



Charles Wilbur Gray

January 9, 1932 - December 26, 2017

Charles Wilbur Gray was born January 9, 1932 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Glayds Marie and Charles Alec Gray. He was the brother of the late John Blackwell, Joseph Gray and Lucille Moore.

Charles was raised in Pimlico and attended Baltimore City Public Schools. Under his grandmother's guidance (Lucy Gray), he was baptized at the age of 12 at Berean Baptist Church on Denmore Avenue.

Charles joined the Air Force in February 1949 and was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. He was part of the ground support team of the Tuskegee Airmen (The Red Tails 332nd fighter group).

From March 1950 to November 1952 he was stationed in Japan and South Korea as a radar operator and worked his way to operations chief.

Charles was a member of the Baltimore Police Force from 1956-1960.

In April 1964 he gained employment at Bethlehem Steel Co. where he and six others African-Americans were the first to integrate the 56th and 68th hot strip. After thirty-one years of employment at Sparrows Point, he retired on April 1, 1995.

Through his first union with Barbara Ferrell, he was blessed with five children- Norman, Larry, Clifton (Monte), Lynnelle and Kim.

In 1965 he married the love of his life, Pauline Aquilla. This marriage has been blessed for 53 years. Through this union he lovingly raised as his own Charles (Butch) and Brenda and was blessed with the birth of his youngest son Dorian.

Shirt will truly be missed by his lovely and devoted wife Pauline Gray, 4 children, Norman, , Lynnelle (Kevin), Kim (Glenn) and Dorian (KIm); 14 grandchildren, Larry (Kris), Torrey (Tasha), Keya, Kinelle (Ben), Kim (Eric), Jamon, Dorian, Kiara, Lauren, Omar (Ashley) Kabria, Ericka and Rashad along with 32 great grand kids, 4 great great grands and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends-especially his three life-long friends Ann Tyler, Ben Holmes and Louis Thompson.

Cemetery Details

Garrison Forest Veterans

11501 Garrison Forest Road
Owings Mills, MD

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 5. 8:30 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Homes - West Baltimore
4300 Wabash Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
(410) 542-2400
info@marchfh.com

Family Hour

JAN 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Wake

JAN 6. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Waters African Methodist Episcopal Church
417 N. Aisquith St.
Baltimore, MD 21202

Service

JAN 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Wilbur Gray*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Sending a prayer for my family for peace and comfort.*

Janet Campbell Seivwright - January 04, 2018 at 03:36 PM



“ *Cory Robinson and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Charles Wilbur Gray.*



Cory Robinson and Family - January 03, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *Sherrye Larkins lit a candle in memory of Charles Wilbur Gray*



Sherrye Larkins - January 01, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Charles Wilbur Gray.*



December 30, 2017 at 01:16 PM



“ *Denise Rich lit a candle in memory of Charles Wilbur Gray*



Denise Rich - December 28, 2017 at 12:23 PM



God bless you and your family at this time. Remembering the kindness of Mr. Gray throughout the years as a wonderful neighbor. He will be greatly missed. Praying for your family.

Denise Rich - December 28, 2017 at 12:29 PM



Our loved one always live on in us, they have instilled something good in each one

Rudolph, Donna Hooks - December 30, 2017 at 04:46 PM



I pray for strength and loving memories, to you Mrs Gray and your family. "Mr. Shirt" will be dearly miss as you neighbor!

Sherrye Larkins - January 01, 2018 at 11:36 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - December 28, 2017 at 08:15 AM