



Dr. Roland William Gray

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On Saturday, October 8, 2018 Dr. Roland William Gray, loving husband and father of three children, passed away at the age of 71. Dr. Gray is preceded in death by his parents William and Margaret Gray. He graduated from Maplewood High School in 1965 and from Vanderbilt University in 1969. Roland received his medical degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis. Dr. Gray was married to Diane Ward for 49 years, raising two sons, Dr. Will Gray (Sylvie) and Dr. Andrew Gray (Rocio Alejo), and a daughter, Camilla. Roland is also survived by six grandchildren and his twin brother, Roger Gray (Sherri). For over twenty years Dr. Gray practiced Pediatrics in Donelson, Tennessee. and went on to train and receive certification in addiction medicine. He focused on physician health issues through the Tennessee Medical Foundation where he served as Medical Director of the Foundation's Physician Health Program for 15 years. He also volunteered as Medical Director at Renewal House, a long term treatment facility for low income women with children. Since 1996 Dr. Gray has served as the volunteer Medical Director of the Davidson County Drug Court and President of the Davidson County Drug Court Support Foundation.

During his career Roland received the following awards and honors; Fellow, American Academy of Pediatrics 1978; Mary Catherine Strobel Award, Nominee, Renewal House 1999, 2014, 2016; Community Resource Center, Volunteer of the Week 1999; Tennessee Volunteer Hero, Council of Community Service 2001; Visiting Professor of Medicine, Universidad San Francisco De Quito, College of Health Sciences 2002; Speaker, White Coat Ceremony, Universidad San Francisco, De Quito, College of Health Sciences 2002; Fellow, American Society of Addiction Medicine 2003; John P. Mulloy, Jr. Community Service Award 2005; Tennessee Department of Health Outstanding Service Award 2015; Tennessee Society of Addiction Medicine Lifetime Achievement Award 2016 and in that same year was selected by the Tennessee Medical Association as its Outstanding Physician of the Year.



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Dr. Gray had many interests, particularly in the areas of Physician Wellness, Prescription Drug abuse, and Pediatrics. His articles were published in numerous journals including “Tennessee Medicine”, “Nashville Medical News”, and the “Tennessee Bar Journal.”

Dr. Gray traveled throughout the world during his professional career, dedicating his time and energies to helping others in need. His life and legacy will always be remembered through his work.

Visitation with the family will be held at St. George’s Episcopal Church, 4715 Harding Pike, Nashville, TN 37205, Friday, October 12th, 2018 from 12 PM until 1:30 PM at which time a Celebration of Life Service will be conducted. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Tennessee Medical Foundation, The Davidson County Drug Court Foundation, Renewal House Nashville or a charity of your choice. Arrangements by Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, A Nashville landmark since 1785 “Where Nashville Comes to Remember”





Events


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Visitation

 **Friday**, October 12, 2018


 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CT

 **St George's Episcopal Church**
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville TN 37205

Celebration of Life Memorial Service


 **Friday**, October 12, 2018

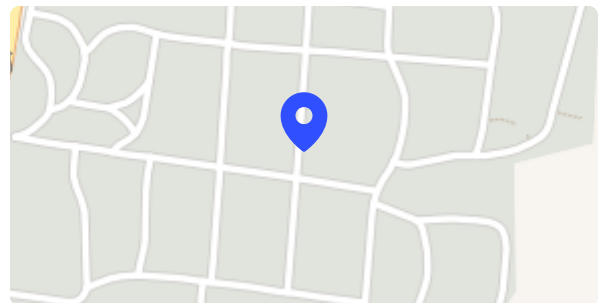
 1:30 PM CT

 **St George's Episcopal Church**
4715 Harding Pike, Nashville TN 37205

Cemetery Details

 **Spring Hill Cemetery**
5110 Gallatin Pike S, Nashville TN 37216

 **615-866-1419**





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PF

Priscilla A. Frase posted:

I am a better person and physician for having known Dr. Gray. Even when I did not necessarily agree with him, his caring, understanding demeanor let me know he had my best interest at heart. So thankfully I listened. I am blessed to have known him. Prayers for Dianne and family. Please know I will help carry on his legacy in my own interactions with those suffering from addiction.

November 2 at 4:23 PM

RB

Rip Beazley posted:

Roland always had a smile on his face and gave me a big hug whenever I would see him. I describe him as Genuine and a gentleman. God Bless

October 11 at 9:37 AM

JB

Jeanne Breard sent a Guiding Light Bouquet to the Gray family.



October 11 at 6:36 AM

BD

Brenda Williams-Denbo posted:

I met Dr. Gray in the 1990s while working with the Tennessee Medical Association, and was delighted to continue working with him and getting to know him better when I joined the TMF staff in 2014. What a kind, gentle, and knowledgeable man and doctor! As medical director, he displayed compassion combined with honesty and pragmatism with our participants – exactly what was needed as they were guided along the path of recovery. He was missed in our offices when he retired, and will be deeply missed all the more now. My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you grieve and remember him.--Brenda Williams-Denbo

October 9 at 6:17 AM

BD

Brenda Williams-Denbo posted:

You are all in my thoughts and prayers -- Dr. Gray was already missed in our office and he will be forever missed in our lives. Please let me know what I can do to help.

October 9 at 6:03 AM



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Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Gray family.



October 9 at 5:47 AM



Linda Russell posted:

Praying for your family. Your classmate, Linda Russell

October 8 at 12:20 PM



Tracy Iverson posted:

Dear Mrs. Gray and Family, I only met Dr. Gray on a couple occasions but I felt as if I knew him better than that might suggest. Camilla would tear up on occasion when she spoke of him and what he did for her and meant to your family. So many personal stories...some funny, some sad, but all graced by someone she adored as all she could want in or expect from a loving father. I was humbled to read a periodical upon his retirement earlier this year and the testimonials from a few of the people he had helped and worked with. The difference he made in the lives of so many as a healthcare professional was beyond value and was a gift he gave willingly time and again. No one could be a finer example of living the Serenity Prayer. It amplified what he meant to anyone and everyone he touched and cared for. He was a great, great man and has deservedly moved on to God's kingdom forever and ever. At this difficult time, I pray for peace from God for each of you. And that you will take comfort from knowing of those he gave so much to and the stories they may tell. Many already known to you and perhaps others still to be shared. God Bless Roland Gray and each of you. Your Friend Now and Always, Tracy Iverson

October 8 at 8:21 AM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Gray family.



October 8 at 6:43 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Gray family.



October 8 at 4:45 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Roland by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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