



James "Jim" Lamar Gray

April 28, 1947 - November 3, 2025

Waynesboro, GA – James Lamar Gray, 78, husband of Shirley Fowler Gray entered into rest on Monday, November 3, 2025, at his residence.

Memorial services will be held at Believer's Gospel Chapel on Friday, November 14, 2025, at 11 o'clock, 3565 Peach Orchard Rd. Augusta, GA 30916-5966

Family will receive friends on Friday, November 14, 2025, at 10 o'clock until the hour of the service at Believer's Gospel Chapel.

Mr. Gray, son of the late CMSgt. Elmer H. Gray and the late Adolyn Gray Devall, was born in Meridian, MS. He was a graduate of Mississippi State in Jackson MS; he completed his education career at Sardis Girard Academy. Mr. Gray enjoyed his career as an educator working in South Carolina, Texas, and Georgia; he taught elementary school in South Carolina and Texas. After a move to Waynesboro GA, he became the headmaster at the Burkehaven Christian School. Mr. Gray retired in 2014. In his early years he and his brothers had a reputation of being the best baseball players on the military base while station in Japan in the late 50's. He loved playing the game of baseball, as well as later coaching for the recreation department in Waynesboro. He was gifted with a beautiful tenor voice and sang in a competition quartet while living in Texas. He shared his love of singing with numerous congregations and worship services. Jim also enjoyed spending time counseling at Camp Hope and Camp Sunrise. Jim's greatest pastime was studying the living word of God, he could be found spending hours upon

hours studying and preparing his messages for Sunday morning worship. He also taught Sunday School. He looked forward to fellowshipping with multiple local assemblies in the greater Waynesboro area. "For now we see a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." 1 Cor. 13:12. KJV.

In addition to his parents he preceded in death by his sister Barbara Gray. Mr. Gray is survived by his wife of 50 years; his children, James Lamar Gray Jr. (Amanda) of Denver, PA, Ryan Nelson Gray (Patricia) of Lexington, SC, Andrew Lowell Gray (Lydia) of Macon, GA, and Emily Gray Forehand (Adam) of Sylvania, GA; his grandchildren, Lindsey, Skye, Kelsey, Samantha, Charles, Sadie Kate, Ethan, Addie, and Deacon; his siblings, Glen Gray (Susan) of Duluth, MN, Lester Gray of Diamondhead MS, Robert Gray (Mary) of Huntsville, AL.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Believers Gospel Chapel. 3565 Peach Orchard Rd. Augusta, GA 30916-5966
Chance & Hydrick Funeral Directors, 2502 Richmond Hill Road, Augusta, GA, 30906.

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Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **14**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Reeves West Region Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of James "Jim" Lamar Gray.



Reeves West Region Family - November 11, 2025 at 10:11 AM

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“ Reeves West Region Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Lamar Gray.

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“ Andy & Linda Young planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James "Jim" Lamar Gray.

Andy & Linda Young - November 06, 2025 at 08:01 AM

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“ Andy & Linda Young purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of James "Jim" Lamar Gray.



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