



Walter Cecil Gray

March 24, 1937 - August 18, 2020

Walter Cecil Gray, 83 of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died August 18, 2020 at The Maples at Har-Ber Meadows, Springdale, Arkansas. He was born March 24, 1937 outside of Wayne, Oklahoma to Jess Allison and Nellie Josephine Gray. Walter moved to Siloam Springs from Leach, Oklahoma in 1953. Walter graduated from Siloam Springs High School in 1956. He married Patricia (Patsy) Bryan on September 28, 1956. Walter became a real estate broker in 1964 and remained a real estate broker with headquarters in Siloam Springs for 50 years. He was licensed in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, with multiple satellite offices and many sale associates.

Walter developed residential, commercial and multi-family sub divisions mostly in Siloam Springs. He and three other investors acquired Dawn Hill County Club and redeveloped it into a full service club and resort known as Dawn Hill Golf and Racquet Club, The Gem of the Ozarks. He was appointed by the Governor to the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission from 1969 to 1972, and served for over 40 years as chairman of the Siloam Springs Industrial and Highway Committees.

Walter served as president of the Siloam Springs Jaycees, the Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce, the Siloam Springs Rotary Club, and the West Benton County Board of Realtors. He joined the Masonic Lodge at the age of 21 and was a 32nd degree Mason.

After Patsy's death, he married Donnita Lawlis Rakestraw. Walter attended First Christian Church in Siloam Springs. He received the Siloam Springs Chamber of Commerce Pioneer Citizen Award in 2010.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Patsy, son, Ric Gray; brothers, Jack Gray and Tom Gray; and sister, Elaine Mendenhall. Survivors include his children, Kimberly Hager and husband Ron of Cave Springs, Arkansas and Rod Gray and wife Sandra of Centerton, Arkansas; seven grandchildren, Meghan Laffoon, Gray Hager, Fallon Boling, Paige Davis, Maloree Gray, Julian Gray, and Chanel Gray; eight great grandchildren; and brother, Bob Gray of Siloam Springs.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Walter was always friendly to us and we will miss him. Merle & Delores Larson*

Merle - August 31, 2020 at 08:42 PM

JD

“ *I remember Grand Wagoneers and a few summers at Meghan Coves. He was quite a cat.*

Rod and Kim, my sympathy.

Jeff Dalrymple - August 27, 2020 at 09:28 PM

JW

“ *John Woods lit a candle in memory of Walter Cecil Gray*



John Woods - August 24, 2020 at 03:21 PM

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“ *Naomi Owen lit a candle in memory of Walter Cecil Gray*



Naomi Owen - August 23, 2020 at 06:24 PM

JB

“ Joe & Cheryl Burns lit a candle in memory of
Walter Cecil Gray



Joe & Cheryl Burns - August 23, 2020 at 01:42 PM

RM

“ In 1973 when I needed encouragement, Walter provided it. He told me, “ I won’t give you anything but if you want to work I’ve got a job“. He gave me confidence and I did a lot of work over the years. He and Patsy were always very kind to me.
God bless my friend!
Rusty McGhee

Rusty McGhee - August 22, 2020 at 02:50 PM

LM

“ L. A. John Meeker lit a candle in memory of
Walter Cecil Gray



L. A. John Meeker - August 22, 2020 at 11:53 AM

RE

“ Renea Hill Ellis lit a candle in memory of
Walter Cecil Gray



Renea Hill Ellis - August 22, 2020 at 08:40 AM

LE

“ What can I say about a man that was so very kind to my parents and myself! He made it possible for my parents to purchase a house in Siloam Springs. Walt went above and beyond to make sure they would have the house they wanted. From this, came a handyman/caretaker/lawncare job for my dad that my dad had for years. Even my mother got in on the act too. Walt told my dad it was okay for me to do a little work for him too, he knew I was always in the need of some "pocket money" or "mad money" as Patsy use to call it. I don't know how many teens and young people worked for Walt over the years but he helped so, so many people and would give you the shirt off of his back if you asked him for it. Walt saw the good in people and I too can see the good in people and Walt WAS THE BEST and you couldn't have asked for a better friend/second dad. Miss you Walt! You were an angel on earth and now you're an angel in heaven!



LeonNa

LeonNa - August 21, 2020 at 08:19 PM

RV

Mr Walter Was A Very Good Man. He & Patsy Were Always There To Help. My Condolences To The Family. He Was A Straight Shooter.

Randy Vohs - August 22, 2020 at 08:04 PM

RV

Walt Gray Was A Good Guy; Always Had A Few Kind Words.

Randy Vohs - August 23, 2020 at 11:55 AM