



## Austin Gray

December 17, 1999 - July 4, 2018

Celebration of Life services for Austin Gray, 18, of Carthage, Texas will be 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 8, 2018 at the Still Waters Cowboy Church with Dr. Dale Reed officiating. Cremation arrangements are entrusted to Hawthorn Funeral Home. Visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Saturday night at Hawthorn Funeral Home.

William Austin Gray, a bold and heartfelt spirit, entered this world December 17, 1999 in Shreveport, Louisiana and passed away July 4, 2018 in Longview, Texas. Born the only son to the marriage of Lawrence Tracy and Kimberly Denise McGuire Gray, whose lives would never be the same, grew up and attended Carthage schools, where he played football, the game he loved most and was a proud member of the 2016 state champion Carthage Bulldog football team. He graduated with the Class of 2018. Austin, always a team player had a huge heart and a big smile, as well as a mind of his own. He loved to fish and play soccer, and spent countless hours teaching children in the community to swim. Austin left this life in a short 18 years but he put more into those years than most pack in a lifetime. He was there when you needed him and would give you the shirt off his back; sleeveless of course, which was his trademark, but would do anything for anyone. Heaven has gained a wonderful, happy soul. He is preceded in death by his PaPaw, Jimmy McGuire, and grandmother, Marie Gray.

Austin is survived by his mother, Denise McGuire Gray of Carthage; father, Tracy Gray of White Oak; Pappy Bill Gray and Ms. Donna of Keatchie, LA;

Granny, Shirley McGuire of Carthage; girlfriend, Kassi Ham of Hallsville; half-sister, Shelby McCoy of Center; aunts and uncles, Dwain McGuire of Carthage, David and Linda McGuire of Carthage, Diann and Donald Wilhite of Fruitvale, Dollie and Jerry Aaron of Seattle, WA, LeAnn and David Skinner of Stonewall, LA, Donna Cagle of Keatchie, LA, and Roxanne Compton of Grand Cane, LA; special aunts, Cindy Moreland and Mitsy Owens; Kassi's parents Robert and Audrey Ham; many cousins, other relatives and a host of friends. Serving as pallbearers will be, James Ebarb, Dillon Ebarb, Hunter LaGrone, Triston Boniol, Cody Davis, Mykel Gates, Hunter Stephenson, Jacob Cabello, Nate Brittenham, Hunter Gauger and Jesse Wayne Pierce.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home  
307 West Wellington Street  
P.O. Box 188  
Carthage, TX 75633  
(903) 693-3816  
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<https://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com>

## Service

JUL 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Stillwaters Cowboy Church  
Carthage, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Austin Gray



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 07, 2018 at 05:02 PM

LC

*Denise I have no words to Express the heartache I have for what you're going through. You raised a kind and living son. I love you honey and you'll be in my prayers. Stay strong and know you're lived.*

loved. Cameron - July 07, 2018 at 09:52 PM

BB

*What a wonderful video full of happy memories that will be in the hearts of those who loved Austin. He was a remarkable young man and only God knows why he is no longer on this earth. My family sends love and prayers to Austin's mom and entire family. We know the Lord will be with Austin's mom and family to help give them strength and understanding during the saddest time of their lives. Love from Brad and Becky Blair ❤️🙏*

Brad and Becky Blair - July 08, 2018 at 04:36 PM

KB

*Words cannot express how I feel!!! My prayers are with you may God wrap his loving around you and your family and comfort You as only he can!!!*

Kathy Brown - July 08, 2018 at 04:55 PM

SM

*Prayers for you and your family god bless each and every one so sorry for your loss Shirley milam*

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**Shirley milam** - July 08, 2018 at 09:50 PM

NS

*Denise, I am one of LeAnn and David Skinner's friends. Austin's service today was a beautiful tribute to his life. It made me feel as if I knew your precious son – what an amazing young man he was! My heart breaks for you. I cannot imagine the pain and heartache you are experiencing and I pray God gives you comfort, strength and peace in the days, weeks and years to come. Jesus is the only one who can get you through this terrible valley. He is hurting with you. He feels your pain. So just keep clinging to Jesus. With love, hugs and prayers from Nancy Shelton*

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**Nancy Shelton** - July 08, 2018 at 10:50 PM

PM

*I'm truly sorry for your loss. I'll always have you and your Family in my PRAYERS. God will carry you. You had a ANGEL and God needed him to get his wings. God Loves You. He will comfort you in time. God Bless You. Your friend Patricia Mitchell ❤️*

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**Patricia Mitchell** - July 09, 2018 at 06:11 AM

GI

*this is a beautiful tribute my heart broke watching this, so many years I pray God helps you everyday to find peace .*

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**Giovanna** - July 09, 2018 at 08:21 AM

  
Debbie  
McClure

*Denise - I am so very sorry for your loss. Austin was such an amazing young man. There are no words really. My heart breaks for you and you are in my prayers. Love - Debbie McClure*

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**Debbie McClure** - July 09, 2018 at 08:28 AM

VT

*I can not imagine the pain you feel. But know the God had a Greater plan for Austin. We may know or understand that plan, but will in time. Just know there are plenty of people out there who loved him and love you. Reach out to them on your time of grief. Turn to God for understanding, support, guidance and hope. He will not let you down. And remember to "Breathe". Prayers for you and all the family. You are strong, but let the tears flow. They will cleanse your soul. Vickie Townzen*

**Vickie Townzen** - July 11, 2018 at 01:40 AM

SR

“ *Denese, My heart breaks to hear this sad news of your beloved Austin. May God's compassion bring you comfort & peace. My prayers are with you.*

**Sheila Ritter** - July 12, 2018 at 12:33 AM



“ *God bring you solace in this difficult time.*

**Keith Coleman** - July 11, 2018 at 01:54 PM

BA

“ *Bailey lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



**Bailey** - July 08, 2018 at 10:00 PM

CS

“ *Chelcy Shows*



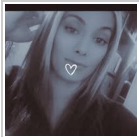
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**Chelcy Shows** - July 08, 2018 at 05:39 PM

SR

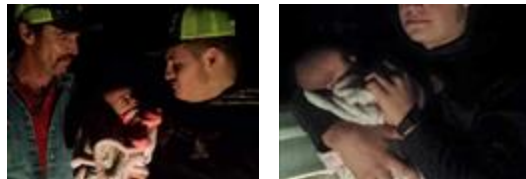
“ *Denise, our prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.*

*Don, Sandra and Paul Rinkle  
Don's Photography.....*

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**Sandra Rinkle** - July 08, 2018 at 02:29 PM



“ *I love you bubba* 🥰💔



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**Shelby Mccoy** - July 08, 2018 at 04:22 AM

LH

“ *Lori Hall lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Lori Hall** - July 08, 2018 at 03:44 AM

CI

“ I love you, Denise. You get all the credit for raising such a good son, gentleman to everyone he met. Forever thankful for every moment I saw his big smile and hug he gave me. Being the best friend my Dillon, James Allen, Maycie and little Jett ever had. Thank God for all the pictures, memories made during their years together. Our family will always be here for you & family. There is a Peace that ONLY JESUS can give you. But we will give hugs, be ready with open arms. Thank you for sharing your special Austin with us and all of your memories & photos, priceless~we all LOVE YOU.

Cynthia Ishee

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Cynthia Ishee - July 08, 2018 at 01:32 AM

WV

“ Denise: Our thoughts and prayers are with you in a moment of such great loss. May God grant you comfort and blessings!  
Walter and Maria Vivaldi

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Walter and Maria Vivaldi - July 07, 2018 at 06:19 PM

CM

“ DENISE I DID NOT PERSONALLY KNOW CHRIS. SAW HIM WHEN HE PLAYED FOOTBALL. WATCHED IT ON T.V HE WAS SO VERY HANDSOME AND HIS FACE I KNOW LIT UP A ROOM. I HOPE SOMEDAY WE MET. I LOST MY ONLY 20 YR OLD GIRL . I SAY THEY ARE ANGELS GOD NEEDS UP IN HEAVEN TO LOOK OVER US. I HAVE ONE NOW YOU DO . WE HAVE LOTS. I KNOW PAIN GRIEF FROM LOSING A CHILD. A MOTHER FEELS LIKE PART OF HER IS GONE. BUT GOD WILL GIVE YOU STRENGTH NOW HON AND IN DAYS TO COME. JUST REMEMBER OUR LOSS IS HEAVENS GAIN. PRAYING FOR YOU AND YOURS. THIS HURT ME BECAUSE I KNOW YOU ARE HURTING. SOMEONE WHO CARES. COZETTE DAVIS MCNEELY.

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COZETTE McNEELY - July 07, 2018 at 04:52 PM

KB

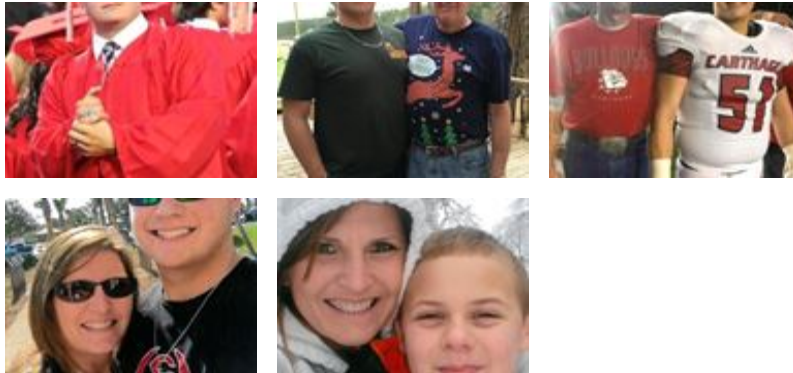
“ *Kim Baker lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



Kim Baker - July 07, 2018 at 04:18 PM



“ *51 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 07, 2018 at 01:57 PM

WW

“ *Wanda Wilkins lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



Wanda Wilkins - July 07, 2018 at 01:33 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Austin Gray.*



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July 07, 2018 at 12:53 PM



“ *Dianna Pierce lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Dianna Pierce** - July 07, 2018 at 12:49 PM

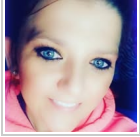


“ *I pray that Austin's family and friends will look to Jesus Christ for strength. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)*



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**Brianna Morgan** - July 07, 2018 at 10:16 AM



“ He never met a stranger he always had a smile on his face. I don't think that there is one person in this town that Austin didn't touch in some way he was just so easy to love. He would complain to you on things that no one else noticed and he never was afraid to help you support whatever you had going on like he never thought twice to get out on that soccer field during breast cancer awareness month with pink hair or a pink ribbon sprayed on the side of his head even though by the end of the game he would have pink all over himself but he didn't care he still was smiling I'm gonna miss that smile Austin you are loved and will be missed but not forgotten



Kaci Echols - July 07, 2018 at 09:01 AM



“ AMIE JO ROBINSON GIBSON lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray



AMIE JO ROBINSON GIBSON - July 07, 2018 at 07:37 AM



A ANGEL WALKED THIS EARTH AND NOW HE CONTIUES  
DENISE I LOVE YOU AND YOU RAISED A AMAZING YOUNG MAN  
WHOM EVERYONE LOVES HE WILL FOREVER BE YOUNG AND IN  
OUR HEARTS  
RIH SWEET BOY  
HER WORLD  
HIS WORLD  
#FOREVER51

AMIE JO ROBINSON GIBSON - July 07, 2018 at 07:41 AM

DV

“ My heart and prayers are with you. There are no words that can describe the loss of a child, know I love you and if you need me for anything I'm here.

*Diane Vail*

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**Diane Vail** - July 07, 2018 at 03:12 AM

SF

“ My heart goes out to you Denise. You raised a great young man. My family and I send much love to you during this time.



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**Shawnee Fulghum-Fuller** - July 07, 2018 at 03:11 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Austin Gray.



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July 06, 2018 at 11:21 PM

RH

“ I am proud that I was able to be a part of Austin's life. We still have shirt sleeves laying around. He showed me and my family how to live life to the fullest. He was walking on his tiptoes July 4th. That always was a good indicator of how happy he was. He became one my kids. He was there anytime to help any of us. He was a young man that loved his family and friends more than words could express. We will miss him so much. I really looked forward to a future with him as part of my family. We love you Austin, and I know you are looking down and will always be with us.

All our love  
Robert, Audrey, Kassi and Erynn

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**Robert Ham** - July 06, 2018 at 10:55 PM

Abigail Garcia

“ Abigail Garcia lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray



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**Abigail Garcia** - July 06, 2018 at 08:54 PM

DB

“ Delane Bird lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray



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**Delane Bird** - July 06, 2018 at 08:23 PM

CC

“ Cheryl Cleveland lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray



Cheryl Cleveland - July 06, 2018 at 07:59 PM

KM

“ Kim Lawhorn Miller lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray



Kim Lawhorn Miller - July 06, 2018 at 07:56 PM



“ Denise, My thoughts are with u during this time. I didn't have the pleasure of personally knowing him but the outpouring of love from the community speaks volumes to the wonderful young man that he grew up to be!! Know that I'm praying for peace, comfort and strength for u in the days and months to come. Deepest sympathies, Lori



Lori Spence - July 06, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Austin Gray.



July 06, 2018 at 07:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Austin Gray.*



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July 06, 2018 at 07:27 PM



“ *Kim Henigan lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Kim Henigan** - July 06, 2018 at 06:52 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for Denise and family.*



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**Katti Bird** - July 06, 2018 at 06:02 PM

MH

“ Austin has touched many people. And was a friend with my children and many others. I say children but knowing that they are all grown. Not knowing why this happened but just know that you are all in my family's prayers. May God wrap his arms around you and fill you with peace and wonderful memories. My heart aches for you Denise and family and friends especially for Hunter, Dillon and Cody.



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**Marilynn n Jason Harrison** - July 06, 2018 at 04:25 PM

KR

“ Karma Ragster lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray



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**Karma Ragster** - July 06, 2018 at 04:02 PM

LK

“ I was blessed to have Austin in my kindergarten class. I loved every minute with this precious, fun loving child. His smile was infectious. He could brighten the saddest of days. He was a friend to every child in our little classroom. I have enjoyed watching Austin grow through the years and have been so proud of the young man he had grown to be. His smile & my memories of him will live in my heart forever. Forever my little buddy.  
Lori Kruebbe

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**Lori Kruebbe** - July 06, 2018 at 02:06 PM

KB

“ I remember a sweet young boy coming by my office at the courthouse after school and giving him gummy bears!!! Turned into such a fine young man his mom and community was proud of!!! Prayers for his family!!!



Kathy Brown - July 06, 2018 at 12:59 PM

TF

“ The Jones Family lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray



The Jones Family - July 06, 2018 at 12:30 PM

TF

“ The Jones Family lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray



The Jones Family - July 06, 2018 at 12:29 PM

TM

“ Tammy McFarlin lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray



Tammy McFarlin - July 06, 2018 at 11:42 AM

DC

“ *Dana Chambers lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



Dana Chambers - July 06, 2018 at 11:14 AM

RS

“ *Robin Smith lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



Robin Smith - July 06, 2018 at 10:11 AM

 Teri Moye

“ *My heart breaks for you Denise. Many prayers.*



Teri Moye - July 06, 2018 at 09:49 AM



“ *Sherry Walker Parker lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



Sherry Walker Parker - July 06, 2018 at 08:59 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Austin Gray.*



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July 06, 2018 at 07:18 AM



“ *Kellie Waldrop lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Kellie Waldrop** - July 05, 2018 at 11:40 PM



“ *Denise, I remember how happy you were that you were finally having a baby. And you raised him so well. He inspired wherever he went. His smile could melt hearts. My heart breaks for you. Words can't comfort you but God will. This family loves you. Austin is forever in our hearts.*

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**Gail** - July 05, 2018 at 11:30 PM



“ *There are just no words. I'm sorry isn't enough. My heart breaks for you, Denise. I will be praying for strength and for peace for you for the coming days and months.*

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**Rachel Bullock** - July 05, 2018 at 11:07 PM

TK

“ I remember Austin most as a strong loving son whose smile captured my heart. Austin taught my grandson how to swim one summer which changed Beau’s life. He was terrified of water and Austin was able to patiently change fear into trust I am trusting that Austin will continue to live in all our hearts. I know when I hug Beau I will also be hugging Austin as well. Thank you Austin for your sweet gentle spirit. Hugs Terrie.

Terrie King - July 05, 2018 at 11:03 PM

JY

“ Jeff And Cathy Youngblood lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray



Jeff and Cathy Youngblood - July 05, 2018 at 10:49 PM

DS

“ Donna Saxon lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray



Donna Saxon - July 05, 2018 at 10:47 PM

BM

“ Brenda McDaniel lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray



Brenda McDaniel - July 05, 2018 at 10:46 PM

KS

“ *Kagen Steph Smith lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Kagen Steph Smith** - July 05, 2018 at 10:45 PM

RS

“ *Roy & Donna Saxon lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Roy & Donna Saxon** - July 05, 2018 at 10:44 PM

MS

“ *Sending prayers for family an friends so sorry for your loss*



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**Meagan sells** - July 05, 2018 at 10:43 PM

 Terri May

“ *Terri May lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Terri May** - July 05, 2018 at 10:39 PM

CB

“🙏 So sorry for your loss! Prayers sent to the family.



Crystal Tarjick Ballenger - July 05, 2018 at 08:41 PM

BS

“ Bonnie Soape lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray



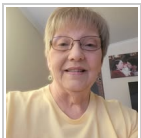
Bonnie Soape - July 05, 2018 at 08:10 PM

JJ

“ Janie Jones lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray



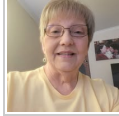
Janie Jones - July 05, 2018 at 07:57 PM



“ Cathy Woodard lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray



Cathy Woodard - July 05, 2018 at 07:37 PM



*So sorry for your loss. Austin was a wonderful young man always with a smile on his face. Praying for God's grace and comfort in the coming days..... He will be missed by so many that loved him.*

**Cathy Woodard** - July 05, 2018 at 07:40 PM



“ *Sending love and lots of prayers. I am so incredibly sorry for your loss.*



**Stephanie Smith** - July 05, 2018 at 07:11 PM

DG

“ *Debra Gagne lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



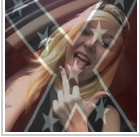
**Debra Gagne** - July 05, 2018 at 06:39 PM

TG

“ *Our hearts mourn with you for your loss. Praying for you in the coming days.*

*Tom and Jane Gallenbach*

**Tom and Jane Gallenbach** - July 05, 2018 at 06:34 PM



“ *Katelyn Abbott lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Katelyn Abbott** - July 05, 2018 at 05:05 PM

GB

“ *So sorry. Prayers for comfort* 🙏



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**Gwen Briery** - July 05, 2018 at 05:03 PM

BJ

“ *Praying for comfort for Denise. So sorry for your loss. Mike and Barbara Johnson*



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**Barbara Johnson** - July 05, 2018 at 04:57 PM

SS

“ *Stacie Smith lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Stacie Smith** - July 05, 2018 at 04:51 PM

PG

“ *Sending all our Love and Praying for comfort and Peace. Denise, we love you!!* ”



Phillip and Glenda Grimes - July 05, 2018 at 04:49 PM

BD

“ *Brooke Dorsey lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray* ”




Brooke Dorsey - July 05, 2018 at 04:40 PM

RE

“ *Rusty & Stacy Evans lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray* ”



Rusty & Stacy Evans - July 05, 2018 at 04:39 PM

 Kevin Collinsworth

“ *Kevin Collinsworth lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray* ”



Kevin Collinsworth - July 05, 2018 at 04:35 PM

EC

“ *Ethel Cuff lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Ethel Cuff** - July 05, 2018 at 03:41 PM

KF

“ *Kim Funderburk lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Kim Funderburk** - July 05, 2018 at 03:31 PM

CC

“ *Clarinda Collins lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Clarinda Collins** - July 05, 2018 at 03:29 PM

LH

“ *Lessie Hughes lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Lessie Hughes** - July 05, 2018 at 03:28 PM

CL

“ *Denise, I want you to know how much I love you. I am praying for you and the whole family. Austin was loved by so many.*

**Cheyenne Lampley** - July 05, 2018 at 02:50 PM

KB

“ *Kathy Brown lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



**Kathy Brown** - July 05, 2018 at 02:44 PM

JD

“ *We are so sorry to hear about Austin. We will be remembering you in our thoughts and prayers. He was a very nice young man. Austin was a friend to so many!*  
*With love,*  
*Jerry and Pat (Edens) Dorman*  
*Isaiah 40:31*



**Jerry and Pat E Dorman** - July 05, 2018 at 02:32 PM

MC

“ *Mike And Marla Cherry lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



**Mike and Marla Cherry** - July 05, 2018 at 02:20 PM

DM

“ *Dan & Johnnie H. Melton lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Dan & Johnnie H. Melton** - July 05, 2018 at 01:53 PM

JS

“ *Judy And Wayne Sheffield lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Judy and Wayne Sheffield** - July 05, 2018 at 01:52 PM

 Shirley Taylor

“ *Shirley Taylor lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Shirley Taylor** - July 05, 2018 at 01:49 PM

PG

“ *Patricia Gulley-Aaron lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Patricia Gulley-Aaron** - July 05, 2018 at 01:46 PM

BD

“ *Billy & Briley Dailey lit a candle in memory of Austin Gray*



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**Billy & Briley Dailey** - July 05, 2018 at 01:28 PM