



Mr. James Brian Gray

May 11, 1979 - November 13, 2017

Funeral services for Mr. James Brian Gray, 38, of Carthage, Texas will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 18, 2017 at the Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. David Baze officiating. Burial will follow in the Mt. Comfort Cemetery in Rusk County. Visitation will be 6-8:00 p.m. Friday night at Hawthorn's. Mr. Gray died November 13, 2017 in Carthage, Texas.

Mr. James Brian Gray was born May 11, 1979 in Jacksonville, Texas to James Deral and Vanessa Jeanette Beamon Gray. He was raised and schooled in Rusk, Texas. Brian was a skilled mechanic, loved cars and tinkering with them. He worked as a professional painter in residential construction. He married his love, Kayla Diane on September 25, 2015. James was a Dallas Cowboy fan, loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing and spending time with kids and family. He is preceded in death by his father, James Deral Gray, and his grandmother, Karen Beamon.

Mr. Gray is survived by his devoted wife, Kayla Gray of Carthage, parents, Vanessa Foster and husband Joe of Carthage, grandfather, Gene Beamon and wife Sandra of College Station, grandparents, James and Rebecca Gray of Maydelle, children, Michael Gray, Justin McAdoo, Jayda Gray, Kiera Smith, Kacia Smith, Brianna Gray, Madison Gray, and Brayden Gray, all of Carthage, brother, Jason Gray of Carthage, sisters, Amanda Click and husband Sammy of Alto, Cristal Hicks and husband Mark of Carthage, Lezah Foster of Carthage, Autumn Foster of Carthage, Sarah Stephens of Jacksonville and Kimberly Brown of Jacksonville, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a

host of friends.

The family requests memorials to Hawthorn Funeral Home in Memory of James Brian Gray, for funeral expenses.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.hawthornfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Comfort Cemetery

Maydelle, TX 75785

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home
307 West Wellington Street, P.O. Box 188
Carthage, TX

Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

Hawthorn Funeral Home Chapel
307 W Wellington St.
Carthage, Tx

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. James Brian Gray.* ”



November 18, 2017 at 08:52 AM



Vanessa
Foster

“ My sweet baby boy, how on this earth will I ever be the same without you? I hope you know what an impact you have made on so many! The rooms were packed solid tonight at your visitation, the love and the memories were flowing. Your personality and your heart were one of a kind. I will miss my daily phone call from you and miss seeing your truck pull in the driveway everyday. I promise to make sure your babies are well taken care of along with their Mama, you did good when you fell in love with her! She is special and she loves you with her whole heart! No words can express how much I love you and how much I will miss you. Get my mansion ready, paint it all my fav colors!! I will see you soon, but not soon enough. I love you baby, all the world, Mom

His Journey's Just Begun

*Don't think of him as gone away
his journey's just begun,
life holds so many facets
this earth is only one.*

*Think how he must be wishing
that we could know today
how nothing but our sadness
can really pass away.*

*And think of him as living
in the hearts of those he touched...
for nothing loved is ever lost
and he was loved so much.*

Vanessa Foster - November 17, 2017 at 11:14 PM

DW

So sorry Vanessa for your loss and his wife and kids loss! 🙏❤️🙏❤️

Debbie Walton - November 17, 2017 at 11:58 PM

AP

My condolences goes out to you Vanessa and the family I will continue to pray for each and everyone !!!

Amy Poindexter - November 18, 2017 at 02:13 AM

DS

“ *I'll always remember James with his quiet demeanor and constant smile. He was such a nice young man. I feel sad knowing he left so young but comforted knowing he was a Christian. Our love to Vanessa, Joe and all the family. May God be very close to you as you work through your grief.*

Dr. Arnold and Janet Shrewsbury

Dr. Arnold Shrewsbury - November 17, 2017 at 04:42 PM

AK

“ Oh nephew, I sure hope you can feel all the love you left back here on planet Earth for you. Just like you've always loved big, it shows so much now. But I could just hear your sweet voice and laughter saying so many things at the gates of Heaven meeting Jesus! I know you and Granny B are having a grand ole time and there's no better person to greet her with open arms. You went the same way she did and on a Monday, too. Even though we all know down here you have your heavenly wings now I just bet you are the best looking angel sporting those wings like only Brian could. You have no idea how much so many people are missing you, especially this auntie! I mean, I used to change your diapers :) You are special to me and I'll always remember that smile you always had. Picturing you, the little full headed haired boy, brings back so many memories. Of course, you grew up on us and became the most loving, caring man who always had something nice to say. You are the best father figure I have ever seen. How you loved and took care of all the children in your life was beyond belief and each one of them knows it. And because of you they'll take that love of their father with them always. You done right!
Now go and Paint it Gray all over Heaven!!! (((kiss my mama for me)))

Auntie Kathi - November 17, 2017 at 03:38 PM

 Will
Beamon

Well, James Brain Gray, I have so many memories of our time together I couldn't write them all here. It would be a book. You are gone too soon but not forgotten. I'm not saying goodbye but see ya later. If you can hear me from the great distance in heaven, love ya teddy bear. The teddy bear is an inside thing between us. Until we meet again

Will Beamon - November 18, 2017 at 02:11 AM

AJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Aunt Jan - November 16, 2017 at 08:49 PM

NJ

Can I see a pic

Nikki Jensen - January 16, 2025 at 02:47 PM

AJ

“ Sweetheart, I am going to miss you beyond what words could describe! You have always been so special to me! From way back when you were little and I thought I would have to make excuses for you and try and get you out of trouble. lol... You became a wonderful young man with a beautiful family and I am so proud of you and your accomplishments!! Please hug my brother (your daddy) for me and I will see the two of you one day. What a joyous occasion that will be, when we all get to heaven. Until then my loving nephew, I will always love you and miss you!!!!!!

Aunt Jan - November 16, 2017 at 08:46 PM

HC

“ Holly Chavez lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Brian Gray



Holly Chavez - November 16, 2017 at 07:09 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. James Brian Gray.*



November 16, 2017 at 03:07 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Mr. James Brian Gray.*



November 16, 2017 at 03:04 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. James Brian Gray.*



November 16, 2017 at 03:00 PM



“ *Dede Johns lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Brian Gray*



Dede Johns - November 16, 2017 at 12:55 PM

TF

“ *The Barrow, Hull, Swiech and Skipper Families purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mr. James Brian Gray.*



The Barrow, Hull, Swiech and Skipper Families - November 16, 2017 at 12:43 PM

AC

“ *I can't believe you are gone. I have so many memories that I will cherish forever. But one of my favorite things about you is how you ALWAYS protected me. I was never scared to talk mess because I knew my big brother would stick up for me. And boy let me tell you no one would even try to mess with me. It wasn't long and then i had 2 protectors . My big brother and my lil brother what a duo. Personal body guards (even when I didn't want protection) right, Sammy.... lol
I'll miss you with everything in my soul. The pain of you leaving is to much. Hug him for me! Love you James Brian Gray*

Amanda Click - November 16, 2017 at 09:46 AM

TI

“ *Tiffani lit a candle in memory of Mr. James Brian Gray*



Tiffani - November 16, 2017 at 01:24 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. James Brian Gray.



November 15, 2017 at 07:58 PM