hearts as you mourn for your Beloved Husband, Father, Brother, and Son. Remember to share your wonderful memories and stories often. May the Lord bless you and keep you close!

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**Misti Coleman-Stephens** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JC

“ Dear Gray Family,  
We are so sorry to hear of your loss. May God give you strength and comfort during this time.

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**Jim and Esta Faye Combs** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

LE

“ Lonnie and I ache for your entire family. Ric was a great person. You are in our thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time.

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**Lonnie and Michelle Eudy** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

RL

“ May God's grace, which is sufficient for all of our needs, comfort you at this unspeakably difficult time. Our Class of '78 was enriched to have had Ric as a valuable part of it.

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**Rita Sutterfield Looney** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

PE

“ My heart has been heavy since I heard. I've constantly prayed for peace of mind for all Ric's family and friends. I hope it's helping.

When I think of Ric I can't get the image of him in his "Elvis" outfit from "Rock Hop" he and Kathy and Mike K. performed in their Senior Year. Such a warm smile.

God is with you. Just let Him help you.

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**Patti Eiland** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

GP

“ There are no words to express the sadness I am feeling for you all. Please know that your in our Thoughts and Prayers...The Van Poucke's...Love

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**Glenn & Nikki Van Poucke** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

TR

“ My heart goes out to the entire family and especially to Rod & the girls. You will be in are thoughts & prayers.

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**Trena & Jeremy Roberts** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

SC

“ Dear Gray Family: You all are in thoughts and prayers. May God hold you especially close during this time. The Cookseys

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**Sandra Cooksey** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

LL

“ We were so sadden to hear of this tragedy. I have so many fond memories of Ric. Our childhood and early adult adventures were never dull because Ric was there to make them FUN.

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**Lon Licht** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

KM

“ Sharon, Julian and Chanelle....

*There are no amount of words to be able to express our deepest sympathy to you all during such a terrible tragedy. We pray that God will watch over you all as you go through this very difficult time.*

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**Kyle and Betsy Morgan** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

EC

“ Sharon,  
*We're praying for you and the family in this troubled time. May God ease your pain & your sadness.*

*The Covington's*

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**Eric & Kristy Covington** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

RV

“ *Our condolences to the family.*

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**Randy & Connie Vohs** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

BD

“ Sharon, Julian, and Chanel my prayers are with you all as you go through this tough time. I will never forget all the special things that you and Ric did for Lex and me. He treated us more like family than an employee. He was a generous man and will never be forgotten. I pray that you will feel the loving arms of our Saviour as you work through your grief. We love you all and are praying for you.

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**Barbie DeVore** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

SD

“ Our prayers go out to the Gray family, having gone through this same ordeal i understand the pain you all are going through. Ric was a good frined during our high school years and he will be missed. May God watch over his family and give them guidance through these tough times and may the best of the best memories of his life always live strong with the family and his friends. Gpd Bless.

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**Steve & Rebecca Duncan** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

MK

“ Dear Sharon, Julian and Chanel:  
Each of you have been in our thoughts and prayers since we hard of the loss of your beloved husband and father. May you feel the Lord wrap His loving arms around you during this most difficult time. May you feel His strength and comfort as He stains you.

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**Mike and Barbara Kenney** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JK

“ I have many great memories of working for Ric. I loved that job!!!

*"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)*

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**Jason J. Kleckner** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

GW

“ We are so sorry for your loss

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**Greg and Gail Walters** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

CE

“ Sharon, Julian, Chanelle and family...I am so sorry to hear of this horrible tragedy. I have no words to express the sadness I am feeling for you all. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I loved working for Ric. Sharon, I will never forget the kind things you and Ric did for me during my rough times. May God's love bring you comfort during this extremely difficult time. I will continue to pray for you all.

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**Cathy Ellis** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

CA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Gray and Douglas family. Ric was such a funloving person and will be missed greatly.

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**Carolyn Wasson Adams** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

MM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family as we all find our way through this tragedy. I have so many fond and happy memories of Ric and I'm treasuring these moments more than ever now. My heart is aching and I will never forget my dear friend.

*I pray his family finds strength in God, family, and friends in this unexplainable tragedy.*

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**Mike and Kathy Murray** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

JG

“ We're so sorry for the tragedy and offer prayer of support. We have no words that can say anything right now. Only that we care.

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**Jason M. Gray** - September 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM