



## Billy James Gray

April 15, 1940 - January 24, 2008

Billy James Gray, 67, of Needville, Texas passed away peacefully at his son's home in Needville on January 24, 2008. He was born April 15, 1940 in Vicksburg, Mississippi to William Lee and Onie Lee Durant Gray.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 37 years, Vera Mae Schonert Gray; and his parents, William Lee and Onie Lee Gray.

Billy is survived by:

Children: Donald Gray and wife, Lisa, of Needville, Bryce Gray of Kyle, Cindy Gray-Lopez and husband, Edward, of Mountain City, Kirk Gray and wife, Tina, of Newburg, PA; Sister: Ruby Lee Gray Brasher of Needville; Grandchildren: Lee Gray of Lubbock, Chancellor Gray of Newburg, PA, Augusta Gray of Newburg, PA, Gardner Gray of Newburg, PA, Nicole Fink of Mountain City, Kayla Fink of Mountain City, Veronica Lopez of Mountain City, Chelsea Gray of Bastrop, Brynn Gray of Kyle; He is also survived by numerous family and friends.

Needville has been home to Billy for all his adult life. He has been a rice farmer and cattle rancher in this area for years. Billy was a quiet, simple man, with a heart of gold. His friendship was considered a treasure. He will be missed for years to come.

Serving as pallbearers will be Rueben Hernandez, Nathan Jan and Steven Dornak, Chris Jacobs, Mike Buffaloe and Marlin Pekar. Honorary pallbearers will be Jimmy Gray, J.D. Gray, Tom Bosse, Virgil Lewis, Donald Bennett, and Johnny Banker.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Billy's name to Texas Cowboy Church, 15404 FM 1489, Orchard, TX 77464.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 P.M. until 8:00 P.M., Sunday, January 27, 2008 in the Chapel of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M., Monday, January 28, 2008 at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel in Rosenberg. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg with Billy's Pastor, RO Murray of Texas Cowboy Church officiating the services.

Tributes and words of condolence can be left for the Gray family at [www.davisgreenlawnfh.com](http://www.davisgreenlawnfh.com)

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home, 3900 B.F. Terry Blvd., Rosenberg, TX 77471, 281-341-8800.

# Tribute Wall

TF

“ *Big D and Lisa,  
I know that it will take time to heal your hearts that have been broken, but knowing that Mr. Billy is at rest and suffering no more will help along with time. We are keeping you both in our prayers and if you need anything, please call us. We love you both. Love, Tammy and family.*

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**Tammy Filipp** - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ *I understand how losing a parent feels. Just remember, he is there within each of you. . . . always. I love you guys and I'm here if you ever need anything.*

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**Heath Roddy** - February 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HR

“ *Billy James Gray*

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**Heath Roddy** - February 11, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ *So sorry for your loss. Lisa and Donald are so special to us. Please remember that we are here for you in the time of sadness.*

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**Shana and Kevin Kutac** - February 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Donald & Lisa,  
*I am so very sorry for your loss. A loss that sadly can never be filled or replaced. I know your hearts are filled with sadness but, just remember, be thankful for all the time you did have. You are both forever in my thoughts & prayers. Take care of each other! Breathe, smile & remember the good times! Love you both!*  
*Always, Micki*

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**Micki Cameron** - February 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Donald and Lisa,  
*I know how immensely you miss your Dad and friend. You probably will until you are reunited but hopefully, someday, you will remember him with laughter and smiles instead of tears. Remember, that God never leaves you alone in your pain, nor will He ever forget. We are also here for you if you need anything. We love you,*  
*Diana and David Gajewsky*

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**Diana** - February 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Cindy,

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sorry I missed the service. Take care of yourself. We can get together when you're ready.*

*Reta  
438-3833 - Work*

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**reta Hallonquist** - February 07, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Donald and Lisa,

*I so sorry for the loss of Mr. Gray. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family during this time.*

*My Deepest sympathy to all,  
God bless,  
Amy Andrews*

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**Amy Andrews** - February 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Big D, just want you to know I have thought and prayed for you and Lisa everyday the past few months. What you have been through is the ultimate test of strength, courage, and most of all love. My prayers will still be with you in your grief. Love you both.

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**Sandra Smith** - February 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Our hearts and prayers are with you.

*Andy & Sara Bouse*

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**Sara Bouse** - February 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ He has gone to a better place, and with time the pain will heal. Remember that he will always be with you in your harts.

*May God be with you and your family.  
~Dustin*

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**Dustin Sheffield** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Donald and Lisa,  
My thoughts and prayers have been with you and your family throughout the months Mr. Gray has battled this illness that took him away. Always remember nothing can take away the love and memories that will be in your hearts forever.

Love,  
Sherry

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**Sherry Linnett** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ I'm so so sorry to hear about your loss. Cindy, keep in touch. Love u always. April

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**April Bartels** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GU

“ Cindy,

I am at a loss for words Cindy... My heart aches for you and your family.... I have watched you as you prepared for this time and I know how much you loved your Dad.... Please know that you will always be loved - by so many.....

Gordon & Margie Underwood

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**Gordon Underwood** - February 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Donald and Lisa,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Just  
remember is does get better as each day passes and he'll be  
looking down on the two of you for many years to come.

Love you,  
Crissy

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**Crissy Mooney** - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ Even though we are not able to be with you physically, our thoughts  
and prayers are with you at this time of sorrow. We love you both.

Aunt Ellen and Nancy

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**Ellen and Nancy Miller** - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

WF

“ Donald & Lisa,

Please be conforted by knowing that even though Mr. Gray has left  
you physicaly he is watching over you. He has been reunited with  
many loved ones that have passed before him. He will be waiting on  
you at the pearly gates many years from now when your time has  
come to be reunited.

We love you and our thoughts and prayers are with you. God's love  
will keep you strong during this time.

Darrell, Leighan, Brandon & Shelbi Lyn

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**Webb Family** - January 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Lisa & Donald,  
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

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**Sheila Martin** - January 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Donald & Lisa,  
  
I am so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love,  
Kristen

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**Kristen Fink** - January 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ Ruby, Donald, Bryce, Kirk, Cindy and families. Billy was a good cousin to me when we lived across the street from each other on Cartwright Rd. in Stafford. When Uncle Bill and my dad J.D. farmed rice together, Billy would let me ride on the tractor when they cut the rice. We have many memories of all the cousins getting together. Uncle Bill and Billy helped when we built the First Baptist Church in Stafford where I was saved and later years married. Will miss him but what a wonderful Gray reunion we will have one day in heaven. Love all of you and our prayers will go on for you. Yours cousins, Judy, Ronnie, Stephen, & Ashley Odell, Stephanie and Greg Santo

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**Judy Gray Odell** - January 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ *Cindy,  
My condolences to you and your family in the passing of your father.  
Bless you.*

*Ann Buller Schneider*

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**Ann Buller Schneider** - January 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *I'm very sorry for your loss. You're in my thoughts and prayers*

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**Cynthia Milligan** - January 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ *I want you Kirk, Bryce, Cindy and Don and all your families to know  
that I love you and am thinking and praying for you.  
Uncle Billy You Will Be Missed By Many!*

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**Kimberly Spellman** - January 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *You are all in our thoughts and prayers!*

*Grandpa - we love you and will miss you dearly!*

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**Chelsea & Missy** - January 26, 2008 at 12:00 AM