



## James Gray Jr.

August 18, 1937 - May 2, 2017

James Gray Jr. was born August 18, 1937 at Baltimore City Hospital to James Gray Sr. and Gertrude Gray. James was the youngest of three children. Both his brother William Gray, and sister Gertrude Jones Duckett, preceded him in death. James went peacefully to sleep in Christ Jesus at Augsburg Lutheran Home and Village on May 2, 2017, after a lengthy illness.

James was baptized at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and 1951, was confirmed by Reverend Winston J. Pledger. In 1957, James graduated from Douglass High School and enrolled in Immanuel Lutheran College in Greensboro, North Carolina, where he studied to become a minister. Because the college closed and his parents could not afford to send him to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis Missouri, James returned home and worked as a cashier at the Drug Fair stores near NSA, and in downtown Baltimore. His leadership ability was quickly noticed and James was subsequently promoted to manager.

James met and married Helen Marie Shepperson of Meherrin, Virginia on September 5, 1964, From that union two children were born, a son, the late Alexander Timothy Gray; and a daughter, Katherine Naomi Gray.

In 1980, James left Drug Fair and went to work for a friend and fellow church member, the late William C. March at the March Funeral Homes until retiring in 2001.

James was a devoted member of Our Saviour Lutheran Church and held many positions. He was a member of the church council during the merger of St. Matthew's and Our Saviour Lutheran Churches. James also served a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Worshiper Director, As Worship Director, he was very particular about the appearance of the altar. For many years he cared for the altar and meticulously prepared the communion elements each Sunday. In earlier years, James served on the Board of Directors at Augsburg Lutheran Home.

James leaves to mourn his wife, Helen Gray; his daughter, Katherine Gray; four grandchildren, Anthony Baylor, Brandon Gray, Jasmine Gray, and Taylor Gray; grand-stepson, Dante Brown Jr.; aunt, Queenie Hardaway; niece, Bernice Duckett; nephew, Carl Duckett; long-time friend, Louise Keene; the apple of his eye, Adore' Martin; and a host of relatives and friends

# Cemetery Details

## King Memorial Park Cemetery - Grand Heritage Chapel & Mausoleum

8710 Dogwood Rd.  
Baltimore, MD 21244  
(410) 944-8300  
info@kingmemorialpark.com  
<https://www.KingMemorialPark.com>

# Previous Events

## Public Viewing

**MAY 8.** 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

March Life Tribute Center, P.A. - Randallstown  
5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
(410) 655-0110  
<https://www.marchlifetributecenter.com>

## Family Hour

**MAY 8.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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5616 Old Court Road  
Windsor Mill, MD 21244  
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## Wake

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MAY 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Savior Lutheran Church  
3301 The Alameda  
Baltimore, MD

## Service

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MAY 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Baltimore, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *James Gray Jr.*

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October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *To Helen, Cathy,Anthony, we know your heart is heavy right now but just know that Jesus knows all about it.*

*James will be missed as a husband, father, grandfather, cousin and brother in law and friend.*

*We are sure when Jesus sent the Angel for him, He shed a tear just as He did for His friend Lazarus; even though He knew James would rise in the resurrection. He knew there would be sadness for those left behind. So shed your tears for now but know that the Angel catches them to hold for a while so they can be poured on you as rain and showers of blessings of hope.*

*Love Frances and Lewis Keene*

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**frances keene** - May 05, 2017 at 04:18 AM



“ *We are so sorry to learn of your loss. Please accept our sincere sympathy along with comfort from the scriptures at Ps. 55:22.*

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**Harris Family** - May 04, 2017 at 08:50 PM



“ 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.

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**March Funeral Homes** - May 03, 2017 at 12:50 PM

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*Helen, God Bless you at this sad time. Please continue to keep the faith, for God will take care of you.*

*Lee J. Owens  
(friend of the Shepperson family)  
Farmville, Virginia*

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**Lee J. Owens** - May 10, 2017 at 04:54 PM

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*I came across this news tonight- and it made me so sad! Please know that our prayers are with you all! May God's peace be with you... and may His Son's resurrection give you comfort as you await the future- and eternal- reunion that is to come. ~ Pastor Jason Wolter (and Tracy, Jake, Isabella & Zeb).*

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**Jason Wolter** - May 13, 2017 at 11:47 PM