



Mr. James Stanley Bray

October 5, 1958 - August 6, 2020

James Stanley Bray, 61, of Tallahassee, passed away on Thursday, August 6, 2020, at Tallahassee Memorial HealthCare.

Born in Starkville, Mississippi, on October 5, 1958, he was the son of William Rad Bray, Sr. and the late Marie Spruill Bray. Also preceding him in death are parents-in-law, Levi Harrison, Jr. and wife, Gloria; sister-in-law, Cathy Harrison Jones; and nephews, Christopher Ryan Bray and Shawn Parker Harrison.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Linda Harrison Bray; brother, William Rad Bray, Jr. (wife, Martha); nephews, William Rad (Lil Rad) Bray, III (wife, Andrea) and their children, Kyira Wicks Bray and Ryder; Kevin Thomas Bray (wife, LeAnn) and their children, Maci and Nolan; sister-in-law, Cheryl Lee Harrison; and nephews, Timothy Mikhail Harrison (wife, Nicky) and Branden Nikita Harrison.

James, affectionately known by his family and friends in Mississippi as Stan, graduated from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry and Wildlife Science. He served in the US Army as an Intelligence Specialist/Analyst and worked as an Assistant Manager at Bermex Incorporated; and as a Warehouse Manager at HD Supply.

James was very patriotic and quite proud of his military service. He also had

tremendous respect for his fellow brothers and sisters in arms. During his service he was awarded Expert Badges with weaponry, the Army Achievement Medal; the Army Commendation Medal and German Marksman Medals (“Schutzenschnur”) in bronze and silver. James took pride in his marksmanship awards and continued to enjoy his hobby as a gun and knife enthusiast through the years. His other hobbies included yard work and maintaining family vehicles, NASCAR, college football, keeping up-to-date on current affairs, traveling, wildlife viewing and following the Weather Channel.

A man of few words, James showed his love for family and friends through his actions and deeds. He truly had a servant’s heart, always willing to help others in their time of need.

Visitation for family and friends is from 2:30 until 4:00 PM, Sunday, August 16, 2020 at Abbey Funeral Home. A private funeral service for family will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, August 17, 2020, at Abbey Funeral Home, with interment at Tallahassee National Cemetery. Due to the ongoing Covid-19 guidelines, social distancing and face masks are required.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Gary Sinise Foundation or Breast Cancer Research Foundation. The online guestbook and the live stream funeral service can be found at www.abbeyfh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Abbey Funeral Home
4037 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32303
(850) 562-1518
abbeyfh@comcast.net

Service

AUG 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

Tallahassee National Cemetery
5015 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, FL 32311
(850) 402-8941

Tribute Wall



“ *Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens created a Webcast in memory of Mr. James Stanley Bray*



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - August 17, 2020 at 09:25 AM

KH

“ *I'm sorry to learn that James has suddenly died! He was a friendly neighbor and was clearly devoted to his family. I had a feeling something was wrong when I saw Linda the other day talking to some visitors outside at their car. When I said, "Hi, Linda!" she barely answered and had a look of deep concern on her face. I'd never seen her like that and promised myself to stop by this weekend to check on her and James. I figured someone in the family had died or was ill, but never suspected it was James. My heart goes out to Linda and all James' loved ones. Peace.*

Kea Herron - August 19, 2020 at 04:37 PM

PR

“ We mourn your loss of Stan. We had met him and Linda on some of their visits to Laurel to check on his mom and dad. He and I always had good conversations. I know he was a Christian man that always cared for his family. If we can do anything for Mr. Rad here in Laurel, please let us know.

*Philip and Becky Ray (601-649-7881)
First Baptist Church of Shady Grove*

Philip M Ray - August 16, 2020 at 04:55 PM

GL

“ Very sad to hear of his sudden death. James always seemed to be the first to check on neighbors following a severe power outage or natural disaster. He was the type of person who took action if something was not right, and then make every effort to make it right or provide whatever assistance needed, wherever needed. A recent example occurred when a local branch library ran out of face masks for free distribution. James immediately contacted a county official who arranged for delivery of additional masks to the branch, so that the library received them within an hour. He will be missed.

*May he rest in peace.
George Lewis*

George Lewis - August 16, 2020 at 11:53 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. James Stanley Bray.*



August 15, 2020 at 11:56 AM

RL

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Roberta Lingham - August 14, 2020 at 09:11 AM

LB

“ Love, Bob and Bert purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. James Stanley Bray.



Love, Bob and Bert - August 14, 2020 at 09:03 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. James Stanley Bray.



August 13, 2020 at 02:09 PM



“ 59 files added to the album Life Tributes



Abbey Funeral Home and Tallahassee Memory Gardens - August 13, 2020 at 11:46 AM



“ We are saddened to learn of the passing of James. We were privileged to meet James a few times when his and Linda's travel plans brought them close by. James was always friendly, positive and good-natured. We really enjoyed our short visits and talking with them both. His love and devotion to Linda was readily apparent and the world seems to dim a little bit when we lose a soul like James.



God bless you James, Linda and your family.

Rick & Catherine

Brown - August 12, 2020 at 11:16 AM



Linda Barry and Lena called me about James. It was great to see you both the few times that we did. My love and prayers go out to you. From someone who has been there life will be one day at a time. Our family will be open to you always so never feel like you are alone.

Leta Hawkins - August 15, 2020 at 05:07 PM