



## Richard Gray

November 23, 1930 - August 23, 2021

Richard was born in Purcell on November 23, 1930, to Leslie Foster Gray and Louise (Camden) Gray. Richard moved from this life to his next life on Monday, morning August 23, 2021. He was a life-long Dragon, graduating from Purcell High School in 1948. He married the love of his life, Helen Jackson, and their union produced two sons, Richard Camden Gray Jr. and Kurt Lee Gray.

Richard attended the University of Oklahoma and graduated with a Doctorate in Pharmacy. He served his country as a member the U.S. Army Reserves and retired with the rank of Colonel.

Richard and his partner, Joe Krapf owned and operated Kennedy Drug from 1957-1976. Richard and Helen then owned and operated United Drug until their retirement.

Richard and Helen were Dragon and Sooner fans, traveling across Oklahoma to watch their sons and grandsons and across the country to watch the Sooners.

Richard was preceded in death by the love of this life, wife, Helen Gray; his parents, Leslie and Lorene Gray and Joe and Louise Jody. And is survived by two sons, Richard Jr. of Purcell and Kurt and his wife, Susan of Purcell. Three grandsons, Andrew, his wife Erielle and their boys, Sawyer and Owen of Broken Arrow. Mitchell, his wife, Taylor, and their boys, Ledger and Jagger of Purcell. Ethan and his wife Cheyenne of Tulsa, brother Sam Gray his wife

Cindy and their children, brother Tom Gray and his wife Sherri and their children, his brother Phil Jody and his wife Christine and their children, and sister Nancy Loyd and her husband Henry and their children.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 6:00 pm Thursday, August 26 at Wilson-Little Funeral Home in Purcell. Memorial service will be held at 10:00 am Friday, August 27 at First Baptist Church in Purcell, followed by graveside services at Purcell's Hillside Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be made to the Youth Department of Purcell First Baptist Church.

# Tribute Wall

JB

“ I am sorry to hear of Mr. Gray's passing. Unlike many another "big man in town", he showed great kindness to me when almost no one else would ever have seen it and it could not benefit him. He was a model of selfless Christian love and manhood. I will smile when I remember him.

**Jerry Barnett** - September 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ You will be missed so much sir. It was such an honor to have cared for you after knowing you all my life. Rest well. Many prayers to the family in your time of loss, Mr. Gray was a treasure!



**Jenny (Dodds)Thomas** - September 03, 2021 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Such a caring, and giving family. Richard was always patient and willing to teach me new things when I worked at the drug store. Richard showed my family kindness many times. I remember that he loved to laugh. I appreciated his kindness.

**Anita Chadwick Abraham** - August 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ So sorry for your loss.

**Diana Larman** - August 28, 2021 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

**Sally Maynard** - August 27, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ So Sorry for your Loss. 🙏🙏🙏

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**Glenn Boydston** - August 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I'm sad to here the news of the passing of my friend, Richard. He did so much for me, beginning with my training as a Pharmacy Intern at Kennedy Drug Store. He taught me the value of being a caring pharmacist and an astute businessman. He was also instrumental in helping acquire my first assignment in the Army's Medical Service Corps. I will be eternally grateful for Richard's influence in my life. I will truly miss him. My condolences to the family.*

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**Tom Wilhoit** - August 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Blessings to all the Gray's.*

*Harry and Deb*

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**Harry and Deb Wollenberg** - August 25, 2021 at 12:00 AM