

Chester L. Gray

January 8, 1922 - August 30, 2010

Chester Leslie Gray, of Winterset, passed away at 4:55 pm Monday, August 30, 2010 at his home. He was born January 8, 1922 in Oxford Twp. to the late Arthur Lilbert and Katherine Leonora (Tedrick) Gray. He attended Moorefield Elementary and received his high school diploma from Buckeye Trail High School in May 2002. He enjoyed the outdoors and horses having spent his life working as a farmer, contractor, forester, and stableman. He owned and operated Salt Fork Stables in Winterset for many years. He served his country in the Army during WWII as a Pfc surgical technician having trained at Walter Reed Medical Center, Washington DC. He was stationed with the 373rd General Hospital. Upon returning from service he attended Agricultural Trade School in the late 1940's. He was a member of the VFW Kipling Post #7371 and American Legion Post #461. He was also a member of the Salt Fork Baptist Church. He was active in the community serving on the East Guernsey School Local School District Board of Education for 27 years. He was an All Ohio School Board Member of the Southeast Region in 1995. He received the Heritage Farm Award, July 13, 2007, for 60 years of being a member of the Farm Credit Services board and a farmer. He was a charter member of the Antrim Fire Department which began in 1949. He rode and told stories of Bronco Charlie Miller during the Ohio Bicentennial Wagon Train during the summer of 2003. He was a past member of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers. He hosted the Munsee Delaware Indians Pow-Wow in honor of the brave code talker Indians the served in WWII, he was made an

honoree member of the Munsee Delaware Indian Nation, USA on Mar. 25, 2000, and he hosted the Vision Quest Wagon Train on the family farm. He was married on Sept. 1, 1945 to the late Marjorie Jane (Hallock) Gray who passed away on Mar. 9, 1999. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Mildred Louise Swigart and 2 brothers, Harold Lilbert Gray and Richard Gray. Surviving are his children; Karen Sue (Dr. Michael) Williams, Riverview, FL; Paul A. (Patricia) Gray, Winterset; David K. (Darlene Bania) Gray, Winterset; and Gerald W. "Jerry" Gray, Savage, MN. He is also survived by a sister, Pauline Lenora Cornish, Winterset; a brother, Ralph Dougherty, Cambridge, a sister-in-law, Theresa Hallock, Ft. Myers, FL; grandchildren, Paula Gray, Corey (Sara Saft) Gray, Mary (Chris) White, Nathan (Brittany Burke) Gray, Angela Gray; Step-grandchildren, Mathew (Terri) Williams, Heidi (Clint) Kayser, Susie (Frank) Carano, Tammy March, Bobbie Jo Mann, and Tiffany (Cortney) Talbott; Great-grandchild, Miah Gray; Step-great-grandchildren, Natalie Kayser, Alicia George, Greg Penwell, Abby Talbott, Gracie Talbott; and great-great-grandchildren, Emma and Jacob. Calling hours will be Wednesday, Sept. 1 from 1 to 4 pm and 6 to 9 pm. The funeral service will be Thursday, Sept. 2 at 11:00 am at Bundy-Law Funeral Home with Pastor Floyd Atkinson officiating. Burial will follow at Guernsey Memory Gardens. Military graveside rites will be conducted by the Guer. Co. Veterans Council. Memorial Contributions may be made to Hospice of Guernsey, PO Box 1165, Cambridge, OH or to the Antrim Fire Dept. Online condolences may be made at www.bundy-lawfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Guernsey Memory Gardens

St. Rt. 40 East
Cambridge, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 1. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Bundy-Law Funeral Home
120 North 11th Street
Cambridge, OH 43725
(740) 432-5705
info@bundy-lawfuneralhome.com
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Visitation

SEP 1. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Service

SEP 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

KW

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Karen Sue Williams - May 15, 2012 at 07:37 PM

CC

“ When my daughter was in elementary school, we had 2 of her birthday parties at Chester's farm. When we arrived, he had the fire going so we felt welcome! He had a dog and pony show to entertain the kids, and an awesome hayride around his property! These were the most popular birthday parties! Everyone had a great time! Thank you Chester for sharing your property to make wonderful memories for us all!! Rest in Peace.

Cyndi Carter - September 05, 2010 at 10:06 AM

BM

“ Grandpa Up to The Farm once told me to stand with my back to the mirror. He instructed me to look over my shoulder and said BobbiJo that is your past you can never go back. Then he said look forward, that is your future anything is possible. I have always kept that in my heart with every decision I have made for myself. And yes he was so right. Thank you for all the love you showed me threw the years.



BobbiJo Mann - September 03, 2010 at 10:42 AM

DY

“ *Debbie Yerian lit a candle in memory of Chester L. Gray*



Debbie Yerian - September 02, 2010 at 10:30 AM



“ *It was not long ago he would come in to Big Lots or Whatever store and would talk to me about many things. There were times he wasn't happy but i always tried to make him smile. He was a wonderful guy this world will definitely miss.*



Dustin Barr - September 01, 2010 at 07:43 PM

BD

“ *We did not know Mr. Gray as long as some of the memebers of the Munsee but we will miss him just as much. He opened his heart and his farm to all of us and I loved to hear him talk about the pony express and all his experiences. Their are not many men like him left and everyone lost a very special person with his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family in this time of grief.
Redbear and Bluejay Spirit Woman
Bob and Carol Deyell*



Bob Carol Deyell - September 01, 2010 at 05:52 PM

TN

“ Thinking of the family. Chester was a great historian and took great pride in his country and community. The community has lost a great person. May God comfort you at this sad time.
Gary & Theresa & family

Theresa Neuhart - September 01, 2010 at 03:34 PM

ST

“ David -
We are all so sorry to hear of your Fathers passing, from reading his history, you can tell he was a special person, from knowing you its obvious he was a special parent. We send out our thoughts and prayers in your time of grief.
Your Ryder Family

Scott, Jerry, Donna, Hope, Tiffany - September 01, 2010 at 02:03 PM

LM

“ I met Chester at the Munsee Delaware PowWow. I found him to be a kind and caring man who did not know a stranger. He will truly be missed by many people. May God bless his family with comfort and love.

Lois Milligan - September 01, 2010 at 12:26 PM

SR

“ Sarah Roberts sent a virtual gift in memory of
Chester L. Gray



Sarah Roberts - September 01, 2010 at 11:17 AM

WS

“ Chester was like a grandfather to me, he always had something to say, advice or just a friendly hello, (he would let you know when he was mad too!) But at the end of the day, he cared, he cared about everyone that came into his life, was always offering advice or had comforting words to say if he knew you were having a bad day, he always seemed to have the right things to say to cheer me up. He has shared many memories and told so many stories about the war, when he met Marge, the trips they would take, and he would tell them so vividly that you could just imagine being there. He and Marge were a wonderful couple and I could only dream to have a life like they shared together. I remember coming to the farm and showing my horse when I was a teenager, Marge would be in her side saddle with her costume on and he would be doing his tricks with Spooky it was always enjoyable to go there. He loved his family, friends and his animals. I want to thank the family for sharing their father/grandfather with me for these past years, he was a big part of my life and I miss him dearly. You know he always would tell me, to dream and dream big, but to do something about it, he would say, ya can't make it happen sittin on your butt! As we all know he didn't do much sitting, but was proud of all the accomplishments that he has made with his life, and he enjoyed every minute of it. He will be missed by all of us.

Truly,
Wendy

Wendy Shipman - September 01, 2010 at 09:53 AM

KU

“ Kurz-Kasch sent a virtual gift in memory of
Chester L. Gray



Kurz-Kasch - September 01, 2010 at 09:39 AM

JH

“ I am a part of the Plants family. Tricia informed us of you lose. I and I know that others hope that the joy of your memories will see you through this time.

Jeanie Harding - September 01, 2010 at 09:16 AM

TL

“ Long before we joined the Munsee Delaware Nation USA, I "met" Dave online. . .we found out that we had a relative in common and chatted for quite some time before I was invited to the Gray family reunion. The first reunion we attended was amazing and I knew then that Chet and Dave would be a part of our lives for a long time. Turns out, I was right. Later that year we went to meet with the Munsees and found out that their powwow was held there annually - what an awesome blessing.

Chet was an amazing man who lived an amazing life. He loved the earth and farming, he loved his family and made the most he could out of every minute. He touched many, many lives and left an indelible and unforgettable impression on each of us. We consider it an honor to have him and his family as members of our family. . .

Truly

Bear (Ralph), Willow (Tricia) and Thumper (Spencer)


Tricia Lewis - September 01, 2010 at 06:54 AM

LR

“ Chester was an amazing person! He always knew how to bring a smile to everyones face. As a child growing up, I have so many memories of him. They string from the stables to the show he put on for us kids, being a part of the all the Vetern's day programs to being out on the tractor til 10pm or so! :) I could go on and on about him. One thing is for sure, he touched the hearts of everyone that had the pleasure in knowing him one way or another. He truely will be missed. And to the family..."Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9




Lisa Ruggles - August 31, 2010 at 10:19 PM

 HoodaRain Shop

“ HoodaRain Shop sent a virtual gift in memory of Chester L. Gray



HoodaRain Shop - August 31, 2010 at 03:10 PM

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I wish it was a LOUD PEACOCK lol

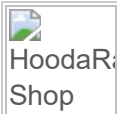
HoodaRain Shop - August 31, 2010 at 03:10 PM

JA

“ *Chester was a one of kind man, he shared his stories and his life with everyone. I remember him taking his dogs for all the children to watch.. He was a great neighbor and friend to all, and will be missed by many.*



Jim Beth Ayers - August 31, 2010 at 12:45 PM



HoodaRain Shop

Chester was always happy to see us and helped my son understand the meaning of working hard to become something , from a man who never went past elementary , Chester taught me how to talk to HORSES to comefort and become their friend , as he became ours.... thank you for the many years of joy and laughter OUR native family had at the land with our kids camps , POWWOWs and teachings rest softly Ches, thankyou for making a differance in our lives .. Spring Rain ThunderStriker and Quiet Turtle your native family

HoodaRain Shop - August 31, 2010 at 03:09 PM