



Thomas Daniel Gray

July 11, 1956 - March 12, 2022

On March 12, 2022, Thomas Daniel Gray, "TD" was called to live with his Heavenly Father. Tommy as he was called by his family, was born to Florene Gray and Thomas Davis in Norfolk, VA on July 11, 1956, who proceed him in death.

Thomas was a graduate of Granby High School and shortly after joined the United States Army. He served for eight years and did a tour in Germany. With an honorable discharge, he returned to the states. Thomas was then employed by the Norfolk Naval Shipyard until his retirement in 2019.

He was married to Barbara Johnson-Gray and to this union two children were born, Taylor and Tyler. He loved his children and would always say how proud he was of them. His favorite pastimes were cooking, fishing, and mentoring young men whether it be on the football field or in church.

Thomas enjoyed his fellowship at the Historic First Baptist Church, Bute Street, where he was a licensed minister, sang in the Voices of Unity, volunteered at soup kitchen, taught Vacation Bible School, Men's Ministry and served until 2009. He continued to serve and minister in his community and returned to his home church, New Calvary.

His favorite ministry, however, was on the football field at any level. He was a

die-heart “Washington Redskins” fan always sporting the gear. On Sundays, you would find him cheering them on win or lose and even attending their open fan day during preseason training. Thomas coached rec league, high school, and volunteered at Hampton University where he was able to encourage and uplift the young men who took the field. After his retirement, he carried those mentoring skills to the fishing piers and adopted a few “nephews” and made friends as well.

Thomas leaves behind his two children, Taylor and Tyler; God children Michael L. McCall Jr., Ravyn Hues, and Malik Thomas; special cousins Denise Gray, Pamela Vaughn, Patricia Ann Weaver, Aubrey Gray, and Billy Floyd; Godmother Shirley Gray; and army mates, fishing buddies, coworkers, and so many friends.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAR 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

J. T. Fisher Funeral Services Chapel
1248 N. George Washington Hwy
Chesapeake, VA

Tribute Wall

DC

“ I’ve been off Facebook a while and had no idea Reverend Gray had passed! My late Husband, James and I belonged to First Baptist Bute St. Absent from the body is to be present with the Lord! Continue to rest!

Deborah Carr - October 05, 2022 at 02:12 PM

LS

“ My condolences. He was a NNSY colleague.

Lamont Simmons - March 19, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas Daniel Gray.



March 17, 2022 at 09:50 PM

GU

“ RIP Thomas...Gone but NEVER forgotten!!! I remember over 20 years ago when we met, Fishing days to be remembered! Skin fans from the heart! Rest easy and keep watching over us all that knew you! I'll keep up the fishing for you! Gigi Scarborough Umozurike...

Gigi Scarborough Umozurike - March 17, 2022 at 09:33 PM

JL

“ *Condolences to the family. Met him when I worked at NNSY. Always an encourager, helping you to see the brighter side of things. Be encouraged to know that he indeed left a legacy.
Rest my friend.
Johnny Lewis*

Johnny Lewis - March 17, 2022 at 08:20 PM

DN

“ *I'm so very, very sad to hear this news. I learned from Thomas, then worked with him when I was assigned to Code 900P.2 at the Shipyard, before we became Code 900S. I considered him a friend and my Mentor. Rest In Eternal Peace. And may God comfort Thomas's family at this very sad time.*

David E Novak - March 17, 2022 at 03:21 PM

MH

“ *To my laid-back and funny neighbor, you are exceedingly missed. My niece and I will forever remember our relaxing summer night discussions on the front porch, fanning off mosquitoes. You've left a great impression upon us, and we will surely miss those yummy crab boils. No doubt you'll be fishing in heaven. Rest on, my brother; you've earned it.*

Micherri Tabb & Zafirah "Zee" Hardy - March 16, 2022 at 06:52 AM