



## Wilbur Gray Sr.

July 21, 1943 - June 13, 2016

Wilbur Gray, Sr. was born in Norfolk County on July 21, 1943 to Andrew H. Gray, Sr. and Catherine Benson-Gray. At 5 years of age the family moved to Queen City, Virginia Beach, Virginia, an area that would remain a lifetime love for Wilbur. Another almost lifetime love for Wilbur was his love for his soul-mate, Deloris Gregory-Gray. Wilbur and Deloris knew each other for most of their lives and were united in marriage just a couple of months short of 53 years.

Wilbur was a graduate of Crestwood High School. He was certified as a security officer and for several years worked in security for Tidewater Community College. Wilbur retired from the City of Chesapeake in 2004. Wilbur's confession of faith was made in his youth at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Virginia. In 1976 Wilbur united with New Hope Baptist Church, Chesapeake, Virginia. In 1990, Wilbur was ordained as a deacon at New Hope. At New Hope Wilbur proudly served as an armor bearer for the late Pastor Foster. Wilbur loved to serve the church through the kitchen committee, choirs, Feed My Sheep Ministry, Generation Praise, security, great supporter for all youth activities, telephone

communicator with the home-bound and grieving and wholeheartedly served on the search committee for the selection of Pastor Sammie Logan III. Wilbur was truly a family man. Not only did he rear his children, but many of his in-laws and family members and at least thirty children who at some time lived in his home. So many were clothed, fed and loved by Wilbur and his wife. There was never a fee and everyone was treated the same including the long lectures that everyone dreaded from Wilbur when the rules were broken. To so many Wilbur was "Dad", "Dad Gray", "Old Man", "Uncle", "Stick Man", "Dea", and "Cosby". The annual Gray family reunions were a joy of Wilbur's life and anyone who wanted to travel was welcome and officially became an adopted member of the Gray family.

Wilbur was the little league coach most often for the team that seemed to have the least potential, but often he and his team surprised the competition. Wilbur's support for the underdog often seemed to extend to his favorite team, the Washington Redskins, but win or lose Wilbur was loyal with his support of the REDSKINS. Wilbur was blessed to have been the birth father of four children: Wilbur, Jr. (deceased) . (Chinell), Tracey, Tonia and Tiffany (deceased); grandchildren: Eugene, Chynell, and Wilma; great grandchildren: Noah, Tiffany, Kayden, Trinity, and Tori; brothers: Andrew H. Gray (Dorothy), William T. Gray, Marvin A. Gray, and Alvin Gray; sister: Nelda Gray-Sims; brothers in-law: Sylvester Gregory, Floyd Gregory, Wayne Gregory, Donald Gregory(Lori), Timothy Gregory; sisters in-law: Vivian Dixon, Joyce Hood and Debra Lewis; host of nieces, nephews, cousins, adopted children, friends and god-children: Jonathan, Cydney Joyce, Christina and Christian.

# Cemetery Details

## Roosevelt Memorial Park

1101 Campostella Road  
Chesapeake, Va

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 16.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

**JUN 17.** 1:00 PM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church (St. Julian Creek)  
1317 Gust Lane  
Chesapeake, VA

# Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Wilbur Gray Sr.



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**J. T. Fisher Funeral Services** - June 16, 2016 at 02:40 PM

MF

*To the Gray family,  
While surfing the internet, I discovered this sad announcement re: the death of Wilbur. I would be re-missed, if I did not extend my deepest condolences to the family.  
May God bless, strengthen and keep you. Selah.  
Ray, Sara Kimble & family  
Trenton, NJ  
(Queen City cuz & childhood friend 4ever)*

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**Morris Ray Kimble & family** - October 19, 2016 at 02:30 AM

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**Tina Gregory** - June 17, 2016 at 07:47 PM

KT

“ Katrina and James Trest purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Wilbur Gray Sr..



Katrina and James Trest - June 17, 2016 at 07:37 AM



“ Fruit Abounds was purchased for the family of Wilbur Gray Sr..



June 16, 2016 at 11:32 PM

KP

“ You were more than just an uncle to me. You were the grandfather that I never had. You will live in our hearts forever



Kasandra Paulemon - June 16, 2016 at 10:38 PM

KP

“ You were more than an uncle to me. You were the grandfather that I never had. You will forever live in my heart.



Kasandra Paulemon - June 16, 2016 at 10:23 PM

YG

“ Rest easy Uncle Wilbur. We will always missed you and you will be in our hearts. I will never forgot those long car rides from school.



yvette gregory - June 15, 2016 at 07:22 PM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - June 15, 2016 at 05:18 PM

WS

“ We don't know the day nor the hour when the Lord will call us home. Therefore, we need to make preparation for "that day." Wilbur did that a long time ago. As a brother, I thank God for the time He gave me with my brother and the fruitful life he lived with Delois, his children, grandchildren, family, and friends. He has left a legacy that we can all cherish. He will be missed here on earth; but, I know that I will see him again in heaven. I pray that the Lord will provide Delois, Tracy, Tonia, and the rest of his family the strength they need now and in the days to come as we prepare to celebrate a life lived well.

*His brother,*

*William T. Gray, Sr.  
Chesterfield, MO*

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**William T. Gray, Sr.** - June 15, 2016 at 12:36 PM

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“ Tina Gregory lit a candle in memory of Wilbur Gray Sr.



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**Tina Gregory** - June 14, 2016 at 09:48 PM