



William Gray

September 15, 1940 - May 13, 2006

William "Bill" J. Gray passed away on May 13, 2006 in Little Rock, Arkansas at the age of 65. Bill was born in Mena, Arkansas on September 15, 1940 to Oscar and Lily Malone Gray. Bill followed the family tradition of the Gray boys and entered into the U. S. Navy in 1963. He was proud to be in the Navy and took great pride that his brothers were able to serve also. Bill was stationed in Corpus Christi, Texas while Virgil, Lewis, Delbert and Vernon were stationed at Beeville, Texas. After an honorable discharge from the service, Bill married Shirley on June 11, 1965 at the Banner Baptist Church north of Lindsay. Bill and Shirley made their home in Blanchard, Oklahoma. Bill enjoyed fishing, hunting and drag racing. Most of his life he worked in the oilfields. Bill started out as a driller and retired as a supervisor.

Mr. Gray is preceded in death by his parents, and three brothers; Billy Gene Gray, Richard Gray, and Vernon Gray, and one grandson, Michael Dean Hackney.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Gray of the home, and his daughter, LaDonna June. He is also survived by his brothers and their wives; Doug and Ruby Gray of Tishomingo, Virgil and Sandy Gray of Noble, Oklahoma, Louis and Clara Gray of Heber Springs, Arkansas, Delbert and Doris Gray of Tishomingo, Oklahoma, Bobby and Cody Gray of Lindsay, Oklahoma, Don and Sherry Gray of Hendersonville, Tennessee and three sisters; Wanda and

Lonnie Gillean of Arkadelphia, Arkansas, Shirley Donley of Norman, Oklahoma, and Barbara and Kent Graham of Goldsby, Oklahoma.

Services for Bill will be on May 16, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at B.G. Boydston Funeral Home Chapel in Lindsay, Oklahoma with Pastor Bryan Shaw will offer words of comfort. Interment will be at Green Hill Cemetery in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Military honors will be provided by the Lindsay American Legion ? Ball Smith Post 23. Roger Gray will honor his Uncle Bill by playing "Taps".

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Sorry of your loss of Bill and also Vernon.

I went to school with Vernon and Lewis at Dibble in the early 60's .

Darlene Roath - May 18, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ To all the Gray family. I was saddened to see of Bill's passing. I remember our fun days at New Hope. My best to all of you.

Louanne (Ward) Trueblood - May 16, 2006 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ we would like to wish our deepest sympathy about Bill's passing.I remember him giving me my first job as a driller at Collins Well Service in the early 80's.I always enjoyed working with him.You all are in our prayers and thoughts.

Marc and Sheila Little - May 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

SA

“ Bobby, sorry to hear about Willy. When I heard about his death, I thought about the old times that my mom & dad spent with Bill & Shirley at the lake. Then on Saturday nights Doug, Bill, & your mom & dad would get together out at Doug's and have a dance. We had fun times back then. Carla & I will be praying for you & Cody, & the rest of the family. We love you all.

Steve & Carla Abram

Steve & Carla Abram - May 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Bobby and family, we are so sorry to hear of the passing of Bill. We are praying for all of you and you are in our daily thoughts. Bobby and Cody we are here for you as well if you need us for anything. We love you two so very much. God Bless and be with all of you

John and Madonna - May 15, 2006 at 12:00 AM