



Rusty Gray

July 16, 1946 - January 23, 2020

Rusty Gray (Herbert Glen Gray Jr.), 73, of Leesburg, Florida, passed away on January 23, 2020, surrounded by his loving family. Rusty was born in Tampa, Florida, on July 16, 1946, to the late Agnes Gray and the late Herbert Glen Gray Sr. He was an amazing husband, father and grandfather, and he will be truly missed by everyone that knew him. Rusty proudly served his country in the Air Force during the Vietnam War. He had a long career with the US Post Office for 33 years before retiring. Rusty enjoyed being a deaf interpreter, playing volleyball, fishing and hunting, and playing the guitar. He was well known for his great sense of humor. Rusty is survived by his wife of 52 years, Paula; his 2 sons, Gary (Holly), of Fruitland Park, FL; David Gray (Sarah), of Leesburg, FL; and 3 grandchildren: Emma, Griffin and Carlie. A public visitation welcoming friends and family will be held on Monday January 27th, from 4-7 PM at Page-Theus Funeral Home in Leesburg. There will be a Funeral Ceremony on Tuesday January 28, at 7:00 PM, at the 1st Baptist Church of Leesburg. A Committal Ceremony with Military Honors will be held at the Florida National Cemetery on Wednesday January 29, at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations in his name to be sent to the Christian Care Center, 1st Baptist Church in Leesburg, Florida. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Page-Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Center.

Cemetery

Events

Florida National Cemetery
6502 S.W. 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL, 33513

JAN 27 **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

Page - Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services
914 West Main Street, Leesburg, FL, US, 34748

JAN 28 **Funeral Ceremony** 07:00PM

First Baptist Church of Leesburg
220 North 13th Street, Leesburg, FL, US, 34748

JAN 29 **Committal Service** 11:00AM

Florida National Cemetery
6502 S.W. 102nd Avenue, Bushnell, FL, US, 33513

Comments



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Kelly Ayris - January 29, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ My heartfelt and deepest sympathies to the family --Paula, Gary and David and his precious grand children.
Having known Rusty since high school and enjoying our times together in the 'camp' was a privilege that is without equal. He was a 'dandy' in the truest qualities of a man.
So many precious memories of comradery, fun and friendship to cherish for the rest of my life.
We will all miss him --so very much -- until we meet again.

Keith Sanders
Vero Beach, Fl.

Keith Sanders - January 27, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Rusty Gray.



January 27, 2020 at 09:31 AM



“ On behalf of the staff at Page-Theus Funeral Home, please accept our condolences. It is an honor to serve your family



Julie Kutlesic - January 27, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Rusty Gray.



January 27, 2020 at 08:44 AM



“ Tom DeYoung purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Rusty Gray.



Tom DeYoung - January 27, 2020 at 12:51 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Rusty Gray.



January 26, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Rusty Gray.



January 26, 2020 at 03:34 PM



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Wayne Sanders - January 25, 2020 at 08:17 PM



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Wayne Sanders - January 25, 2020 at 08:12 PM



“ Rusty, I am left with memories of our friendship since high school and the many experiences we shared both good and bad. You were a funny, kind and caring man and I was proud to call you my friend and brother.

Even though I am saddened by losing you I am consoled by knowing you were saved. I remember a conversation we had a couple of months ago sitting on your swing in the front yard in which you said you were at peace. I know it was because because you had answered what Jesus ask in John 11 verse 25, Jesus said " I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" My friend Rusty answered Jesus the right way.

To Rusty's family I want you to know he loved you very much. In our conversations over the years when we would discuss our family's he would always have a note of pride and love in his voice for his wife Paula and his boys Gary and David, daughter in laws and grand kids. I hope the family is comforted in knowing that Rusty is just sleeping until Jesus returns.

My friend I am deeply saddened by your leaving but I have the promise that we will meet again and wander through the woods and enjoy the buffet at the Dixie Diner in Cross City.

Wayne Sanders
Fruitland Park, Fl

Wayne Sanders - January 25, 2020 at 08:03 PM



“ My brothers and I will miss Rusty so very much. He and my brother, Wayne, shared the same travel trailer for a hunting headquarters in our deer hunting camp near Steinhatchee-- North of Cross City for over 20 years. I shall always be able to recall the

big campfires we would all share after dinner time-- they were perfect. I know that Rusty

and I had some conversations about God and Christianity and our personal belief in Jesus Christ around the campfire, as well as some of Rusty's experiences in Vietnam, hunting adventures, firearms that we particularly admired or had served well over the years, and, of course, life experiences that had occurred in our time upon this earth.

I know that God has prepared a special place in heaven for my friend Rusty. Truly, he was one of God's people and deserving of God's treasures-- he will have many "Stars in

his Crown" now that he is with our Lord.

With love always,
George "Sandy" Sanders
Lady Lake, Fl.

George A Sanders - January 25, 2020 at 03:08 PM