



Dr. Karl D. Gray Sr.

March 14, 1957 - July 19, 2019

Karl D. Gray Sr. transitioned from this world to the next, on July 19, 2019 in New Haven, CT. Born the fourth child of seven siblings, Dr. Gray was gifted to parents Walter L. Gray of Everette, NC and Martha L. Jones of Greenville, NC.

Dr. Gray would later move to New Haven, CT where he would begin working for Connecticut Mental Health as a Food Services maintainer in 1981. Its here that he would meet and eventually marry wife Willa M. Gray—joining together in matrimony on June 15th 1985. The couple would go on to give birth to two children, daughter, Catherine L. Gray and son, Karl D. Gray Jr. He would continue working for Connecticut Mental Health until his retirement in 1998. Having acquiesced an affinity for learning early on—Dr. Gray would display his diligence and hard working nature throughout the course of his life. During the course of his studies, biblical and otherwise, Dr. Gray received his Associates Degree in General Studies from Gateway Community College, and would continue to explore his aspiration in communication and radio—later receiving certification from the Connecticut Broadcasting School.

In Dr. Gray's crusade to serve the Divine and his community—he remained steadfast in his pursuit. His path lead him to use his mind and spirit to serve the Lord. Dr. Gray would continue his journey as a consummate scholar in various theological studies; first having received his bachelors and eventually his Master's degree in both the discipline of Biblical Studies and Theology. He would later on follow up eventually earning his Doctorate degree in Divinity

from accredited bible school "His Divine Fellowship" Bible college.

Dr. Gray would continue to use his abilities to connect with people and spread the word of God via community outreach and service, as well as, mentorship to people newly entering into the faith. Contributing countless hours to fundraising, community outreaching and spreading his appreciation for the word of God, he would continue this work up until his sunset.

Dr. Karl D. Gray Sr. is survived by wife of 34 years, Willa M. Gray of New Haven, CT; Son, Karl D. Gray Jr., of New Haven, CT and daughters Catherine L. Gray of New Haven, CT and Ashley Gray-Reed of New Haven, CT. He is also survived by remaining siblings Joel Gray, Dewey E. Durette, Gwendolyn Gray, and Sophia Gray. Dr. Gray leaves behind four grandchildren: Jason Toney, Ashton Toney, Lenece Towns and A'dyn Reed, as well as, a host of nieces and nephews and family members in the Lord.

He is predeceased by father, Walter L. Gray, older brother: Walter G. Gray and older sister Sandra Gray. May He rest in peace.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McClam Funeral Home Chapel
95 Dixwell Ave
New Haven, CT 06511

Service

AUG 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Karl D. Gray Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 06:14 AM



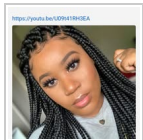
“ *I love you daddy* ❤️

Ashley James - October 07, 2021 at 09:12 AM

DA

hi, i'm trying to reach the family of Karl Gray. I got an life insurance letter in my whalley ave post box saying they owe you a check and want to get this into the families hands.

david - October 14, 2022 at 12:00 PM



“ *I love you Daddy* ❤️

Latasha Grant - October 24, 2020 at 09:02 PM



“ I often times find myself reading old messages,listening to old voicemails(i don't want to forget your voice), Calling your phone hoping that you will pick up or doing as i am now and writing to you. There is a bird that sits in my yard every day. I am sure it is the same one. It is never afraid when i get close to it; it remains. I know that your are okay now. You're not confined to your sickly body anymore and i am thankful for that but the selfish part of me just wants you back! You know A'Dyn speaks to the deceased. She has always been sensitive in that way. Sometimes i hear her speak to you or offering you food and drinks and I don't interrupt even though it's hard... unbearable to listen too... Anyway, Daddy, I miss you so so so much! words can never express how much I do. But Sleep on Brother Gray You have earned and you deserve your rest. I love you Daddy!

Ashley Gray - June 11, 2020 at 11:44 AM



“ Almost a year already! Time has surely whizzed on by...

Ashley Gray - May 27, 2020 at 09:38 AM



“ Ashley James lit a candle in memory of Dr. Karl D. Gray Sr.



Ashley James - December 12, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ ❤️ nothing changed but the date!

Ashley James - December 12, 2019 at 09:47 AM

 Carl McGill

“ *I just learned my childhood friend Karl passed! My condolences to his family and our friends! RIP Karl! We met at Conte School in New Haven many years ago, and we communicated as adults on social media. RIP my brother!*

Carl McGill - November 23, 2019 at 02:44 AM



“  *thinking about you... but that's nothing new! I love you 5eva*


Ashley James - October 04, 2019 at 08:03 AM



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Ashley James - August 22, 2019 at 07:01 AM



“ *Daddy, remembering our last weeks together. I miss you so much! Yesterday was my first “normal” day (whatever that is, right?) Some days are easier than others. This is by far the hardest pill I have had to try and swallow to date. Still so unreal to me. Anyway ending this post but never my love *

Ashley James - August 07, 2019 at 07:36 PM

 EH

“ *The Family Of Dr. Karl Gray
Condolences and prayers are with you in the loss of your husband,
father as God continue to give you peace and comfort in the
passing of your love one.
Evg Gloria Hicks-Harris*

Evg Gloria Hicks-Harris - August 07, 2019 at 02:01 PM

RC

“ Dr. Karl Gray was an awesome man of God. We had the pleasure of having him as a student at the Christian Leadership Bible College. He loved the word of God. He will be deeply missed. On behalf of the Christian Leadership Bible College, we send our love and condolences to the family. May God's love comfort you during this difficult time.

Thoughts and Prayers,

*Bishop W. Vance, Sr. - Chancellor
Rev. Dr. Kim L. Cotten, President*

Rev. Kim Cotten - July 31, 2019 at 07:59 PM

K.

“ My spirit is still the 5 year old who "you couldn't put your hand by your side with out me trying 2 hold. Love you 4ever Popz.

*Sincerely,
Your Only Son*

K.GJr - July 31, 2019 at 09:10 AM

CG

“ I love you daddy I know you proud of me. Be my angel now and guard my Steps so that you can continue to be proud of me I love you daddy

Catherine Gray - July 31, 2019 at 07:55 AM

CG

“ I love you daddy I know you proud of me. In so many ways I'm your twin. I use to hate being told you act just like you father but it's ok if I do now. Last words you said was you were proud of me and I needed that. I still say I love you every morning cause I know you can hear me. Be my angel now and guard my steps so that you can continue to be proud of me. I love you daddy.

Catherine Gray - July 31, 2019 at 07:53 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Karl D. Gray Sr..



July 30, 2019 at 08:06 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. Karl D. Gray Sr..



July 30, 2019 at 08:02 PM

DB

“ You have always been my brother from the day we met. There are so many joyful memories of our friendship growing up. You always brought some laughter into my life. We had a friendship bond nothing or no one could brake even when I was on the other side of the world you were still my brother. I won't say goodbye because I know you are moving to a new place. I pray that I will see you when I get there. Love you my brother- Doug.

Doug Billups - July 30, 2019 at 05:49 PM

FV

“ Our family will miss you dearly. You were our big brother and will always be remembered in our hearts and minds. We will never forget you my brother another jewel will added to gods crown. We loved you so deeply and hate to let you go, but god loved you best. God has that special place for you in heaven. Gone but not forgotten until we meet again. With a heavy heart your family.



Batchelors Vaughns, and the Langley Families

Frenchie vaughn - July 29, 2019 at 04:30 PM



“ To the family of Karl Gray,
Karl was a wonderful man that I had the pleasure of knowing through our studies at Gateway Community College. Always kind and a great person to be around. May God send his angels down to comfort you during this time.

Dr. Jackie Grant-West Haven, CT.

Jackie Grant - July 29, 2019 at 03:00 PM

AG

“ Seeing this just made it “real.” I still don’t want to accept it. I love you daddy -Forever ❤️

ashley Gray - July 29, 2019 at 01:24 PM