



## Harold Palmer Gray

October 11, 1932 - January 1, 2023

Harold Palmer Gray, 90, of Charlotte, a man greatly respected for his integrity and honor, passed away on Sunday, January 1, 2023. Born in Kawkawlin, Michigan on October 11, 1932, to Glen and Pearl (Jonas) Gray, Harold graduated from Eastern High School in 1950 and married the love of his life, Lauralyn Puffer, in December of 1951. An excellent Tool and Die maker, he crafted his skill over the years as he worked for Oldsmobile, GM, Fisher Body, Demmer Tool & Die, Olofsson's Machine Tools Inc., and Cameron Tool & Die. The Grays spent eight years as Managers of Tecumseh Woods Lutheran Church Camp in Tipton, Michigan. Team One Chevrolet was his most recent employer, retiring from there at the age of 80. A member of Peace Lutheran Church for 30 years, Harold spent lots of time there volunteering for different projects and enjoying time with his church family.

While Harold was a skilled tool and die maker, he was also adept at many other things and a "jack of all trades," which was great since he always liked to be busy. He was very proud of his 1929 Oldsmobile 2-door sedan that he restored. Other activities that kept him busy included woodworking (making jewelry armoires for his girls and toy boxes for all his grandchildren), playing pool, working on plumbing and electrical, and he loved to hunt and enjoyed the outdoors and long bike rides. His sense of humor was very quiet, he had a lifelong affliction with paronomasia (go look it up).

Harold is survived by his wife of 71 years, Lauralyn; his daughters, Jan (Randy) Bruce, Sue (Richie) Johnson, both of Charlotte, and Amy (Stephen) Arneric' of Leander, Texas; six grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Peace Lutheran Church, 830 N. Cochran Ave., Charlotte, Michigan on Friday, January 13, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. with lunch to follow. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Peace Lutheran Church in honor of Harold Gray. Memories of Harold may be shared on his Tribute Page at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com). The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Peace Lutheran Church  
830 North Cochran Avenue  
Charlotte, MI 48813

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall



“ Pray Funeral Home, Inc created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold Palmer Gray



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 13, 2023 at 11:38 AM

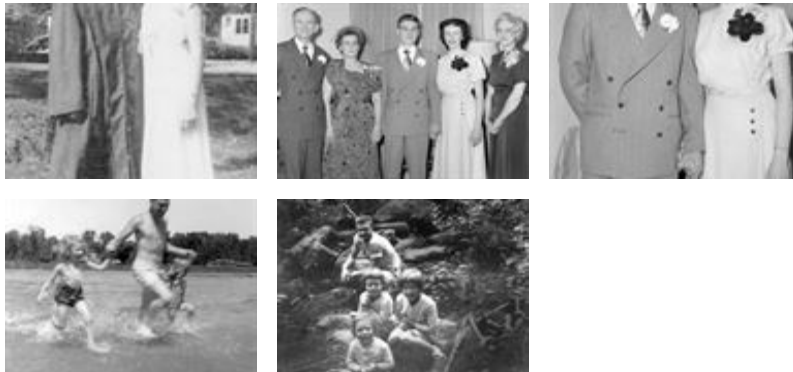


“ This saddens my heart. Harold was a good and faithful servant and will be missed by many.

Denise Hummel - January 13, 2023 at 01:11 PM



“ 30 files added to the album Life Tributes



Pray Funeral Home, Inc. - January 13, 2023 at 11:38 AM

JR

“ I have some great memories of spending time with Uncle Harold. My family would visit Michigan during summer break, and I would stay at their house. I was first introduced to the fabulous combination of homemade pancakes (made by him) and peanut butter by my Uncle Harold. There is no other way to eat them!



One summer vacation included a trip to the upper peninsula and Lake Superior in a minivan/RV. He was insistent that everyone needed to take a dip in the Great Lake, so I waded in, but it was sooooo cold!

Several summers included wild jeep rides on their back 40 acres. He had fun rolling over some deep ruts and making some crazy turns. I held on tight and maybe screamed once or twice.

I was graduating from college, and he and Aunt Lyn had come into town for the celebration. He and I were traveling from my parent's house to the ceremony in my 1976 Pinto, and the air conditioning went out half way there. I think that was when he said that he would never travel to Texas in the summer again. He so loved the cooler weather.

Two years ago, he made the trek to visit my mother/his sister in Nashville. She was struggling with dementia, and I remember watching him as he sat beside her and opened a photo book of pictures from their youth. He was so patient and loving with her. I know that she was moved by him being there with her.

He was a man of slight build, but I always saw him as a man of great strength. There didn't seem to be anything he couldn't build or repair. He was generous with his time and talents. He was fiercely committed to his family, and I felt like I was a part of his especially after my father died. He may have had difficulty hearing later in life, but we had some good conversations over the phone in his final

*years. I am thankful for them, and I am honored that he was my uncle - my favorite one for sure!*

**Jane Roberts** - January 11, 2023 at 08:24 PM

CT

“ *Chris & Tricia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Harold Palmer Gray.*



**Chris & Tricia** - January 11, 2023 at 08:18 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Harold Palmer Gray.*



January 11, 2023 at 07:29 PM

MC

“ *Mike And Becky Curtis lit a candle in memory of Harold Palmer Gray*



**Mike and Becky Curtis** - January 08, 2023 at 02:33 PM

KG

“ *Kathy Geiger lit a candle in memory of Harold Palmer Gray*



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**Kathy Geiger** - January 06, 2023 at 10:46 AM

PG

“ *Patrick Dr. Gadola lit a candle in memory of Harold Palmer Gray*



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**Patrick Dr. Gadola** - January 05, 2023 at 12:11 PM

CB

“ *Chuck Brandon lit a candle in memory of Harold Palmer Gray*



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**Chuck Brandon** - January 03, 2023 at 11:05 AM