



## Gaylon Gray

March 24, 1943 - June 17, 2023

Gaylon Gray, age 80 of Purcell, passed away Saturday, June 17, 2023.

James Gaylon Gray was born at home on the ranch March 24, 1943 in Maysville, Oklahoma, 1 of 4 children born to Eldridge Gray and Mona (Green) Gray. He was raised near Maysville and began school in the Arnold View Community. He learned the value of hard work at a very young age. He graduated from Wayne High School with the Bulldog Class of 1961, and then attended Cameron University in Lawton where he earned an Associates Degree. Gaylon married Nelda Moore in 1963 and from this union they had a daughter, Amy Gray. Gaylon answered the call of service to his country and joined the United States Army during Vietnam. He was stationed in Germany where he was a welder and drove heavy equipment. He and Nelda enjoyed two years there. After the service, he returned home to Oklahoma. He worked as a welder for the Burford Corporation for a few years, but Gaylon's heart was always on the farm. He genuinely loved tractor time, building fence and whatever needed to be done. He married Joell (Hale) Spence on August 13, 1988 in Purcell. He was the proud father of his daughter Amy, and his granddaughter's, Haley and Josie stole his heart. Gaylon was an avid reader and believed he could always learn anything. He read his Bible daily, loved History and anything to do with Agriculture. He served with the McClain County Conservation District for more than 32 years, and appreciated the relationships he built with people during this time. He was a man of great faith and longtime member of Purcell First Baptist Church. He was a wonderful

husband and father, grandfather, uncle and a true friend. He will be dearly missed!

He was preceded in death by: his parents, Robert and Mona Gray; siblings, J.W. and wife Mildred Gray, Bob and wife Wanda, Vivian and husband John Cagle and daughter-in-law, Pepper Spence.

He was survived by: his loving wife Joell Gray of the home; Daughter, Amy Gray and John Mercer of Purcell; his pride and joy, granddaughters, Haley and Josie and step-son, Les Spence of Purcell; several nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends.

Funeral Services are scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Thursday, June 22, 2023, at Purcell First Baptist Church. Viewing Wednesday, 9:00 AM- 7:00 PM. [www.wilsonlittle.com](http://www.wilsonlittle.com).

# Tribute Wall

DL

“ We will remember Gaylon as a neighbor, hard working farmer always with a smile. Know he is in heaven rejoicing and free from earthly pain.

Don and Shirley Ledgerwood - June 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ Gaylon was such a sweetheart & gave the best hugs! He was a cousin & I regret not seeing him more often. I loved him dearly!

Anna (Gray) Miller - June 21, 2023 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Sorry for your loss. He was an important person in his community and home. Prayers

Dale & Nancy Richardson - June 20, 2023 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Gaylon was my first brother-in-law and was the most kind, loving, gentle and hard working man! He always seemed to love our family get togethers at Ninny and Papa Moore's house. I have always considered him family!! Gaylon, I know you are rejoicing in Heaven with loved ones, family and friends!! May you rest in peace!! Until we meet again, I love you!!

Charlotte Weaver - June 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ We loved Gaylon dearly! He was a very good man. He was selfless and always very positive. Very patient and had a heart of gold



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**LeAllen & Bridgette Harper** - June 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Loved Gaylon so much! A cousin and he also taught our High School Sunday School class at Unity Missionary Baptist Church Wayne Ok. He was a great example to many of our youth. He will be missed until our day comes to join him in Heaven!

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**Bonita Brakefield** - June 19, 2023 at 12:00 AM