



Paul Gray

July 11, 1923 - July 16, 2020

Paul Gray died of natural causes in Highland Village, Texas and went to be with his beloved Rosie in heaven on July 16, 2020. He is buried in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas, Texas.

He was deeply loved by his family and his friends for his love, kindness, and concern for his family and other people. As one of his nieces said, "We have lost a great man," and "He touched people everywhere." He was a deacon at Calvary Baptist Church in Pilot Point, Texas.

He was born in Bowie, Texas on July 11, 1923 to Oscar and Ocie Gray and had 6 siblings. He was the youngest and was the last living. He graduated from Bowie High School in 1941.

His wife, Rose Elaine Gregory Gray, preceded him in death in 2011. He is survived by his son, Paul Weldon Gray, of Cumming, Georgia, and his daughter, Linda, of Austin, Texas. His loving family includes granddaughters Tracie Jernigan of Cullowhee, North Carolina, (husband, Nick, sons, Charles and Samuel) and Jennifer (Jeni) Fobart of Cumming, Georgia (husband, Ryan, daughter, Kate, son, Carter).

Paul was a veteran of World War II and was part of the D-Day invasion at Omaha Beach as a member of the US Army, 146th Combat Engineers. In October 1943, the unit was deployed to the southern coast of England to train for the invasion, attached to the US Navy and part of the Naval Combat Demolition Units. After landing on French soil, they reverted to the Army. As he wrote home to family a few weeks later, "there were supposed to be some infantry men there already, but we were the first ones in." He served across Europe and made it home in time for Christmas 1945.

The family first lived in Bowie where Paul owned the Gray Family Wholesale candy business that his father started. When the opportunity to farm with Rosie's family in Petersburg, Texas arose, Paul moved the family there. They later moved to Pilot Point to raise cattle and a few crops. When Lake Ray Roberts was built, he and Rose Elaine moved to Collinsville, Texas. And after Rosie's death he sojourned to Assisted Living facilities in Lewisville and Highland Village, Texas.

The family would like to extend our deepest thanks and appreciation to the staffs at Rambling Oaks Courtyard Assisted Living, Rambling Oaks Courtyard Extensive Care

Community, Precise Hospice, and all of his longtime specialist doctors who cared for him so well over the years.

There will be a gathering for family members later when it is safe to congregate again.

The family appreciates all the love and sympathies shown to us. Preferred charities are: Calvary Baptist Church, Pilot Point, Texas or Disabled American Veterans

Arrangements are under the direction of Cindy Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

To send a flower arrangement to the family of Paul Gray, please [click here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.

Comments



“ Paul & Linda, Just want you to know I am thinking of you with many fond memories of you and your family. Your Dad was such a sweet man, I know you will miss him greatly. Wish I could give you guys big old hugs. Keeping you in my prayers.

Jeanie Zachary - July 25, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ he was one of the nicest man you have met . know he was happy seeing his beloved rose and we always loved listening to his stories about the war

sonny & Betty Snow - July 24, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to you, Linda and Paul, upon losing your loving father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. God Bless You. Mary Jane and Ronnye Erwin

Mary J Erwin - July 23, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Our good friend, Paul Gray truly lived the words of Micah 6:8. He will be greatly missed, but know that he is happy at home with his Lord & Savior Jesus and reunited with his dear Rosie.

Shawn & Sandra Kilgore - July 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Really appreciated all the love and hard work Paul and Rosie did during their time at Calvary Baptist Church. I graduated with Linda and Paul was one grade higher so I knew the family well. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family at this time. Nick and Shirley Cain

Shirley Cain - July 22, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Great man, great legacy.

Ethan Kilgore - July 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Paul and Linda such great memories of your Dad and Mom. We were all blessed to have known them. I know your Dad is so happy to be with the Love of His Life again. May the Lord wrap his arms around each of you and bless you at this time.

Kathy Simmons Hill - July 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Paul (junior) so sorry for the loss of your dear father. He sounded like a great man to have known. Prayers are with you and all the family. God Bless you all.

bobbie erwin - July 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ So sorry for your loss. Will keep all of you in our prayers

Harvey and Brenda Kruger - July 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM