



## Delbert Carroll Gray

December 10, 1938 - December 22, 2016

Delbert Carroll Gray, age 78, of Lovilia, passed away on December 22, 2016, at Accura Health Care of Knoxville in Knoxville, Iowa.

Delbert was born on December 10, 1938, to Oral and Francis (Gladson) Gray. He graduated from Lovilia High School with the class of 1956. He was united in marriage in March 1959 to Shirley Walter. To this union, three children were born, Brad, Shelli, and Lisa. Delbert and Shirley shared 57 years of marriage prior to his passing.

Delbert was a farmer and raised cattle nearly all of his life, which he enjoyed. Some of the land that he farmed was homesteaded by his family in 1855. Delbert was a Cedar Township trustee for 48 years and was a member of the Monroe County Cattlemen's Association. He enjoyed pheasant and quail hunting, raising cattle, his Tennessee Walking horses, going to sales, playing black jack at casinos, watching westerns and ball games on television, and talking politics and his dog, Lady.

Delbert is survived by his wife, Shirley Gray of Lovilia; his children, Brad (Denise) Gray of Albia, Shelli (Kevin) Parmenter of Overland Park, KS, and Lisa (Brian) Scala of Albia; seven grandchildren, Kaley, Ethan, and Caleb Gray, Kyle and Kelsi Parmenter, and Brooke and Emily Scala; one niece, Jill Bonnett and her daughter, Jessy; and a very good childhood buddy, Jim

Beary.

Delbert is preceded in death by his parents, Oral and Francis; and a sister, Marlene Sampson.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Brad Gray officiating. Burial will follow services at Woodlawn Cemetery in Lovilia.

Visitation will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 27, 2016, at Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Delbert's family present throughout the day and evening to greet friends and family. Delbert's family encourages anyone attending to please wear flannel or plaid shirts to the visitation in Delbert's honor.

Memorials have been established to the Monroe County Cattlemen's Association.

# Cemetery Details

## Woodlawn

Lovilia, IA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **27**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tharp Funeral Home  
116 Benton Ave.  
Albia, IA 52531  
(641) 932-3129  
<https://www.tharpfh.com/>

## Funeral Service

DEC **28**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Delbert Carroll Gray*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Delbert Carroll Gray*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Wendy Perlowski lit a candle in memory of Delbert Carroll Gray*



**Wendy Perlowski** - December 28, 2016 at 10:41 AM



“ *Shelli's Microsoft Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Delbert Carroll Gray.*



**Shelli's Microsoft Family** - December 27, 2016 at 10:55 AM

GF

“ Gary and Sandy Blaylock and family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Delbert Carroll Gray.



Gary and Sandy Blaylock and family - December 26, 2016 at 03:52 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delbert Carroll Gray.



December 26, 2016 at 01:27 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Delbert Carroll Gray.



December 26, 2016 at 01:02 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Delbert Carroll Gray.



December 26, 2016 at 12:21 PM

LC

“ Shirley and family, so sorry to hear about Delbert! My deepest sympathy! God Bless and take care!  
Linda coady

Linda Coady - December 25, 2016 at 01:52 PM

RR

“ So sorry for your loss Brad. May God comfort you and yours with His grace and the consolation of the resurrection. Peace be with you - Rev. Nancy Reed

Rev. Nancy Reed - December 24, 2016 at 11:35 PM

DP

“ i remember throwing hay for him.....a good man with a strong work ethic and a sense of humor.....

David Pope - December 24, 2016 at 06:25 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Delbert Carroll Gray.



December 24, 2016 at 05:12 PM

CW

“ Emily, I am so sorry for the loss of your grandpa.

Carole Wycoff - December 24, 2016 at 03:33 PM

BC

“ Beverly Clipperton lit a candle in memory of Delbert Carroll Gray



Beverly Clipperton - December 24, 2016 at 02:11 PM

SM

“ Sam & Lisa Van Maanen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Delbert Carroll Gray.



Sam & Lisa Van Maanen - December 24, 2016 at 11:04 AM

JA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I know how you are feeling and with your family and children around you, it does get better. Not perfect , but better. I always enjoyed seeing you guys at the boat. I haven't got to go since Paul passed. So sorry for your loss and I am thinking and praying for you.....Janice Ansley

Janice Ansley - December 24, 2016 at 08:46 AM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Delbert Carroll Gray.



December 23, 2016 at 09:19 PM

BR

“ *Delbert was my buddy, he always made me smile and laugh when he was in the hospital where I work....REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND. Condolences to Delberts wife and family.*  
*Brandy Dickson*

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**brandy** - December 23, 2016 at 08:19 PM