



Johnny Gray

March 11, 1938 - November 24, 2024

Johnny M. Gray of Salado, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully on November 24, 2024 at the age of 86.

Visitation will begin at 10am and the service will follow at 11am on Saturday, November 30, 2024 at Heritage Country Church in Salado.

Johnny was born to J.M. Gray and Esther Arnold-Gray on March 11, 1938, in Abilene, Texas. He graduated from Early High School and served in the National Guard for six years before beginning a 40-year career with Sante Fe Railroad, retiring in 2000. He married Sally Schwertner-Rafay on March 11, 1977. In his early years, when he was not working, he enjoyed playing golf and water skiing with friends and family. He loved teaching others to water ski as well.

Throughout his life, he took great pleasure in watching three generations of his family play basketball, volleyball, and softball. He also enjoyed playing games and building with Legos alongside his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He loved to travel and visited many places all over the world. He especially loved visiting Mountain View, Arkansas with Sally to listen to bluegrass music and enjoy the scenery.

He was a faithful member of Heritage Country Church and was a member of

the National Association of Retired and Veteran Railroad Employees and Schwertner Hermann Sons Lodge.

Johnny was preceded in death by his parents, sister, three stepbrothers, and one stepsister.

He is survived by his wife Sally, sons Scott Gray and wife Vanessa and Richard Rafay and Lori Haydon; three grandchildren, Penelope Gray, Jessalyn Adcock and husband Koby, and Marah Kirkland and husband Zack; four great-grandchildren, Savannah, Sonny, Madilyn, and Brooks; and many nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Heritage Country Church, 9677 Lark Trail in Salado, Texas, Our Hospice House, 2608 North Main St. Ste B, Box 195, Belton, Texas 76513, or a church of your choice.