



Robert C. Gray

January 26, 1940 - February 22, 2014

Robert C. Gray was born January 26, 1940 to John and Clela (Veley) Gray at Alva General Hospital in Alva, OK. Bob passed away in Stillwater, OK February 22, 2014 after a lengthy illness.

Bob attended Lutheran School thru the 8th grade and finished Alva High School in 3 years graduating in 1957. He attended Northwestern in Alva and later Panhandle A & M at Goodwill. OK graduating in 1962 with a degree in Math and Science. While attending Panhandle A & M, he met Edna Eagan and married September 21, 1961. To this union 2 sons were born, Robert E. Gray in 1962 and John "Mike" Gray in 1967.

Bob and his dad Johnny purchased the Dairy Queen in 1957 in Alva. In 1987 after his father retired Bob continued to operate the Dairy Queen until he retired after 53 years in 2011. For 8 years he owned the Vista Motel in Alva until selling it in 1986. From 1961 thru 1968 Bob served in the 45th Oklahoma National Guard. He reached the rank of E-8 Master Sgt. working with an artillery battery at Fort Sill in Lawton, OK.

Bob served as an Elder at the Zion Lutheran Church in Alva. He also was a member of AMBUCS in Alva as well as coaching his son in little league football, basketball, and baseball. He served as Alva High school band president and a member of a pitch club for many years.

Bob loved going to Alva Goldbug and NWOSU games thru the years as well as going to Oklahoma State football and basketball games and trips to Branson with his wife and son Mike and his family. He was a loving father, grandfather, and husband to Edna for 52 years.

Bob is survived by his wife Edna of the home and his son Mike, daughter-in-law Billie Jo, and twin grandchildren Ashley and Connor of Perkins, OK. He loved living in Alva and always enjoyed visiting with the customers at the Dairy Queen. Bob is now with his son Bobby and his parents who preceded him in death and is no longer in pain from his illness. He will lie in state at Wharton Funeral Chapel until 11:00 A.M. Thursday.

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ Sorry to read of Bob's passing. I grew up three blocks from the DQ and spent countless hours in their parking lot. Fond memories, too. Bob and his father, Johnny were always nice and gracious. RIP.

Louis Melton - March 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Dear Mike and family,
We are sad to hear of Bob's passing. He holds a special spot in our hearts and we always thought of him with warm feelings. Your dad was so good to us as we began our marriage and we were blessed to know him. We pray you are comforted by the wonderful memories you and your family have. May God comfort you and your mom.

Dixie and Bruce Meyer - March 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Worked with Bob at the Pix and Alva Drive In theaters back in the high school days. In later years always had to stop in at the DQ to catch up. God bless you all at this difficult time.

Marvin Henry - February 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Our deepest sympathy is extended in your loss, Bob was always ready to visit with you no matter how busy they were at the Dairy Queen. We know that he will be missed by his family.

Larry and Carolyn Woods - February 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Gray Family....please accept my sincere condolences on Bob's passing. I always enjoyed our conversation when we had a chance to meet. He and his folks were longtime friends since my early days at the DQ.

Paul Woodson - February 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CT

“ Bob will be missed by us and many Alvans to whom he was a great friend. Our deepest sympathy to Edna and the rest of the family.
Your friends,
Cliff & Beverly Thompson

Cliff & Beverly Thompson - February 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ Dear Gray family: I am so sorry I will be unable to attend Bob's funeral. He was such a great encourager and supporter of Steve's when he was the City Manager there. Of course there were times when just a kind word or two was what he needed to go on. We always enjoyed the Dairy Queen and of course it was a big part of our lives when we lived in Alva. When we moved away our last stop on the way out of Alva back home was a Large Dr. Pepper. The ice kept us both awake all the way home. We sure missed that when others took the business over. He was such a great Alvan and so much interested in the real story and not a gossip spouting ill will. He was a leader and a good supporter of his family. We did get grandkid updates whenever possible. He will be missed by so many. May God bless you all as you learn to go on without him. It certainly will not be easy. With my deepest sympathy, Kay Tomberlin

KAY TOMBERLIN - February 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Bob gave me my 1st job at the DQ while I was in high school. Working for Johnny, Clela and Bob. Those were some of my most memorable years. Bob was the greatest boss anyone could ever have. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

Julie Davison Helm - February 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Edna and Mike, You have our deepest sympathy! You're in our thoughts and prayers.*

Keith,Sue Ingraham and Family - February 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Our hearts,thoughts,and prayers are with your family. Bob will be missed by many, but his grandchildren have truly been blessed by his love for them; and he has passed to them his love for sports.*

Brad & Jeanne Beer - February 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM