



James Stanley Gray Jr

August 8, 1956 - June 30, 2022

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Seneca, South Carolina

Mr. James Stanley Gray, Jr. age 65, of Seneca, South Carolina passed away on Thursday, June 30, 2022, at Prisma Health- Cottingham Hospice House. Born August 28, 1956, in Bellevue, Illinois, he was the son of Mary Alice (Johnson) Gray and the late James Stanley Gray.

Mr. Gray was the oldest of three children and the only son. His siblings remember him as being an entertaining and fun big brother and uncle to his niece and nephews. A favorite game he would play with his sisters when they were younger was his version of on "Name that Tune". James graduated from Hilcrest High School in Sumter, South Carolina, and after living in several states he finally decided to settle down in Seneca, SC. Mr. Gray held a bachelor's degree in history, as well as a master's degree in education from Ashford University.

Mr. Gray was an avid reader, poet, published historian, lifetime student, and had a great passion for music and enjoyed introducing new music to his friends and family. When he was not enjoying sports on television, he could be found playing with his fur siblings Gigi and Leelee which he had a special bond with.

In addition to his mother Mr. Gray is survived by his sisters Diedre Gray Odon (and husband Bryan) of Central, South Carolina, and Elizabeth Edith Howard (and husband Byron) of Shoreline, Washington, a niece Alexandria Gray Odom and nephews Stefan James and Johan Stanley Howard.

The family is at their respective homes, in lieu of flowers memorials may be made in Mr. Gray's memory to Prisma Health- Cottingham Hospice House or the American Liver Foundation.

There are no formal services scheduled at this time.

Mountain View Funerals, Seneca is assisting the family of Mr. James Stanley Gray, Jr.

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“ Perhaps the most important thing James gave me was Nietzsche, but he also gave me Camus, Dostoyevsky, Kierkegaard, and via the Paris Commune, following on to Proudhon, I soon acquired Kropotkin. James taught me to play competitive backgammon and win. I shall always cherish evenings at his, in Olympia, playing backgammon, listening to Leonard Cohen, with his interjections of quotes from Richard Brautigan, juxtaposed alongside others in our personal sphere, with mischievously, if brutally honest, compare-and-contrast humour. We both loved Gang of Four (the band). His taste in music was outstanding, and no small part in our becoming friends from the onset. James had a massive role, helping me learn who I am politically and philosophically. My life was certainly enriched and made better through our meeting. I am so sad to learn of his passing, and especially so long after his departure. I send much love to his family and friends. James was brilliant, clever, with a wry and shimmering sense of humour.

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