



## Howard Russell Gray

May 10, 1944 - December 8, 2010

Howard Russell Gray, 66, of Butler, PA, passed away Wednesday, December 8, 2010 after a long fight with cancer.

He was born May 10, 1944 in Butler, PA, the son of the late Homer and Dorothy (Warner) Gray.

Howard enlisted in the United States Navy in 1962 and served on the USS Independence Aircraft Carrier during the Cuban Missile Crisis and blockade of Russia. He was employed most of his life as a Union Carpenter in Local 922 and was a very gifted welder and fabricator. He was known lovingly by friends as "Home Brew". Howard loved his family and friends and was one of the greatest people to be around. He was also a tough man who taught his sons to work hard. He was very proud of his sons who all became successful because of his teaching. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Victoria (Claypoole) Gray; 3 sons, Homer Gray of Slippery Rock, Daniel Gray of Butler and John Gray of Harrisville; a daughter, Karen Spohn of Butler; 8 grandchildren, Ricky, Samantha, Kash, Alexandra, Cruz, Gaven, Veronica and Chanel; a sister, Dorothy "Sis" Walsh of Butler; and 2 brothers, Richard Gray of Slippery Rock and John Gray of Butler.

He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 brothers, Tom & Jim Gray.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 1PM at Rider Lutheran Church, 189 Rider Church Rd., West Sunbury with Dennis Hindman officiating. A luncheon will follow the service at the church hall.

# Tribute Wall



“ *to the gray family so sorry for your loss he will be missed!  
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hogue###imported-end##*

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December 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Homer, John and Dan.....you are all in our thoughts and prayers at  
this time...Our sympathies go out to all of your families ...God  
Bless!###imported-begin###Kelli and Nichole###imported-end##*

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“ *Vickie and family,  
You have our sympathy and prayers in the loss of your loved one.  
Having just losing DAD, I know the pain and sorrow you are  
enduring at this very difficult time. Have comfort knowing he is now  
in the arms of the angels looking over all of you. May he now rest in  
peace.  
George & Betty Savannah  
Butler ,Pa###imported-begin###George & Betty (Wilson)  
Savannah###imported-end##*

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“ Victoria, Homer, Dan, Johnny & Karen,

*I am so very sorry for your great loss. Howard had been "one of my buddies" for many of years and was loved by a lot of people. He will be sadly missed. God bless all of you.*

*"Fear not, for I rest within the arms of the Angels now"  
God Bless Howard "Home Brew" Gray*

*My Deepest sympathy,  
Connie Matthews LeGrand##imported-begin##Connie  
LeGrand##imported-end##*

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“ *Sending prayers and love your way.##imported-begin##Trent and  
Dawn Moore##imported-end##*

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“ *Howard was a very special person and will be sadly missed by our  
family. We think of him every day and cherish the  
memories.##imported-begin##J.W.##imported-end##*

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“ Dear Gray Family,  
I read about the loss of your loved one “ Howard ”. I know there is little that can be said at this time that will make the pain go away. I read a brochure on Hope for our loved ones that have died. It has comforting words from the Bible. The url address is

[http://www.watchtower.org/e/we/article\\_00.htm](http://www.watchtower.org/e/we/article_00.htm)

I hope that this brings you and your family some comfort. If I can be of any further help please feel free to write me.

Sincerely

Daniel Harrington##imported-begin##Daniel Harrington##imported-end##

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“ To The Gray Family,  
I will never forget the 1st time I met Howard when he was duck hunting up at Geneva swamp. He made me laugh so hard when he came into catch some suds where I worked. He tried his hardest to teach me to do the city boy blues as I slapped my knees with my hands I had no rythem at all. We laughed so hard that day and became good friends from there on out. I am so very sorry for your loss. But please remember the great times you had with him and do remember you will join again in the Heavens above where he is building your FAMILY home in the most beautiful place you could ever be. May you let GOD hold your hand and walk you to a place where he will help mend your heart.##imported-begin##Brenda & Bill McConnell##imported-end##

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