

Robert Elwood Gray

May 14, 1939 - March 22, 2014

Robert Elwood Gray, family man, Marine, Mason, woodworker, and motorcycle enthusiast passed away on Saturday, March 22, 2014.

Born in Philadelphia, Bob grew up on Main Street in Spring City, PA and was part of the Spring-Ford Class of 1957. He was a three-letterman, who was particularly interested in Basketball. Bob's classmates noted his flashy clothes and serious expression. Looking back at his 74 years, they were right that his industriousness would spell achievement for him. He became a Tool and Die Maker like his grandfather, Elwood Krier. Bob loved working in tenths. This was his ability to machine metal to a precision of 0.0001 inches. After Retirement, Bob continued his love of making things with his own business, Bunk Beds Plus. After 16 years, Bunk Bed Bob was proud to say his handmade beds were up and down the East Coast. One Serviceman even took his little girl's bed all the way to Turkey.

Bob's family was the most important thing to him. He was the only son of the late Alfred Lee and Ruth Ellen (Krier) Gray. Ellen always said he was her best Mother's Day gift and that he broke the mold! Bob is survived by his wife of 34 years Holly Jean (Hoss) Gray and he loved to joke that he robbed the cradle. Bob and Holly renewed their wedding vows for their 30th Anniversary and took the trip of a lifetime to Yellowstone National Park in 2010.

Bob was a true gentleman who loved his two beautiful Daughters Mary Ellen West, wife of Victor West, (Royersford), and Susan Jeanette Evans, wife of Robert Evans, (Shickshinny) more and more as the years went by. Bob's love for his family blossomed with Mary's three children Walt Winters, Matt Winters, and Keith Omilak, and Susan's three children Crystal Cottle, Brian Edkin, and Joseph Edkin. Bob enjoyed many happy days with his eight great-grandchildren. He couldn't wait for family picnics at Knoebel's Grove where he rode the train to see the squirrels eating corn.

Back in the 70's his good friend, Bob Ewald, loaned him his Honda 450. And so Bob's love for motorcycles began. Bob's family continued to grow as a member of PA Chapter H of the Gold Wing Road Riders Association. He loved traveling all over the country on his white GL1800 trike. The group is very focused on safe riding and Bob did his best to add safety chrome and safety lights to his trike each year. PA Chapter H presented Bob with a Perfect Attendance certificate in 2013.

USMC Private First Class Robert Gray served his country in Cuba. This quiet man, who always put others first, was a long-time member of the Warren F & AM Lodge No. 310 in Collegeville.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his memorial service at the Cattermole-Klotzbach Funeral Home, 600 Washington Street, Royersford, PA 19468 on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 11:00 AM. Friends will be received at the funeral home from 10:00-11:00 AM. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. Condolences may be offered online by visiting www.RoyersfordFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **29**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

GY

“ I am so very sorry for the loss of Robert. I would like to share with you some comfort from the Bible that promises grief and pain resulting from such loss will be gone forever. "Do not marvel at this," said Jesus, "because the hour is coming in which all those in memorial tombs will hear his voice and come out." John 5:28, 29 "The righteous themselves will possess the earth." Psalm 37:29. How wonderful it will be to enjoy a reunion with our lost friends and family here on earth. Joshua 23:14, Acts 24:15 May you find peace. Again, very sorry for your loss.

Grace Yohe - April 16, 2014 at 10:13 AM



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Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - March 27, 2014 at 03:11 PM

TR

“ We have so many happy memories from our trips. Bob enjoyed every ride, We enjoyed his company on those adventures. We will miss him. Our hearts go out to Holly and his family.
Tom and Renee

Tom and Renee - March 27, 2014 at 04:31 AM

GJ

“ George Ploch Jr lit a candle in memory of Robert Elwood Gray



George Ploch Jr - March 26, 2014 at 02:44 PM



George, Thank You so much. Holly

Holly Gray - March 26, 2014 at 08:31 PM

GP

“ George Ploch lit a candle in memory of Robert Elwood Gray



George ploch - March 26, 2014 at 02:41 PM

TS

“ Holly- i am so sorry and sad. Bob was the kind of guy that always had a smile on his face. He didn't say much but when he did, he always made me smile. My thoughts and prayers are with you as you get through these difficult days ahead. We are all here for you and love you very much. Love, Tara

Tara Sanft - March 26, 2014 at 08:26 AM



Tara, this is so hard and I am lucky to have family to get me though each day. Love, Holly

Holly Gray - March 26, 2014 at 08:30 PM

MF

“ Dear Holly,

We are Bill & Marcia Focht of Pa Chapter B in Lancaster, Pa. We met you and Bob at the 2012 Couple of the Year weekend retreat in Bedford, Pa. You may not remember us but we sat next to you at the Saturday morning get together. We were riding the 2003 candy orange trike.

We would like to extend our sympathy to you and your family.

*Bill & Marcia Focht
trike4two@gmail.com*

Marcia Focht - March 26, 2014 at 07:24 AM

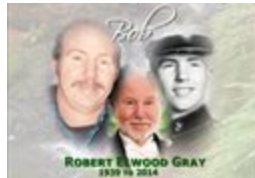


Marcia, Bob had an amazing memory for faces and there is no doubt in my mind he would remember you and Bill. Thank You for your kind words. Holly

Holly Gray - March 26, 2014 at 08:32 PM



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Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - March 25, 2014 at 10:06 PM

Mary West

“ 50 files added to the album *Memories of Bob*



Mary West - March 25, 2014 at 05:30 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Memories of Bob*



Mary West - March 25, 2014 at 10:28 AM

JF

Mary...our thoughts and prayers are with you. John and Geri

john frymire - March 27, 2014 at 12:12 AM

HO

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Holly - March 25, 2014 at 07:38 AM

HO

“ 6 files added to the album *Memories of Bob*



Holly - March 25, 2014 at 07:32 AM

MP

“ *Just Last Month, February 16th, Bob & Holly came to Chapter A's Annual Bowling Challenge. Everyone had a great time. Of course Bob representing Chapter H and his team won the highest team average and got to take home the 1/2 bowling pin. Lots of laughs on that one. We know he'll be missed. Many fond memories to hold his family together. Our condolences. Charlie & Mary Ann Pratt and all of Chapter A, PA.*

Mary Ann Pratt - March 24, 2014 at 07:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Elwood Gray.*



March 24, 2014 at 04:47 PM

JV

“ Julie Kling's mHealth Product Development Team at VZW purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Robert Elwood Gray.



Julie Kling's mHealth Product Development Team at VZW -
March 24, 2014 at 04:43 PM

LT

“ Several years ago at Thanksgiving when Bob and Holly lived in the mountains upstate. I called my oldest Sister, Holly to invite my Husband Chuck and myself to their farm. To my surprise my other Sister Gail and her Husband, Tom showed up with their little dog, Sadie. We had a wonderful Dinner all 6 of us together. Bob said "You are family, Lola, and you never need an invitation, just show up!"

Lola and Chuck Tooley - March 24, 2014 at 03:26 PM