



Donald R. Gray Jr.

September 22, 1952 - January 2, 2024

Donald "Donnie" R. Gray Jr was born in Peoria on September 22, 1952 to Donna White Gray and Donald R. Gray Sr. He passed away on January 2, 2024 at the age of 71.

He graduated from Limestone High School in 1970 and enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He went on to be a System Analyst at Caterpillar.

Donnie enjoyed many years of Dirt Track Racing with his father and brothers. He was an avid NASCAR fan and his favorite driver was Dale Earnhardt Sr. He also loved football and the Dallas Cowboys was his favorite team.

Donnie is survived by his wife, Anna; daughter, Charissa Smith; four grandchildren, Oriana, Tiana, Ellix and Amara; and a great granddaughter Zilah. Also surviving are his brothers, Mike, Denny (Amy) both of Bartonville, Scott (Brenda) of Manito, and Mark (Kim) of Boody, IL as well as numerous nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister-in-law, Elaine and a nephew, Ryan.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Schmidt Haller Burial and Cremation is handling the services. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sunday, January 28th from 2-4 p.m. at the American Legion, 4501 S. Airport Rd in Bartonville.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN **28**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

American Legion
4501 S Airport Rd
Bartonville, IL 61607

Tribute Wall

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“ *Donnie you will be missed had a lot of good times at the races with you RIP*

carson watkins - January 12, 2024 at 07:42 PM

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“ *Worked with Don At Whitney and Associates back in the mid 70's. He was working with my Dad on a Caterpillar job in East Peoria. Don was a hilarious and a real good guy. I remember his affection for GTO's. Rest in Peace Jazz. Thanks for the ride.*

Mike McConnell - January 12, 2024 at 01:49 PM