



James H Gray Sr.

April 16, 1941 - August 24, 2022

James Herman Gray was born on April 16, 1941, to the late John and Sadie Gray in Washington, D.C. He departed this life at the age of 81 on Wednesday, August 24, 2022.

James was affectionately known as Herman, Herb, Captain, New Shoes, Herby-Derby, Grandpop and James Brown.

On July 14, 2022, James celebrated 60 years of matrimony to his wife, Catherine Jean Gray.

He attended St. Mary's Public School until his family relocated to Baltimore, Maryland. Then he attended the Baltimore City School system.

Herman was a hard worker and had worked at various jobs which includes: construction, car wash, janitorial maintenance, Botany 500 Clothing Factory and Maryland Chicken Factory. After 18 years, he retired from Disabled American Veterans (D.A.V.).

Herman received his sacraments and was a dedicated member of St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, where he was a member of several of several committees. The committees that he served on were The Knights of Columbus, Holy Name Society and Hospitality.

He loved watching westerns. He played softball, horseshoes and card games. He adored James Brown and was known for performing James Brown sliding-dancing moves at family gatherings and parties. Crowds of family and friends would come out just to see him dance to James Brown's famous hits. Hoping to strike it rich at the nickel and penny slot machines in Atlantic City, he saved mayonnaise jars filled with plenty of coins. Herman was a diehard fan of Baltimore baseball and football teams. He could write a blog of the Orioles sweeping the New York Yankees and the Ravens beating the Washington Commanders. Herman made up silly songs just to make us laugh. He had a good sense of humor, hearty laugh, loved to cook and grill, His breakfast wasn't complete until he has scrapple, Maxwell House coffee and a can of Pet or Carnation milk. He was an incredible man and always in good spirits. He lived a full life and made enormous sacrifices for his family. The hearts that Herman touched has made an irreplaceable impact. He was a proud man of good faith. His love and compassion for others is passed on by his family.

Herman leaves to cherish his memory: his wife, Catherine Jean Gray; his children, Angela Walton, Catherine T. Gray, and James H. Gray, Jr; his grandchildren, Devone, Monique, Stephanie, Christine, and Amber; his great-grandson, Gabriel. He also leaves to mourn his siblings, William Gray (Brenda), Vertie Gray, and Annie Gray, and a host of family and friends. Additionally, his special friends known as the "Spirit Street Crew". who will fondly remember him.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Marie A. Grey; and his siblings, Arbutus Gray, Allean Moses, Rose Etta Floyd, Sadie Finney, and Helen Peaker.

Herman's presence in our life will be forever missed. However, he is now at his eternal rest in the loving arms of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Cemetery Details

King Memorial Park

8710 Dogwood Road
Baltimore, MD 21244

Previous Events

Public Viewing

SEP 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home - East
1101 E. North Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

Wake

SEP 8. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Frances Xavier Catholic Church
1501 E. Oliver Street
Baltimore, MD 21205

Service

SEP 8. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *James H Gray Sr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *Dear grandpa,
People will say that there's a reason and they also will say time will heal eventually, however neither time nor reason will never change the way I feel. Although I can't no longer see you with my eyes or touch you with hands but you will always be in my heart. The gates of memories I have with you will never close, I'll miss you so much more than anybody knows till we meet again I love you always and forever.*

❤️ *Monique*

Monique Antoinette Daughtry - September 09, 2022 at 11:40 AM



“ *Sending heartfelt condolences and prayers for comfort for the Gray family. May God continue to strengthen you. Love, Cristal Wilson and The Haygood Famiy*

Cristal Wilson - September 07, 2022 at 10:25 PM



“ *Uncle Herman you will be missed, the love you had for your wife and kids along with your siblings showed you were a good man. My best memory of you is watching you dance to James Browns' music with my sister Barbara who has proceeed you. I hope you and she do a dance for us in heaven because we will miss you, Love always Nookie.*

Norma Holmes - August 30, 2022 at 12:34 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.

March Funeral Homes - August 27, 2022 at 12:09 PM