

*Pallbearers*

*Family & Friends*

*Floral Bearers*

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*Rest in Peace*

*Rest in peace, how much this says, be free of pain no more to weep.  
Find joy that never ends, possess new life that here you could not keep.  
Rest in peace, and through we grieve, reaching for your hand in vain,  
our faith is such that we believe that all of us shall meet again.*

*Rest in peace, the drums are still, the smoke has cleared, the battle's done.  
And now forever yours to keep the golden prize that you have won.  
Against the sunrise on the hill, your colors wave upon the breeze,  
with shield of honor, lance of truth, you overcame with such as these.*

*No dirge of sorrow shall we play, for one who goes to meet the Lord.  
Could but we all be Heaven's guests, as you receive your just reward.*

*Dear blessed sleep that merely marks the ending of a holy quest,  
your gentle touch remains upon the hearts of those who loved you best.*

*~ Grace E. Easley*

*Expressions of Gratitude*

*The family of Robert M. Gray extends their deep appreciation for the many  
expressions of kindness and prayers shown during this hour of bereavement.*



Professional Services Entrusted to  
Beach Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc.  
4456 Bonney Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23462  
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Designed as a service of Beach Funeral & Cremation

*Celebration of Life for  
Robert M. Gray "Rob"*

*Sunrise*

*March 29, 1938*



*Dawn*

*January 19, 2022*

*Friday, January 28, 2022 – 12pm  
Beach Funeral Services Chapel  
4456 Bonney Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23462*

*Rev. Earl Gray, Eulogist  
First Baptist Church of Highland Park, Landover, MD*

## Life Reflections

Retired U.S. Navy Veteran, **Robert Mashona Gray**, 83, affectionately known as “Rob”, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, at Sentara Leigh Hospital, Norfolk, VA. He was born March 29, 1938, in Braddock, PA, to the late Edward and Rosa Seay Gray. He was the beloved husband for over 40 years to Barbara J. Gray, much loved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Despite his medical complications, Rob stayed strong, courageous, and witty until he went home to be with the Lord.

Rob attended Carnegie Elementary and graduated from Braddock High School in 1955. After graduation, Rob enlisted in the US Navy during the Vietnam War, where he served on the USS Forrestal, a supercarrier designed to support jet aircraft, as an Electronics Technician. His intelligence was second to none. As an Electronics Technician, he utilized radar, countermeasure maneuvers and other complex systems to detect and track threats. The many locations Rob was stationed, were Puerto Rico, Maryland, Rhode Island, Virginia, Italy, Spain, just to name a few. He retired from the Navy after 21 years and then obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration from Saint Leo University. Rob went on to become a Systems Analyst for Comptek and Ford Arrow Space. Rob was a founding member of the American Legion Post 81.

In his spare time, he loved fishing, reading huge thriller mystery books, watching National Geographic, Disney Classic movies, and more importantly, spending time with family/friends. His all-time favorite sports team was “The Pittsburgh Steelers”. This was very apparent when you walked into his man cave and saw Black and Gold everywhere!

Robert was predeceased by 3 brothers, Theodore Gray, Wesley Gray, Henry Bonnet; 4 sisters, Fannie Lee Jones, Christine Robinson, Adelaide Hubbard, Jessie Williams; son-in-law, Robert Davis; 2 brothers-in-law, Mickey Forbes and Warner “Bunky” Mitchell, and Michael H. Barber.

Rob is survived by his wife, Barbara; 5 daughters, Marsha Rose Murphy (Calvin), Cheryl Lavern Davis, Michele Marie Dent (Andrew), Gloria Lynn Rouse (Richard), Roslyn Elaine Gray; 2 sons, Bryan Fitzpatrick Eason (Donna), William Claude Eason (Simone); 2 brothers, Stacy Gray, Earl Gray (Vonciel); 2 sisters-in-law, Maude Mitchell, Yvonne Goffigan; thirteen grandchildren, Justin Murphy, Jordan Murphy, Justin Lowe, Richard Rouse, William Rouse, Kayla Murphy, Jaden Rouse, Bria Davis, Sterling Eason, Madison Eason, Joshua Eason, Rebecca Eason, Joseph Eason; great grandchild, Nova Tomasic; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

## Order of Service

Musical Prelude	
Processional.....	Clergy & Family
Musical Selection	
Reading of the Holy Scriptures.....	Clergy
Prayer of Comfort.....	Clergy
Solo.....	Louis Gallop
Obituary Reading and Acknowledgements.....	Monique Daniel
Reflections	
Musical Selection	
Eulogy.....	Rev. Earl Gray
Recessional.....	Clergy, Family & Friends

## Interment

Roosevelt Memorial Park  
Chesapeake, VA

