



## Orval "Joe" Gray

March 30, 1950 - July 22, 2019

Mr. Orval "Joe" Gray, 69, of Louisiana, MO, passed away on Monday, July 22, 2019 in Louisiana, MO. Funeral services will be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 26, 2019 at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO.

The Rev. Don Amelung will officiate. Burial will be at the Centenary Cemetery near Saverton, MO. Visitation will be from 4:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, July 25th at the funeral home.

Joe was born on March 30, 1950 in Pike County, MO to William A. and Dorothy Marie Shephard Gray. He was raised in New Hartford, MO area. He was married to Yolanda "Yo" Sue Cox on June 21, 1969 in Hannibal, MO. He is survived by his wife, Yolanda "Yo" Gray of the home, 2 sons, Chris Gray (Elaine) of Louisiana, MO, and Cary Gray (Annie) of St. Peters, MO, a daughter, Courtney Janes (Jason) of Palmyra, MO, 4 grandchildren, Brendan Gray and Jocelyn Gray of Louisiana, MO, and Jackson Janes and Jonas Janes of Palmyra, MO, a brother, C. W. Gray of Eolia, MO, 4 sisters, Pat McCorkle (Rocky) of Palmetto, FL, Linda Barnes Leopold of Eolia, MO, Shelly Fongemie (Richard) of New Hartford, MO, and Gina Epperson of Bowling Green, MO, and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bill and Dorothy Gray, a sister, Mary Gray, and his parents in-law, Douglas and Vera Cox.

Joe had been employed by Louisiana Plumbing and Heating. He was an Electrical Supervisor at the Dundee Cement Plant in Clarksville, MO, and also taught electrical classes at the Pike/Lincoln Tech school.

He was Baptist by faith and had received Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He enjoyed spending time with his family, camping and fishing, gardening, antique shopping, and watching his children and grandchildren play sports.

Pallbearers will be Jamie Barnes, Craig Barnes, Doug Cox, Roydon Cox, Truman Lamberson, Shawn Lamberson, and Conn Lamberson.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Kevin McCorkle, Doug Sisco, Harold Wilson, Joe Cox, and Rocky McCorkle.

Memorials may be made to the Heartland Hospice in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent at [www.collierfuneral.com](http://www.collierfuneral.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Centenary Cemetery

Centenary Rd.  
Saverton, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 25. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.  
117 Barnard Dr  
Louisiana, MO 63353  
(573) 754-4800  
collierfuneral@att.net

## Funeral Service

JUL 26. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Orval "Joe" Gray*

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Orval "Joe" Gray*

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Orval "Joe" Gray.*



July 25, 2019 at 01:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Orval "Joe" Gray.*



July 24, 2019 at 04:42 PM

PM

“ We would like to express our sincere condolences to you and your family. With deep sympathy, we share your sorrow, after the tears have dried and the goodbyes have been said, all we have to hold onto are the happy memories that we've shared with our loved ones who have passed, this is what keeps them alive in our hearts and in our minds, and they will continue to live on, through us. May God give you the strength to endure the pain you are going through and may he embrace you and comfort your family during this difficult time."Jesus said to her: 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.'" -  
John 11:25

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**Patrisia Magallon** - July 24, 2019 at 10:42 AM

JH

“ Jesse Hewitt lit a candle in memory of Orval  
"Joe" Gray



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**Jesse Hewitt** - July 23, 2019 at 08:14 PM

LW

“ Lisa Watts lit a candle in memory of Orval  
"Joe" Gray



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**Lisa Watts** - July 23, 2019 at 02:12 PM

CO

“ *Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Orval "Joe" Gray*



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**Cindy Poyser Osborne** - July 23, 2019 at 10:37 AM

LK

“ *Yo and family, We are so sorry to learn of Joe`s passing. We were neighbors for so many years.*

*Lynn & Karen Stuhlman*

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**Lynn & Karen** - July 23, 2019 at 09:14 AM

MP

*I've known Oral Dale all his life, lived neighbors to he and his family and his grandparents in the New Hartford area. Was a wonderful fellow to know and always had a kind heart! Had him in Sunday School when he was very young. My condolences to his great family!! And to Patty and Linda Gail. Love you guys. Mary (Strickland) Parsons*

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**Mary (Strickland) Parsons** - July 23, 2019 at 12:49 PM