



Richard E. Gray

January 18, 1946 - December 26, 2023

BAINBRIDGE, NY – Richard E. Gray, 77, of Bainbridge, NY, died unexpectedly in a tractor-trailer accident on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2023, in Springfield, West Virginia.

He was born in West Stewartstown on Jan. 18, 1946, a son to the late Gordon and Addie (Elliott) Gray.

Richard spent most of his childhood at his grandparents' farm at Lake Wallace where he loved working side-by-side with his Pepere.

At a young age, he started working in the woods locally, drove truck for Darwin Brooks, and then moved to Red Hook, N.Y., and started Richard Gray Trucking. He eventually moved the business to Bainbridge where it remains and operates to this day.

Richard learned to ride horses in his 30s and began competing in barrel racing. He later turned to reining and traveled throughout the eastern U.S. competing. He would also travel anywhere to watch his children and grandchildren do anything or compete in anything.

Richard leaves behind his companion and bookkeeper who came one day and never left his side, Myrna Edwards; his children, Tami (Greg) Placy of

Colebrook, Bethany (Stephani) Shenton of Chesapeake, Va., Angela (Ramon) Bissonnette-Salgado of Grand Forks, N.D., and Jason (Peggy) Gray of Bainbridge, N.Y.; his siblings, Patricia (Barry) Grover of W. Stewartstown, and Donald (Norma) Gray of Kittery, Me.; a step-son, Paul Henderson of Bainbridge; a sister-in-law, Debbie Gray of Milan, N.Y.; and his grandchildren, Cady and Jessi Frechette, Zoie Shenton, Raegan Salgado, Lynzee Gray, twins Elek & Xavier Shenton, Aerin Salgado, Emily Gray, and Alexis Mitchell.

He was predeceased by a brother, Mahlon Gray, and a step-son, Raymond Henderson.

There are no public calling hours. A graveside service will be held later in 2024 at the Lake Wallace Assumption Cemetery, of which notice will be given.

Condolences may be offered on-line by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Even though Grandpa Richard lived very far away from us, he frequently went out of his way to come visit us in ND. He was so kind, and sometimes it was awkward because my sister and I never knew him very well, but he came because he cared. He came to my high school graduation and that was the last time I saw him. I'll miss him.

Raegan Salgado

Raegan S. - April 10, 2024 at 02:48 PM

LG

“ I spent every weekend of my childhood with my grandfather, he was man of few words but he still would do anything for his family, I'll never forget when he would come home on weekends from driving and would get me on the horses and walk me around on his old horse missy or let me hang out while he fixed trucks if I got tired sitting in office with Myrna.. or the mini adventures on the way to see my father. As I got older he payed for my horse lessons for a short time and these past few years I've helped out working in the office, when seeing him on weekends he'd made quick conversation and would make jokes when I would leave for the day “leaving work already “, I'll never forget his quick laughs. He was a man who left an impact on all his drivers and workers as well my father. He will be more missed than he could ever imagine, it was a sad way for him to go but he passed doing what he loved and he will never be forgotten. Rest in peace papa



lynzee Gray - January 05, 2024 at 12:42 AM

RS

“ Richard was a quiet, gentle man, a good father to my wife, Angie, and good grandfather to my kids, Raegan and Aerin. He visited us as frequent as he could wherever we lived. I really enjoyed his company. He passed doing what he loved, driving his truck. My condolences to Myrna, the kids, family and friends. We will miss Grandpa Richard greatly. May he rest in peace:(

Ramon Salgado - January 01, 2024 at 02:53 AM

DT

Our deepest sympathy to the family. Richard was a fine man and gave us great service through the years Tanfield lumber and Veneer

Donna Tanfield - January 04, 2024 at 12:51 PM

JG

“ Im so sorry for Richard's death

jim guay - January 01, 2024 at 12:02 AM

JD

“ So sorry to hear of Richard's death - sympathy to all his family, especially Patricia and Donald. Richard's mother one of my favorite grade school teachers in Canaan, VT.

Jean-Carol Dunham - December 31, 2023 at 02:11 PM

LC

“ Linda Clogston lit a candle in memory of Richard E. Gray



Linda clogston - December 31, 2023 at 02:10 PM

RD

“ So sorry for your loss

Richard A Dagesse - December 31, 2023 at 10:34 AM

JB

“ My deepest condolences to the
Gray/Edwards family for your loss.



Judy Hunt Budge - December 31, 2023 at 08:16 AM

FC

“ Our condolences to all the family, to Patricia and the family Mrs.
Addie Gray.

Francine and Andre Champagne - December 30, 2023 at 06:28 PM