



Clarence "Clancy" Joseph Gray

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Clarence Joseph Gray "Clancy" "Pops" "Clance" "Poppa"

Our Pops, Clarence Joseph Gray, was healed in heaven on Saturday, April 13, 2024. He had just turned 75 years young. Surrounded by his family, he went peacefully to be in the arms of our Savior at the hospital in Tulsa, after he suffered from internal bleeding.

Clancy was born in Muskogee, OK on March 29, 1949, to the parents of Jo Ann Gray and Clarence Gray, also known as the amazing Grandma Jo and Hank.

Pops grew up in Bartlesville and graduated in 1967 from Bartlesville High School. Following graduation, he attended Conners State, where he played college baseball. He then decided he better focus on school and went to the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. Before graduating with a bachelor's and master's degree in education, that is where he met his future bride, Sherry Rother. He swooped her off her feet and they were married on July 29, 1978, in Okarche, Oklahoma. When you start your marriage off being whisked away in a bathtub, you are destined to last, and they celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary this past year.

Clancy loved teaching and coaching. He always said, "I never go to work because it's not work when you have FUN." He absolutely loved helping his students and athletes find their passion and mentoring them to be better. For over 45 years, his passion for art and kids was the perfect blend for an art teacher at Tulsa's McLain, East Central, and Edison High schools. During that time, he also coached various boy's and girl's swim teams, cross country, soccer, and baseball.

Clancy's favorite hobby was art. He would spend many hours in his studio, which was his garage, and you can imagine how that looked. If you know an artist, they have inspiration and tools everywhere. Mom loved it. You can hear Pops laughing at how much she loved the mess in his studio. He was beyond blessed and talented in so many areas. His favorite mediums to work in



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were clay sculpture, silversmithing, acrylic, and watercolor painting. He loved traveling the country, entering art shows, and winning numerous awards.

Our Pops was an incredible man. He loved big and in the words of his grandson, Lincoln; "He was the most amazing Pops anyone could ask for. He was so happy all the time. He was never in a bad mood. Just the best guy to be around." Pops would find the good in every single person and choose to love them. He was completely selfless, always putting others first. He genuinely wanted to hear about everyone's day. He loved the Lord. His consistent advice was always the same, "Pray and give it to God." He truly did that. The way he supported his family and people, was to show up and be present for them. He was so giving of his time. He wanted the best for everyone. He also loved the outdoors. He could sit with a fishing pole in his hand for hours – and when I say hours, I mean all day long. His favorite thing to do was cheering on his kids and grandkids at all their activities. You could always hear Pops in the stands and if you were ever sitting by him, hold your ears. That man had a whistle that could pop your ear drum. He loved his family. Man, did he love them with every ounce of his being. He was living his life as a role model to so many.

Clancy was reunited with his mom, Jo Gray, his father, Clarence Gray, and his two brothers, Greg and Shan Gray. They had an amazing family reunion in heaven on Saturday morning.

Carrying on Pops' legacy and spreading his happiness are his wife, Sherry Gray. His oldest daughter, Mendi Treat, her husband, Jerrad, and their kids; Zack (19), Lincoln (15), Colton (13), and Gray (12). His middle son, Brett Gray, his wife, Jenifer, and their kids; Jensen (10), Jett (8), Eli (2), and Camila (4 months). His youngest son, Dax Gray, his wife, Margaret Ann, and their sons; Samuel (5) and Jack (6 months). His sister, Gayle Buck, her husband, Tony, and their family. As well as hundreds of nieces and nephews, who love their Uncle Clancy.

Celebration of Life

Friday, April 19th

10:00am

The Church @ Battlecreek – 3025 N Aspen Avenue. Broken Arrow 74012

Held in "The Chapel"

Small reception will be held immediately following the family center.

There will be no graveside service.



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Laurel Lahaie lit a candle in honor of Clarence.

Our deepest condolences to Clancy's family and friends. He was a special soul and will be remembered fondly. He has shown in our gallery for many years and in preparing for his next show we found out this saddest news. Healing and strength from all of us at Paseo Gallery One.



July 17 at 10:53 AM



Renee' lit a candle in honor of Clarence.

SO SAD RIGHT NOW. MY FAVORITE ART TEACHER MCLAIN SENIOR HIGH. GRAET BASEBALL COACH..I ALWAYS HOPED THROUGH OUT THE YEARS. MR. GRAY WILL TEACH CAUSE HE WAS REALLY EXCELLENT AT TEACHING. AND KIDS NEEDED THAT POSITIVE VIBES. ONLY ART CLASS YOU CAN CHEW STICK GUM LIKE MR. GRAY. CREATED MAGIC LIKE . REST WELL MR C. GRAY. PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING WITH PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY 🙏🌹🌹🌹🌹😊😊



April 23 at 10:35 PM



Keith L Wilson lit a candle in honor of Clarence.

Sending my heartfelt condolences to the Gray I remember the first time I met Coach Gray we had a real talk about baseball end though I played football and I was a big guy he would always try and encourage me to come out and played and even though I never did he would always speak to me about life you see they were real mentors in our lives I came out in 1983 and I could still picture him walking the hall of McLain high school he is gonna be missed but he's home and he's race has been completed here so weep tonite and rejoice in the morning because knowing Coach that's wat he would tell u.



April 23 at 5:18 PM



Karen Hilliard Gonzales posted:

Sending prayers of assurance to the family of Coach Clancy Gray. I was a student of his at McLain High school I remember as a junior I wanted to tryout for the boys baseball team he gave me that opportunity to do so. I made it I played short stop. He also help me to overcome my fear of swimming I'm glad he did that for me. I truly thank him for his dedication to caring for his students at McLain High school. I graduated in the year of 81. RIP Coach Clancy Gray ☐

April 23 at 12:23 PM



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Crystal Hanna posted:

Every word in Clancy's obituary rings so true. I been so lucky to have called him my friend. Prayers to his wonderful family as I know he will be so very dearly missed. Celebrate his life always. Crystal Hanna

April 19 at 5:30 AM



Lisa Engstrand Sears sent a Serene Retreat to the Gray family.



April 19 at 12:21 AM



Lisa Engstrand Sears planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Clarence.



April 19 at 12:21 AM



Jb Saul College High Classmate 1967 lit a candle in honor of Clarence.

JB College High classmate 1967 lit a candle in memory of Clarence Gray



April 18 at 10:47 AM



Mercyview Church sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gray family.



April 18 at 9:48 AM



Mercyview Church planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Clarence.



April 18 at 9:48 AM



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Anonymous sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Gray family.

April 18 at 7:58 AM



Huge Hugs And Love-Natalie & Nick David planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Clarence.

April 18 at 7:58 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gray family.

April 18 at 6:39 AM



With Sympathy, The Atlanta Hawks planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Clarence.

April 18 at 6:39 AM



Maddie Fyffe sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Gray family.

April 18 at 6:14 AM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gray family.

April 17 at 6:14 PM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Gray family.

April 17 at 8:28 AM



Brenda Orban lit a candle in honor of Clarence.

I worked with Clancy at East Central for 8 years. I was responsible for securing substitutes for the teachers. Clancy was one of my favorites. Always so happy & that smile! His artwork, sculpture & jewelry making skills were phenomenal. I am truly saddened to hear of his passing. My condolences, thoughts, prayers go out to his family. He was one of a kind.

April 17 at 4:39 AM



Jessie Trotter lit a candle in honor of Clarence.

I had the honor of attending Coach Gray's art shows many times. I was continually left speechless by his work, and I always left feeling as though his pieces were masterpieces. I loved his sculptures, especially the horny toad, and I cherish his painting I have in my home. I will miss him and his shows dearly.

April 16 at 3:47 PM



Ann T. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Clarence.

April 16 at 1:59 PM





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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gray family.

April 16 at 1:37 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gray family.

April 16 at 11:56 AM



Kelly K. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Clarence.

April 16 at 10:36 AM



,Sarah , Henry , Danny & Mira Hesterlee sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gray family.

April 16 at 10:22 AM



Vanna White sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Gray family.

April 16 at 9:05 AM



Vanna White planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Clarence.

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Love, Hillary Gove sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Gray family.

April 16 at 8:38 AM



Love, Hillary Gove planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Clarence.

April 16 at 8:38 AM



From All Of Us At Larry's Service Dept. sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gray family.

April 16 at 8:14 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Gray family.

April 16 at 7:52 AM



With Love, Your Grays (Ev, Erin, Mel, Ke sent a Treasured Lilies Spray to the Gray family.

April 16 at 7:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Tender Tribute to the Gray family.

April 16 at 6:58 AM





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Qt Sales, Marketing, Qtd planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Clarence.



April 16 at 6:58 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Clarence by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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