A Loving Farewell.....

Mr. James L. "Jimmy" Gray, Sr., son of the late Lawrence (Lowell) and Alberta (Lucille) Gray was born October 4, 1945, in Washington, DC. He attended the public schools of Prince George's County, graduating from Frederick Douglas High School, in Upper Marlboro, Maryland. Jimmy furthered his education at Morgan State University, graduating in 1966. He worked for the U.S. Government from 1966, retiring from the Department of Interior in 2000.

Jimmy was united in holy matrimony to his high school sweetheart Roberta in June of 1966. This union was blessed with three children, Karen, James Jr. (Jimbo), and Mark Gray. He was a devoted husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

Jimmy was a loving and devoted husband and father who took care to ensure that his family came first in everything he did. In addition to ensuring that Roberta's wants and needs were well taken care of, he was adamant about providing the best education for his children and ensured they were actively engaged in sports and other academic endeavors. Even family vacations were focused on being fun filled for all as well as a learning experience for his children.

If one thought Jimmy was a loving and devoted father to his children, it became even more so when his beloved six grandchildren and two great-granddaughters arrived. There wasn't anything he wouldn't do for them. He loved reliving stories of the many activities they participated in together. He looked for any excuse to buy them toys and trinkets that they would "love". Jimmy unfailingly attended and participated in every Grandparents Day observance at their schools and was always on hand to "chauffer" them whenever and wherever they wanted to go. For them, he was even willing to share his ice cream (something he did not usually do willingly!).

Jimmy was an avid coin collector. He was an active member of the Bowie Coin Club and participated in many trade shows, often taking his grandchildren along for a learning experience. In addition, some of his other favorite past-times included metal detecting, visiting various thrift stores and garage sales. He would always find a treasure somewhere. He truly lived an adventurous, fruitful and happy life.

He will forever be cherished in the heart of his wife: Roberta, daughter Karen, sons James (Audra), Mark (Christine), grandchildren "AJ" Whitehead (Santa), Spencer Ross, Jr., Ryan, Alesha, Olivia, James Gray III and his great-granddaughters Brielle Gray and Ashley Whitehead. He also leaves to mourn his loss, his brother Francis Gray and a host of devoted inlaws, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Order of Worship

Opening Hymn...I Have Loved YouAmy Lloyd

Opening PrayerFather Rudy Salinas

First ReadingOlivia N. Gray
A reading from the book of Wisdom 3:1-9

Responsorial PsalmPsalm 25:
To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul

Second ReadingRyan D. Gray
A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans 14:7-12

Gospel
Homily
Liturgy of the Eucharist
Communion of the Faithful

Closing Prayers & Blessing.......Father Rudy Salinas

Recessional Hymn...Amazing Grace.....Amy Lloyd

Offertory Hymn.....Be Not Afraid......Amy Lloyd



IntermentResurrection Cemetery

Pall Bearers

Gregory S. (Steve) Proctor, Jr. David N. Proctor, Sr Charles R. (Chuck) Mason Gregory S. (Trey) Proctor, III David N. (DJ) Proctor, Jr. Troy D. Proctor



Acknowledgement

Jimmy's family would like to express their sincere thanks and appreciation to all of those whose kindness, support and love have comforted them during this time of great bereavement.

There will not be a repast following the ceremony.

Funeral Arrangements Entrusted to: Adams Funeral Home

"Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life."

Revelations 2:10

JAMES L. GRAY, SR. "JIMMY"

October 4, 1945 – February 11, 2023



Mass of Christian Burial Monday, February 27, 2023 11:00a.m. Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church Saint Joseph Center 11704 Duley Station Road Rosaryville, Maryland

Reverend Rodolfo (Rudy) Salinas Officiating