



Steven William 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.

Tribute Wall



“ I knew Steven as one of the rare people that you liked straight away... big smile, warm heart. His life was too short. My hugs, prayers and tears are with you.##imported-begin##Danielle Masseth Duppong##imported-end##

October 25, 2012 at 09:23 AM



“ Rich & Luci,

I was heartsick to hear of Steven's death. Eric and I could not believe it. We talked about the grade school years and the sleep overs at your house here in Bismarck. Such good memories!!

My heart aches and tears well up in my eyes just thinking of the pain and loss you are going through right now. Nobody should lose their child.

Take care of each other##imported-begin##Peggy Carufel##imported-end##

October 07, 2012 at 06:57 PM



“ we cannot imagine the remendous heartbreak you are going through now. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take care.##imported-begin##corinne and stu davis##imported-end##

October 06, 2012 at 11:33 AM



“ *Rich and Lucy,
We were both saddened to hear about the loss of your son. We can't imagine the pain. We pray that God provides you with comfort and gives you both the strength to let the precious memory of his life outweigh the sorrow of his passing. Sending love. Tom and Carrie*###imported-begin##Tom and Carrie Becker###imported-end##

October 06, 2012 at 10:55 AM



“ *You Have my deepest sympathy, Lucy and Rich. If you ever need to talk just call!*###imported-begin##Zach Neigum###imported-end##

October 05, 2012 at 08:17 PM



“ *Rich You have my deepest sympathies on the unfortunate passing of your son Steven. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*###imported-begin##Derek Galose###imported-end##

October 05, 2012 at 01:47 PM



“ *My sympathies and prayers at the loss of Steven. We used to drive him to school at St. Mary's Grade School in Bismarck. I remember Steven as a quiet kid with a big smile. He will be missed.*

*Gary VerDouw
Saint Peters, MO*###imported-begin##Gary VerDouw###imported-end##

October 05, 2012 at 11:08 AM



“ *Richard and Lucia,*

I am very sorry to learn of Steven's passing. I always enjoyed my mom picking him up for school on many days growing up. You were always a nice family. My prayers are with you all during this time and my mom and brother are thinking about you and praying for you as well.

Brian VerDouw

Bismarck, ND##imported-begin##Brian VerDouw##imported-end##

October 05, 2012 at 11:06 AM



“ *Please know that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. 2 Corinthians 5:8.*

Also Psalms 23:4 Even though I walk thru the Shadow of Death I will fear no evil your Rod and your Staff they Comfort Me.

Sincerely,

Natalie##imported-begin##Natalie Carlis##imported-end##

October 05, 2012 at 09:22 AM



“ *We were so sorry to hear about the loss of your son, Steven. We always commented what a good looking kid he was. You have been in our thoughts and prayers. Wish there was something else we could do to ease your pain.##imported-begin##Darrell and Danita Bitz##imported-end##*

October 05, 2012 at 12:01 AM



“ *Luci, Rich & Family;*
What Steven suffered, he told but few, he never deserved what he went through. He left so suddenly, his thoughts unknown, bur he left family and friends with a memory we are proud to of known. You are in our prayers.
Chmielewski Family (Bismarck, ND)##imported-begin##Dale & Kathy Chmielewski##imported-end##

October 04, 2012 at 04:39 PM



“ *I am very sorry for your loss. This must be a very difficult time. Please take comfort from the Bible's message that we will be reunited with our loved ones again one day. (John 5:28-29)*

Until that time, please remember that Jehovah God will comfort you and strengthen you during this very difficult time. (Psalm 83:18)

(Philippians 4:6, 7) Do not be anxious over anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication along with thanksgiving let YOUR petitions be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God that excels all thought will guard YOUR hearts and YOUR mental powers by means of Christ Jesus.

~Diana##imported-begin##Diana Jones##imported-end##

October 04, 2012 at 01:07 PM



“ *Rich,*
My deepest sympathy goes out to you and Lucia. I will continue to pray for the two of you!

Jermyn G. Bell##imported-begin##Jermyn Bell##imported-end##

October 04, 2012 at 11:42 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss, I remember working with Steven at the Bismarck Elks, he was always very friendly to me. My prayers are with your family at this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Gail Bahe##imported-end##

October 04, 2012 at 11:21 AM



“ Rich and Lucy our hearts break for you at this time. I remember being there when you first brought Steven home and how happy you both were. We all had so many good times at your home and cherish those memories.
Please keep us informed of the plans for his service in Bismarck and let us know if you need anything.##imported-begin##Toni Sokoloski-Zainhofsky##imported-end##

October 04, 2012 at 10:12 AM



“ Rich and Lucy, every time I think of Steven I smile!! His blue eyes always sparkling and that smile with those dimples....melted everyones heart!!! Our sympathy to you and your family! This is the saddest day##imported-begin##Margaret peluso##imported-end##

October 04, 2012 at 09:42 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to you both. Nothing is worse then losing a child. My thoughts and prayers will be with you as you go through each and every day missing him.
God made a magnificent thing when he created MEMORIES. Hold on to those tightly. And talk about him often to eachother.##imported-begin##Natalie Watson##imported-end##

October 04, 2012 at 08:55 AM



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October 03, 2012 at 09:51 PM



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October 03, 2012 at 02:51 PM



“ Steven was such a great guy. He always had a smile on his face. I enjoyed the time I had with Steve working with him at TPCG. Steve will forever live on in our hearts and memory. To his Mother and Father, I'm so very sorry for this great loss!##imported-begin##Camilla Brown##imported-end##

October 03, 2012 at 12:56 PM



“ Richard and Lucy,

What a beautiful recollection of Steven's all too short life.

Love,

Jean##imported-begin##Jean Gray##imported-end##

October 03, 2012 at 11:13 AM



“ ##imported-begin##Jackie Mason##imported-end##

October 01, 2012 at 10:18 PM



“ Steve was a great young man. I will never forget the times we spent in middle school, when Steve was the first guy I knew with his license and we would always go for drives and hangout. I will be praying and thinking about you Steve.

Until we meet again take care and be at rest,

Thomas Wagner##imported-begin##Thomas Wagner##imported-end##

October 01, 2012 at 04:32 PM



“ Rich,
My deepest condolences to you and your family. My heart aches for you. No parent should have to experience the loss of a child. You and your family will remain in my thoughts and prayers.

Blessings,

Janel##imported-begin##Janel Young##imported-end##

October 01, 2012 at 01:22 PM



“ Rich and Lucy...
Words cannot describe the depth of my sympathies. The level of mourning you are going through is unfathomable. Your faith, your family and your friends will be your crutch to get through this difficult time. Much Love and Hugs to both of you.

Lisa##imported-begin##Lisa Lester Bergeron##imported-end##

October 01, 2012 at 12:27 PM



“ Rich,

I never met Steven, but I have worked with Rich for years. I know Rich loved Steven very much and tried to do everything in the world to be there for him. The Gray family is in my prayers!!!##imported-begin##Ray Rodriguez##imported-end##

October 01, 2012 at 12:26 PM