



Obituary

Born: Monday, April 5, 1937

Died: Thursday, March 7, 2019

Ralph Bennett Gray, age 81 of Pulaski, born April 5, 1937 was called to his Heavenly home suddenly and unexpectedly on Thursday March 7, 2019 at Lewis Gale Hospital – Pulaski. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army. His love of bear hunting, striper and trout fishing as well as camping led to him being known and respected all over Virginia. This also led to lifetime friends and created frequent close friends after moving to Pulaski in 2012. He spent most of his working life as a Supervisor and project manager for J.M. Turner and Son in Roanoke, Virginia. He took great pride in all the projects he oversaw throughout the Roanoke and New River Valley. That pride was highlighted by many rebuilds and renovations at Lewis Gale Salem hospital and the Salem Jail. His love of golf and bowling also led to many special relationships. He was predeceased by his Mother, Elizabeth “Zanie” Dooley Gray, Father, Brud Gray, Brothers, Johnny Gray and Paul “Buddy” Gray (Dot), late wife, Barbara Gray, stepsons, Vincent Bailey and Mark Bailey (Maria), and step-grandsons, Joshua and Kevin Bailey. Ralph left behind his loving wife and best friend Amy Jones-Gray, Mother-in-law, Dorothy “Nana” Sanchez, stepchildren, April Reed (Denton), Glendon Jones (Jessica), Matthew Jones (Aili), Jr. Bailey (Melinda), and Rhonda Melton (Roger). Ralph was a devoted and loving “Papa” Ralph to Cheyenne, Braxton, Charlie Mae and Kinsley, Nichole, Joey and numerous other loved step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His stories will continue to be told by his bear hunting “buddies”, Don Melton, Eugene Yopp, Terry Hale and Robbie, Dylan and Megan Templeton. His “new” fishing, camping and life “buddies” Sandy and Doug Eastep, Ricky Thomas, Marvin Edwards, Thomas Tabor, Robbie Gray, Preston Gray, Jason Adams, Matt “Monk” Holbrook. The Golden Years Bowling League and many other bowlers at NRV Superbowl were very special to him. He had recently joined the Dublin Lions Club and immediately felt a very special and appreciated comradery and passion for the members. Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church with the Rev. Judy Yonce officiating. Interment will follow in the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery with full military honors. ***Please feel free to join friends and family to share a pot-luck meal after the burial at the Dublin Lions Club. Food can be dropped off at the Dublin Lions Club anytime after 11 the day of the burial.*** The family will receive friends on Tuesday at Seagle Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Dublin Lions Club.

Service Summary

Visitation

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Tue Mar 12, 2019

Seagle Funeral Home

415 N. Jefferson Avenue
Pulaski, VA 24301

Funeral Service

1:00 PM Wed Mar 13, 2019

Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church

MT. OLIVET ROAD
PULASKI, Virginia 24301