



## Dr. Gerald Enoch Gray

December 6, 1944 - January 1, 2024

Dr. Gerald Enoch Gray

Affectionately loved and known in countless ways...

Doc. Dad. Papa Bear. Uncle Gerald. Mr. Gray. Best Friend. Dr. Gerald E. Gray. Dr. G. or simply, Gerald.

Gerald was one of three children born in San Diego, California to Fred Isaac and Mattie Rusha Gray in 1944. His love for his parents was undeniable, and he always referred to his big sister, Milicent Elaine, and little sister, Freddie Lee, as his best friends until the very end.

Gerald attended San Diego High School, graduating in 1962. In 1967, he completed his Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering from San Francisco State University. Continuing his pursuit of knowledge, he earned a Master of Business Administration degree from the University of California-Berkeley in 1970. Then, in 1973, Dr. Gerald Gray achieved a Ph.D. degree in Finance and Economics from Northwestern University. Shortly thereafter many began to affectionately refer to him as, "Doc".

Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing Doc was witness to his numerous professional accomplishments. Among these, he served as a Research Economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and held the position of Assistant Professor in the School of Business at San Francisco State

University. However, his true defining achievement was his successful entrepreneurship spanning over decades.

Gerald took immense pride in being the devoted father of his three beloved daughters. Whether it was his oldest, the remarkable, yet sensitive Nicole; his middle daughter, his bright light, Cortnee; or his caring and strong-willed youngest daughter, Ryann. Gerald cherished and treasured the role of being their father above all else.

Simple pleasures brought Doc an abundance of joy in life. He placed great importance on attending church, displaying unwavering faith in God. His love for baseball culminated starring on his college baseball team. Remaining fit was also a priority for him, as he worked out in the gym until the seasoned age of 74. Engaging in conversations and laughter with his friends about the old days and political discussions was another source of delight. Indulging in sweets, especially savoring chocolate-covered vanilla ice cream, brought him immeasurable happiness. He took great pleasure in watching the sunset while playfully pretending to smoke a cigar. Most of all, he found pure joy in travel adventures and creating lifelong memories with his beloved companion, Mary.

Doc possessed a remarkable knack for making individuals feel like the center of attention in a crowded room. His infectious personality, characterized by humor, occasional sarcasm, and an all-knowing demeanor, left an indelible mark on everyone he encountered. Gerald is survived by his everlasting love, Mary; his three adoring daughters, Nicole, Cortnee (and her long-term partner, Anthony), Ryann; (and her husband, Jurrell); his precious grandsons, Nolan and Peighton, who were the light of his life; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Dr. Gerald Enoch Gray peacefully passed away on January 1, 2024, at the age of 79, after bravely facing a myriad of medical challenges exacerbated by

his rapid cognitive decline—Mary remained faithfully by his side.

In his 1962 yearbook, Gerald wrote, "I know that someday I'll be great!" Well, Doc, you not only fulfilled that prophecy but exceeded it.

As we remember him, let us celebrate a life well-lived, a love profoundly cherished, and a man who will forever be etched in our memories.

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“Back in 1990, Gerald was watching 60 minutes where he learned about Sister Anne Brooks. Through her clinic, Tutwiler, she provides excellent medical care to low resource communities. He was so impressed with all that she was accomplishing with minimal resources and support. He decided that he wanted to give to her clinic to ensure her positive impact went further. The next day, he sent his first donation. He was pleasantly surprised to receive a heartfelt note expressing so much gratitude for his contribution. From that day, he became an annual supporter, because he believed in her vision.

Please make a notation in your payment or call/email the Tutwiler clinic, (662) 345-8334 or [cherring@mytgh.com](mailto:cherring@mytgh.com), to ensure the donation is made in Gerald's honor.”

# Cemetery Details

## Chapel Of The Chimes

32992 Mission Blvd  
Hayward, CA

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (PT)

Palma Ceia Baptist Church  
28605 Ruus Rd  
Hayward, CA 94544

## Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

Palma Ceia Baptist Church  
28605 Ruus Rd  
Hayward, CA 94544

## Interment

JAN 12. 12:45 PM (PT)

Chapel Of The Chimes  
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## Repast

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JAN 12. 1:15 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



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“ My Uncle Gerald "Doc", was one of a kind. My husband, my children and I will deeply miss him and all the wonderful times we had together. He was a mentor, role model, friend, confidant, jokester, who kept it real all the time and was the best person to debate with! I'll miss making him his favorite beef ribs, my husband's Garlic noodles and searching for the best dessert for him every time he came over to spend quality time and have a meal. Gone but never forgotten. Rest in heaven uncle... ❤️



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