



## Brian Anthony Gray

August 7, 2016

Brian Anthony Gray, 48, of Winfield died Sunday, August 7, 2016 at the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, KY following complication of a recent surgery. Through this eye-opening experience, Brian leaves a legacy of strength honor and protection to those who know and love him.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ercel Roncerfort and Margaret Ruth Peyton, Ernest and Madeline Gray.

Brian was a graduate of Hurricane High School and had attended Marshall University. He was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys, WVU, Cincinnati Reds Baseball and UK Basketball. As a well-known bartender in the area, Brian had many friends. His humor and generosity were a notable part of his personality. A more caring person will never be found.

Surviving are his loving wife who never left his side, Donna Searls Gray; his children, Bret, Brook and Taylor Rorabaugh of Winfield; his parents, John and Linda Peyton Gray of Culloden; sister, Nikki Gray of Culloden; brother, John Allen Gray (Karyn) of Milton; father and mother-in-law, Lester and Shirley Searls of Winfield; sisters-in-law, Lesa Sass (Dan) of North Carolina, Tara Altadonna (Larry) of Virginia; nieces and nephews, Madison Peyton Gray (who is also his God-daughter), Kara Mekenzie Gray, Tristen Allen Gray, Isabella and Alessia Altadonna. Among his close friends are Sia Dezfouli,

Mike Smith, Marty Powers and David Haikal, and a very special young soon to be Marine, Jeremy Wikel.

Visitation with the family will be held at 5pm Thursday, August 11, 2016 at Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene, 2325 US Route 60, Hurricane. A service to celebrate his life will begin at 6pm with Pastor Phillip Bowers officiating. You may visit his tribute page at [ChapmanFuneralHomes.com](http://ChapmanFuneralHomes.com) to share memories with the family.

For those who know Brian, in lieu of flowers, you know he would ask you to NOT vote for Hillary Clinton.

Chapman Funeral Home, family-owned and located in Winfield, WV is honored to serve the Gray family.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

AUG 11. 6:00 PM (ET)

Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene  
2325 US Route 60  
Hurricane, WV 25526

# Tribute Wall

DE

“ *Denise lit a candle in memory of Brian Gray*



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**Denise** - September 26, 2025 at 10:18 PM



“ *Brian Anthony Gray*

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October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM

SC

“ *Stacy Crockett - Cooper purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Brian Anthony Gray.*



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**Stacy Crockett - Cooper** - August 11, 2016 at 12:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Anthony Gray.*



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August 11, 2016 at 10:23 AM

LB

“ I don't know him personally but he must of had a great sense of humor....this is the first time that a obituary made me laugh. Wish I could have met him.

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**Lisa Bing** - August 10, 2016 at 09:49 PM

PH

“ Our prayers for Brians family and friends for comfort and fond memories to carry you through this time of loss. Paul & Linda Hartling

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**Paul Hartling** - August 10, 2016 at 04:53 PM

SR

“ The entire Rhodes family would like to extend their heartfelt condolences to the Gray family. Rick and Greg grew up in the same neighborhood as the Brian and John. Both have shared their fond memories of hanging out with Brian and playing football in the yard. Those carefree childhood memories will always be in their hearts. Please know that we have you all in our hearts and in our prayers.

*In Deepest Sympathy,*

*Ernie, Anita, Rick (and wife, Sherry) and Greg Rhodes*

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**Sharon R. Rhodes** - August 10, 2016 at 02:55 PM

AG

“ Anita Gunnoe lit a candle in memory of Brian Anthony Gray



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**Anita Gunnoe** - August 10, 2016 at 11:59 AM

AG

*May God grant peace to the family during this difficult time!*

**Anita Gunnoe** - August 10, 2016 at 12:06 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Anthony Gray.*



August 10, 2016 at 09:28 AM

JB

“ *We are sending the family our deepest sympathy,so very sorry.  
Jackie and Gillis Bryant*

**jacqueline bryant** - August 09, 2016 at 09:31 PM

FS

“ *Faye Shafer lit a candle in memory of Brian Anthony Gray*



**faye shafer** - August 09, 2016 at 08:59 PM

CF

“ *To know this guy was to truly like him!! He had such a genuine sweet spirit & I feel lucky & blessed that I was able to call him friend! He will most certainly be missed & I give my most heartfelt condolences to his immediate family members! My warmest thoughts & prayers are with you!*



**Candy Freeman** - August 09, 2016 at 04:06 PM



*My heartfelt condolences and prayers for the Gray family. Sandy Blevins*

**Carlas N Christy Parsons** - August 12, 2016 at 05:59 AM

CF

*“ To know the guy was to truly like him! He was such a genuine person & I'm thankful that I was lucky enough to have called him my friend!*



**Candy Freeman** - August 09, 2016 at 03:54 PM

JB

*“ My heart goes out to Brian's family and friends....Brian and I were friends...not best friends by any means...but I first met Brian when coaching midget league football in hurricane and he helped me through a few tough times in my life and he didn't even know it. I would visit him at sneekers and bogeys and he always made sure I was taken care of and had someone to talk too....RIP!!*

**Jeff Burnette** - August 09, 2016 at 12:06 PM

SL

*“ Sara L. lit a candle in memory of Brian Anthony Gray*



**Sara L.** - August 09, 2016 at 08:22 AM

KC

“ *Brian was such a kind and gentle spirit. A friend to all he met. He will be sadly missed. Prayers for the family as this is an incredible loss to all who knew him. Godspeed Brian and I promise I won't vote for Hillary*



**Kacy Campbell** - August 09, 2016 at 07:12 AM

Tina Robinson

“ *One of my Classmates from Hurricane High R.I.P. Brian Gray.*



**Tina Robinson** - August 09, 2016 at 01:10 AM

Tina Robinson

“ *Tina Robinson lit a candle in memory of Brian Anthony Gray*



**Tina Robinson** - August 09, 2016 at 01:02 AM

MF

“ *Mildred Smith Family lit a candle in memory of Brian Anthony Gray*



**Mildred Smith Family** - August 08, 2016 at 11:22 PM

MF

“ I did not ever meet you Brian, I know your mom and dad it sad for the family, But God had something special for you to do for him to call you home. You be sadly missed by your family and friends. My prayers are with your family and friends, but someday we will all be as one together.

*Deborah Johnston, Mildred Smith (Gray) and Family  
May God Bless your family Brian.*

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**Mildred Smith Family** - August 08, 2016 at 11:21 PM

JG

“ John and Kathy Gibson purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Brian Anthony Gray.



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**John and Kathy Gibson** - August 08, 2016 at 08:37 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Brian Anthony Gray.



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August 08, 2016 at 08:28 PM

Jl

“ *My fondest memories of Brian will always be singing karaoke with he and Bill Lanham and watching him dance the Carlton Banks dance. He always referred to it as getting jiggy with it. He always had a smile and a laugh that was as contagious as the flu. His personality made him famous amongst friends but loved by me. The world truly is a much smaller place without him. Rest in peace brother. I love you.*

Jason Irvin - August 08, 2016 at 08:04 PM

DM

“ *Dawn Morrison lit a candle in memory of Brian Anthony Gray*



Dawn Morrison - August 08, 2016 at 07:28 PM

TW

“ *Mr. and Mrs. Gray, John and Nikki you all are in my thoughts and prayers. Brian was a great friend, I enjoyed playing basketball with him and John. He will be missed.*

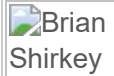
Tammie Ginn Walker - August 08, 2016 at 07:19 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Brian Anthony Gray.*



August 08, 2016 at 06:46 PM



“ *Rest in peace and God Bless you and your family.*

**Brian Shirkey** - August 08, 2016 at 06:00 PM



“ *You are going to be deeply missed. Im so sorry Donna. Love you all*



**Mollie Page** - August 08, 2016 at 05:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Brian Anthony Gray.*



August 08, 2016 at 03:26 PM



“ *Lori Hodges-Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Brian Anthony Gray*



**Lori Hodges-Reynolds** - August 08, 2016 at 03:18 PM

LH

“ *Lori Hodges-Reynolds lit a candle in memory of Brian Anthony Gray*



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**Lori Hodges-Reynolds** - August 08, 2016 at 03:17 PM

BW

“ *Brian, fly high my friend and be the best guardian angel you can for all your family, especially Donna. We will never see each other again on the Earth but one day we will catch up on the streets of Heaven. Go Cowboys, Mountaineers and #StayStrongClassOf87*

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**Barbara Warner-Geffs** - August 08, 2016 at 03:01 PM

SO

“ *I've known Brian since he was a young boy playing football in my front yard with all of the boys on Mt. Vernon Road. He also worked for my son, Larry, and me for several years at Bleachers. Brian had such a big, loving, respectful personality and was loved by everyone. My sympathy, prayers and love go out to the entire family.*  
*Sherry Hodges Otey*

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**Sherry Hodges Otey** - August 08, 2016 at 02:56 PM

KS

“ I will never forget the last time I talked to Brian. I ran into him in Walmart the day that my father passed away. That will be two years ago on August 9th, but I still think about it often. Brian's words to me were so encouraging, so tender and just what I needed to hear at the time. He always had a kind word for you and a smile on his face. My thoughts and prayers are with all of Brian's family and friends. R.I.P. My friend and my fellow Classmate.



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**Kelly Sheltz** - August 08, 2016 at 02:48 PM

PR

“ Comfort and peace to Brian's family and friends.

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**Patty Ratliff** - August 08, 2016 at 02:32 PM

MG

“ Michele Stone Garretson lit a candle in memory of Brian Anthony Gray



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**michele stone garretson** - August 08, 2016 at 02:17 PM