



Billie Earl Gray

June 6, 1947 - May 13, 2024

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me”. John 14:1

Mr. Billie Earl Gray Sr. was born on June 6th, 1947, in Sturgis, MS to Earl Gray and Ola Bell Bray.

Billie gave his life to Christ a long time ago at Beria Church and later in life, he became a member of the Apostolic Garden of Love church with his two grandsons until his illness progressed.

Billie attended Liberty Hall in Sturgis MS. Billie worked many different jobs early in life and later worked at Gulf States Manufacturing where he retired.

Billie enjoyed spending time outdoors, fixing things around the house and on cars, cooking, watching westerns, and being with family and friends.

Billie fought a lengthy illness until his peaceful passing on May 13, 2024, in Eupora MS, at the nursing home.

He is preceded in death by his parents: Earl and Ola Bell Gray; two brothers: Carter Gray and Tommy Gray; two sisters: Lillie May Gray and Earlene Gray; and his former wife Mary Ann Gray.

Billie leaves to cherish sweet memories of his loving wife Toni Gray; his children and stepchildren: Stephanie (Jeff) McMorris, Billie V. (Qui) Gray Jr., Jessica Gray, Jennifer Gray, Monica Owens, Jay Ruffins all of Starkville, MS., and Corry (Shedra) Clay of Pearland, TX; five sisters: Mary (Charles) Latham, Lisa Gray, Susan Gray, Ruth (James) Porter all of Starkville, MS., and Margie (Jacob) Lockett of Statesboro, GA; three brothers: Sammy (Valerie) Gray of Starkville, MS. Charles Gray of Columbus, MS, and Perry Gray of Detroit, MI; a brother-in-law, Angelo (Edna) Hall of Starkville, MS; nine grandchildren: Breanna (Tristan) Guy, Jalontay, Steven, Emanuel, Tyler McMorris, Chyna, Jaquez, Chamariaya and Jada Gray; seventeen step-grandchildren: The Gray family-Annalisa, Justin, London, Dallas Gray -The Rogers family-LaMaya, Jaylon, and Lamarcus Rogers. Anya Peeples, Zyqueria Brown, Kadence Clay. Strong family: Brianna Strong, Jade Strong, Jaylon Ruffin, Jacory Ruffin, Aderion "AJ" Merritt, Chayce Clay, Kason Ruffin; three great-grandchildren: Kyler Gray, Alaia Guy, and Landen Stevenson. He leaves one special sister Mary "Emma" Latham whom he loves to travel with. He also leaves behind a special grandson, Tay Tay, who provided help and sat at his bedside, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Beria Cemetery

Franks Road
Sturgis, MS 39769

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 24. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Hairston & Hairston Funeral Homes - Starkville
112 Earnest H Jones Jr Dr
Starkville, MS 39759
(662) 323-5854

Funeral Service

MAY 25. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SF

“ Happy Father's Day Pops ❤️ We love and miss you very much.



Stephanie McMorris and Family - June 15, 2025 at 01:45 AM

SM

“ Missing my dad 😭❤️



Stephanie McMorris - May 28, 2024 at 10:17 PM

SM

Today makes one month sense you passed. Still don't seems real. Still missing you. 😭❤️

Stephanie McMorris - June 13, 2024 at 09:57 AM

SM

Happy Father's Day. Miss you 😭

Stephanie McMorris - June 16, 2024 at 05:21 PM

SM

2 months today still missing you ❤️😭

Stephanie McMorris - July 13, 2024 at 06:57 PM

SM

3 months today since you been gone and it still doesn't seem real. I miss you ❤️🥺😔

Stephanie McMorris - August 13, 2024 at 02:02 PM

SM

Doesn't feel real smh I think of you everyday 🥺❤️

Stephanie McMorris - September 13, 2024 at 07:00 PM

SM

Still can't believe your gone. It's been 6 months now smh. I'm getting better but I still miss you pops ❤️.

Stephanie McMorris - November 13, 2024 at 10:01 AM

RB

“ *My condolences and sympathy to Toni and family. God has your back and strength always depend on the Lord first.*



Rose Billups - May 26, 2024 at 06:23 PM



“ *63 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Hairston & Hairston Funeral Homes - May 23, 2024 at 03:19 PM

SM

Beautiful family 😊

Stephanie McMorris - May 23, 2024 at 11:43 PM

SM

I love my family 😊

Stephanie McMorris - September 20, 2025 at 10:55 AM

MC

“ *McMorris’s purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Billie Earl Gray.*



McMorris’s - May 23, 2024 at 04:23 AM

ML

“ *Mary Law lit a candle in memory of Billie Earl Gray*



Mary Law - May 18, 2024 at 02:02 PM

SM



Stephanie McMorris - August 16, 2024 at 12:52 PM

FW

“ *Condolences and prayers 🙏*

Fannie Lane Ward - May 18, 2024 at 06:46 AM

AB

“ *Andrea Y BROWN lit a candle in memory of Billie Earl Gray*



Andrea Y BROWN - May 17, 2024 at 09:06 PM

VH

“ *Vanessilla Henderson lit a candle in memory of Billie Earl Gray*



Vanessilla Henderson - May 17, 2024 at 08:12 PM

KG

“ *Katie Gray lit a candle in memory of Billie Earl Gray*



Katie Gray - May 15, 2024 at 05:12 PM

BH

“ *Barbara W Hill sent a virtual gift in memory of Billie Earl Gray*



Barbara W Hill - May 15, 2024 at 12:26 PM

BJ

“ Bonita Jordan sent a virtual gift in memory of Billie Earl Gray



bonita jordan - May 15, 2024 at 10:36 AM

DG

“ Praying for the Gray family 🙏❤️



Debra Gray - May 15, 2024 at 10:17 AM

RM

“ Rodney & Towanda Miles lit a candle in memory of Billie Earl Gray



Rodney & Towanda Miles - May 15, 2024 at 09:16 AM

SM

“ I miss my Pops ❤️❤️❤️😭😭😭



Stephanie Gray McMorris - May 14, 2024 at 08:11 PM

TT

🙏 sorry to hear of your loss. Dad's are truly special. Keep him in your memories forever. You will see him again

Tara Townsel - May 23, 2024 at 12:01 PM

SM

Thank you.

Stephanie McMorris - May 27, 2024 at 02:14 PM