



Hosea Pickens Gray

May 18, 1926 - March 28, 2010

Hosea Pickens Gray, Jr., age 83, of Senoia, GA, died Sunday, March 28, 2010 after a battle with cancer at his home surrounded by his loved ones. He was born in Coweta County to the late Hosea Pickens Gray & Mary Blanton Gray. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Hosea Pickens Gray III, his first wife, Thelma Carolyn Harper Gray, his brother Benjamin Gray of Statesboro.

Hosea led a busy, loving life. After finishing high school and some time at Newberry College in Newberry, SC he farmed, drove a school bus, worked at a bank, worked for DL Moody Co. in Newnan, cut pulp wood, then retired from Ford Motor Company in 1983 after 30 years of service. After his retirement, he enjoyed woodworking making bowls, toys, & furniture, basket weaving and many more talents.

Mr. Gray was a member of Mt. Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Haralson, GA for his entire life. He broke his hip July 26, 2009 and was bedridden until his death. He taught Sunday School for over fifty years, which he began after his grandfather stepped aside from serving as teacher and Sunday School Superintendant.

He is survived by wife, Raye Rowe Watkins Gray; daughter Mary (Marty) Johnson of Hiawassee, GA; sons Austin (Sherrie) Gray of Jackson, GA, Lat (Elizabeth Culpepper Gunn) Gray of Douglasville, GA, Daniel (Kristy Gray, of Senoia, GA, Parks (Sheryl) Gray of Senoia, GA; step-son Joe (Janice) Watkins of Canton, GA; brother Anthony "Tony" (Carolyn) Gray of Marietta,

GA; sister-in-law Jane Gray of Statesboro, GA; 14 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Condolences may be sent to the family online at www.mckoon.com

The funeral service for Mr. Gray will be held on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 2:30 pm at Mt. Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Haralson, GA with Rev. Gary Taber officiating. Mr. Gray will lie in state at the church from 2:00 Pm to 2:30 PM.

Burial will follow at Senoia City Cemetery. The visitation will be held Monday evening between 5:00 – 8:00 at McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan. Memorial contributions may be made to Mt. Pilgrim Lutheran Church, VistaCare Hospice Foundation, or to the American Cancer Society. McKoon Funeral Home (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Senoia City Cemetery

Stallings Road
Senoia, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 29. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

MAR 30. 2:30 PM (ET)

Mt. Pilgrim Lutheran Church
135 Highway 85
Haralson, GA 30229

Tribute Wall

SG

“ Hosea was such a wonderful, kind and loving person who always had a smile on his face. I am going to miss that smile most of all. He was like a true father to me and treated me as one of his own. I love You and Miss you. I know now in heart that you are in peace and we will see each other again. Love Sheryl

Sheryl Gray-Daughter-In-Law - April 09, 2010 at 03:55 PM

HS

“ Mr. Hosea was known for his kindness and his good spirit. His virtues were obviously passed on to his children, many of whom I've had the privilege to grow up with and know. "The life you lead is the lesson you teach." His lessons will live on forever. May God's love and comfort help you in the days and weeks ahead.

Hal Sewell - April 06, 2010 at 09:13 PM

MJ

“ My Sweet Daddy....you will always be my HERO and I will miss you until we meet again! I love you Daddy! "Your Sissy"

Mary Johnson - April 06, 2010 at 09:04 AM

LG

“ You was my hero. I Love you Daddy. Your son, Lat Gray

Lat Gray - April 03, 2010 at 09:19 AM

GG

“ Mary and family, I know you will miss him. May the wonderful memories you all have comfort you and bring you closer together.
Gale

Gale Goldenberg - March 31, 2010 at 08:40 AM

CH

“ Even though we were miles apart, we always felt a strong connection to the Gray family. We enjoyed visiting Hosea and Raye so much several years ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Carol Bishop Hoyt - March 30, 2010 at 09:15 PM

JH

“ Dear Danny, and Mary My prayers are with all of you. You were truly bless to have such a wonderful father. Please know you will be in my prayers and thoughts. Joan Smith Hanson

Joan Hanson - March 30, 2010 at 04:13 PM

PC

“ Mary and the Gray Family, I am so sorry for the loss of your Dad. The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.

Paul Chappell - March 30, 2010 at 11:20 AM

RM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this most difficult time.

Ray & Julianne McKnight - March 30, 2010 at 10:39 AM

JC

“ Thinking of my "cousins," the Grays. What a wonderful photo of Mr. Hosie! Take good care.

Jean Cleveland - March 30, 2010 at 10:00 AM

DM

“ Mary We love you Mary. Our prayers are with you. Diane Wilkins McCauley

Diane Wilkins McCauley - March 29, 2010 at 08:33 PM

NF

“ To the Gray Family, My heart and prayers goes out to each and everyone of you. May God guide you through the hard times.

Nita Weaver Fisher - March 29, 2010 at 06:52 PM

JS

“ Mary and family, I am very sorry to hear about your loved one. Prayers are with your family. Jennifer Smith(Davenport Transportation)

Jennifer Smith - March 29, 2010 at 01:25 PM

NM

“ Dear Raye and Family, I have had you all in my thoughts and prayers. Mr. Hosea was such a special person. He had a beautiful smile and always had a HUG for me! I will miss that. I will always cherish my magazine stand that he made me and also the special letter that you both gave me for my wedding!! Love and prayers.

Neda McDonald - March 29, 2010 at 12:22 PM

PW

“ Heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Your family is in our prayers. Love, Pam Ivie Worsch

Pam Ivie Worsch - March 29, 2010 at 08:44 AM

PH

“ I have thought about Mr. Hosea so much. He was the sweetest, handsomest, kindest man. He was so sweet to give me a wooden bowl that he made and I keep it on my table in the living room. There aren't many days that go by that I still don't think of Hosea III. At least now they are all in heaven together. I love you all.

Peggy Hall - March 28, 2010 at 06:13 PM

RT

“ May the Lord bless you and keep you. Our prayers and thoughts are with all the family.

Rev. Gary D. Taber - March 28, 2010 at 03:09 PM