

Bryan Gray Obituary

On Saturday, October 24, 2020, my beloved brother, Bryan K.

Gray, went to be with our parents and brother in God's heavenly home after a brief illness. He was 72 years of age. He was born in Lake Charles, LA. to Jack H. & Anne S. Gray. His musical talent showed itself early. He started piano lessons before he was 10. He was accepted

into The Governor's Program for Gifted Children early in its formation, later going back to teach. He was a proud member of the Lake Charles High School graduating class of 1966. He went on to graduate from McNeese State University with two degrees - organ performance and music theory and composition. During this time, Bryan was awarded the Rotary

Foundation

Undergraduate

Fellowship to study in
Strasbourg, France for
a year. While in

France Bryan made
the faith decision to
convert to Roman

Catholicism. After a
few years he received
the call to become a
priest. In 1979 he was

ordained into the
priesthood in the
Baton Rouge diocese.

A few years later he
was chosen to study
Canon Law at Catholic

University of America in Washington, D.C., then came back to Baton Rouge as a canon lawyer and judge. Due to health issues Bryan decided to leave the priesthood. He moved to Little Rock, AR to work for Nichols & Simpson, Inc.

Organbuilders where he remained 29 years until his death.

Throughout his life he played the organ at various churches in

Lake Charles –
Christian Science
Church, Immaculate
Conception Church,
McNeese State Univ.
Catholic Student
Center to name just a
few. He served as
organist for his home
church, First Christian
Church of Lake
Charles under the
direction of his Dad.
Bryan was very much
the introvert often
referring to himself as
the "Introvert From
Hell" but with a

wicked sense of humor
– inherited from our
Dad. He was extremely
intelligent and played
a mean game of Trivial
Pursuit. He was
compassionate and
generous almost to a
fault. Even in death he
was an organ donor.
He is predeceased by
his parents,
grandparents: Earl &
Alta Gray and DD &
Exa Snow; his younger
brother: Stephen D.
Gray; and niece:
Melissa L. Owen Those

left behind to miss
him are his sisters:
Patty G. Boyd (Mike)
Colbert, GA; Valerie
M. Sassi (Jon)
Parkersburg, WV;
brother Olin Moss
Baton Rouge, LA;
sister-inlaw – Lynn H.
Gray Lake Charles, LA;
nieces: Sandra O.
Manuel (Scott) and
Kathryn B. Dendy
(Dwayne) Denham
Springs, LA; Letitia L.
Gray Nebraska;
Christine B. Brown
Palm Beach Gardens,

FL; Carol W. Hulin
(Bryan) Lenoir City,
TN; nephews Robbie
Gray Nebraska; John
M. Matthews
(Theresa) Greenville,
SC; Matt Dishman The
Woodlands, TX.;
numerous great and
great-great nieces and
nephews; his best
friend David McNeal
Little Rock, AR and his
fur babies Guthry and
Bo Gray also of Little
Rock, AR. Of course
his survivors also
include the LCHS class

of 1966. After
cremation, there will
be a memorial service
in Lake Charles in the
near future. Bryan will
be missed by many,
but none greater than
his little sister. I love
you Bryan

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