



## Steven Gray

April 28, 1987 - September 26, 2012

Steven William Gray passed away peacefully on Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at his residence in Prairieville, LA. Steven was born on April 28, 1987 in Minot, ND. Twenty-four days later he became God's forever very special gift to Richard and Lucia Gray of Bismarck, ND. Steven grew up in Bismarck, ND and attended St. Mary's Grade School, Wachter Junior High School and graduated from Bismarck High School in 2006. In April 2007 he moved to Louisiana. Throughout Steven's later years he was impacted by a number of people who helped him learn and grow as a man. Two very special men, Ashok Gowsami and Shyam Choudhary, the CEO and CFO of the Institute of Building Technology and Safety in Virginia, mentored, encouraged and assisted Steven in obtaining his certifications as a Certified Residential Building Code Inspector. As a Building Inspector, another special person, Geoff Large of Florida and Terrebonne Parish, played a major role in teaching and mentoring Steven as did five other special friends, Elton Noland, Robert Noland, Tommy Lajaunie, Jim Richard and Mark Harrell, all of Louisiana. Steven worked for the Institute of Building Technology and Safety in Houma from 2008-2009, and the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness from 2009-2010. Steven enjoyed many things in life such as camping, computers, psychology, soccer, boating and fishing, photography, video games and mardi gras parades. He also enjoyed riding motorcycles and taking trips with his dad. Steven is survived by his parents, Richard and Lucia Gray of Prairieville; paternal grandmother, Eleanor Gray of

Woodbridge, VA; a brother, Brad Berlin of Portland, OR; seventeen aunts and uncles; thirty-three cousins and five special life-long friends, Cole Stevens, Rob Snyder and Danny Garceau of North Dakota, Richard Kimball of Louisiana and Erin Frey of Pennsylvania. Preceding Steven in death were his paternal grandfather, Cdr. William J. Gray of Fairfax Station, VA and maternal grandparents, Wendell and Elizabeth Kambeitz of Napoleon, ND. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Memorial Mass at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Prairieville, LA on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 11:00 a.m., with visiting hours beginning at 9:00 a.m. Fr. Eric Gyan will celebrate the Mass. Condolences and other information are available online at [www.thompsoncares.com](http://www.thompsoncares.com).