



Sheldon A. Gray

June 23, 1947 - February 5, 2025

In Loving Memory of
SHELDON A. GRAY

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Sheldon fought a courageous battle against several illnesses over the past seven years, with such strength and determination. Facing every illness head on with his stubbornness, strength, & willingness to keep fighting to stay independent. Sheldon was a HERO to many, a great provider to his family, many godchildren and friends.

Sheldon worked as a dispatch supervisor for Pace Bus company for 24 years from 1992-2016, US Steel Mill for 16 years from 1976-1992 and he was also a military veteran of the Army. He was a master of all trades; such as building things, decorating, and whatever he set his mind to do, he would go above and beyond to accomplish his task. Sheldon loved to rollerskate, if he was not working, riding his bicycle, going to the movies, watching old western movies such as Rifle Man, or eating, you could find Sheldon at the roller rink. To watch Sheldon skate was like watching him float on air, he was a “smooth roller” as his fellow skaters would affectionately call him. Sheldon loved the Obamas, his basketball teams The Bulls and The Lakers and his favorite color was red.

Sheldon was also compassionate about helping his co-workers to succeed and many times he would help new employees study and take them out on the road to perfect and learn their express routes for Pace Bus.

Sheldon was preceded in death by his dad, Aubrey Gray, Sr., his sister Norma Jean Gray and his mom Beatrice Gray.

Sheldon is survived by his loving wife Cynthia known as Cindy. His four siblings Ramsey (Carmenita - CC), Geraldine known as GG, Aubrey (Edie) & Velma (Ron). Although Sheldon didn't have any biological children he shared countless connections and special bonds with many godchildren: Marie, Luella, Tawana, Devon, Cassandra, Tray, Demetria, Nadia and Elyse and many more children he helped to raise in their upbringing. Sheldon is also survived by 22 god-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends.

The family would like to thank his many doctors, special thanks to a few of the staff at Arista Nursing Home, nurse Mary, Restorative CNA Patrice and aide Jayla.

Cemetery Details

Cremation Rites will be accorded

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Delgado Funeral Chapel
400 Landau Ave.
Joliet, IL 60432
(815) 774-9220
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Funeral Service

FEB **16**. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

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Visitation

FEB **16**. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Delgado Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Sheldon A. Gray*



Delgado Funeral Chapel - February 16, 2025 at 01:52 PM

SM

So sorry I miss his home going. Sheldon was such a good person and I really appreciated the way he took his own personal time to teach me and my husband every route pace had in Joliet. Cynthia we sent our love . Sharon Massey 6091

Sharon Massey - February 17, 2025 at 02:48 PM

DT

*Dennis Wayne Thomas
1st cousin of Sheldon,
From papa and mama Grey's house in Arcadia Louisiana m, Gary
Indiana, to Wichita, Kansas
The Grays and Thomas family was a tight bunch in Wichita Kansas
Uncle Obrie, Aunt Beatrice, Uncle Honey (James Willie Thomas) and his
wife cousin Mary Alice (Wesley) Thomas
What a big family we have all scattered over the USA.
Grays, Wesley's, Thomas, Hines,
Slaughters, Whites, Jackson's, Willie Lee Jefferson, Betty Joe
Jackson (Indianapolis Indiana) Moore's, Davis's, Calvin Hines, Mara Lee
Hines, Calvin Hines,
Melvin Grey (Dallas Texas, Emory Grey and many many more.
Jesus stated thru Malachi the prophet that during the end of the age
of deception. Families would all unite in forgiveness. Many will be
saved and feel safe.
Dennis W Thomas 812 6220669 Evansville Indiana
Thank you Lord for allowing Sheldon to touch our lives with kindness
and love.*

dennis DueWayne Thomas - February 14 at 07:58 PM

DM

*“ My heart sunk when I saw this obituary. Mr. Sheldon was an
instrumental part of my youth all because my mom didn't have a car.
He used to whip that 834 bus every week day to get me to work at
Montgomery Wards after school. Each ride was a wisdom session!
That was almost 25 years ago but I still remember those gems of
knowledge he gave. Praying for wife, family and Pace community.*

Dana Miller-Walters - February 21, 2025 at 10:31 AM

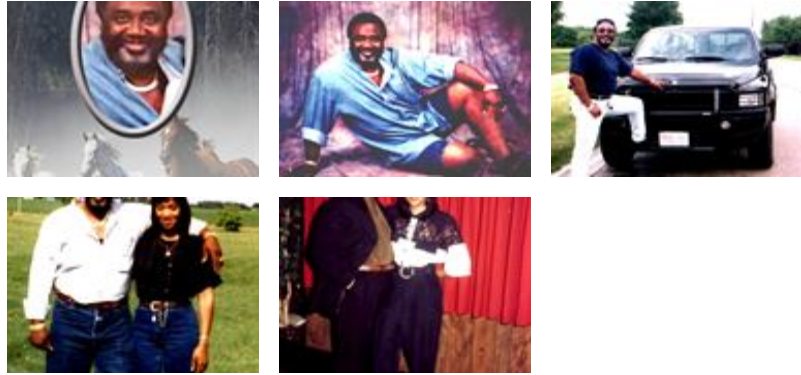
LD

*“ I love going to the movies because you. I'm independent because of
you. I love karate movies because of you. I still remember our talks
and your many words of wisdom. Rest in peace Godfather, Forever
your LuLu*

Luella Douglas - February 16, 2025 at 03:20 PM



“ 47 files added to the album LifeTributes



Delgado Funeral Chapel - February 16, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ Condolences to the gray family
I will remember him as ...a very kind ..caring
Friendly person to everybody.

Linda Koonce - February 16, 2025 at 11:21 AM



“ Love - Aubrey & Edith Gray and children planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sheldon A. Gray.

Love - Aubrey & Edith Gray and children - February 16, 2025 at 09:28 AM



“ Love - Aubrey & Edith Gray and children purchased the Savory Farmhouse Gift Box for the family of Sheldon A. Gray.



Love - Aubrey & Edith Gray and children - February 16, 2025 at 09:28 AM

WW

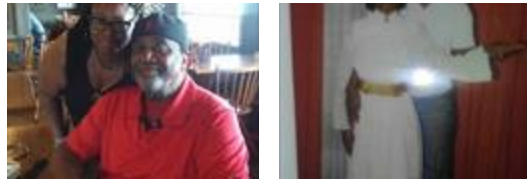
“ *Wardell & Pat Bell, Wichita purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Sheldon A. Gray.*



Wardell & Pat Bell, Wichita - February 14, 2025 at 11:28 PM

CA

“ *When tomorrow starts without you, while thinking of the little things we did not get to say, I will not cry like I did when you left me on Wednesday.
I know how much you loved me, as much as I loved you. Although you no longer here with me physically, you will always be in my heart. I will always remember the love and bond that we shared. I will miss you immensely but like you asked, I will LET YOU GO!
Love your daughter, Cassandra*



Cassandra - February 12, 2025 at 09:18 AM



“ *0 file added to the tribute wall*

Delgado Funeral Chapel - February 10, 2025 at 03:43 PM

ID

“ R.I.P. Sheldon you was a nice guy. Been knowing you since I was in school. You will be missed



Ikenya C Durham - February 10, 2025 at 10:43 AM

DD

“ To Sheldon ,my dearest friend thank you for your support and generosity doing our time together. R.I.P. God has called you home to be with your loved ones.



Deborah Douglas-Quintey - February 08, 2025 at 04:36 PM

RE

“ Wow GODFATHER I can't even begin to take all this in but I know GOD knows what's best! You can now rest in your totally healed new body. Love and miss you! FOREVER IN MY HEART. Lord grant Cindy strength at the difficult time.



RE - February 08, 2025 at 02:26 PM

SA

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Sheldon. We worked at Pace Heritage Division. He was a great person. Prayers for the family. MAY HE REST IN PEACE.

Salli - February 07, 2025 at 08:48 PM

LC

“ In this sorrowful time, we would like to extend to you our heartfelt condolences. We are honored that we could provide care and companionship to Sheldon and your family on his final journey. May our Lord comfort you and your loved ones.



Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Love, your family at Lighthouse Hospice Care

Lighthouse Hospice Care - February 07, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Sheldon A. Gray.

February 06, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sheldon A. Gray.



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