



## Mr. John Lewis Grady

November 10, 1980 - February 11, 2020

John Lewis Grady was born on November 10, 1980, in Hayward, California at St. Rose hospital to parents Kim D. Smettler and Charles L. Grady, Sr. John's parents named him after his Grandfather (Rev. John L. Smettler). His mother, Kim D. Smettler, loved John to no end. She would call him her "Chocolate drop" or "Johnny." He was the second born of his parents and had 5 siblings. Charles and John were close in age and shared a unique bond. They loved each other, they didn't always say it every day, but it was understood – a look, a hug, or that hand shake. Words can't describe how much Charles misses his brother and those times.

John attended many schools throughout the Bay Area but made lifelong friends at Lorin Eden Elementary, Anthony W. Ochoa Junior High, and Mount Eden High School in Hayward, Ca. In elementary was a quick learner when, he was selected for the GATE Program (Gifted and Talented Education) for math. As a youngster John played soccer, and little league baseball. John really liked baseball but gravitated towards playing football in high school. Football on the field eventually turned into a cold hardened passion for football on the sticks. John loved playing Madden (Charles was not a fan). From 1995 to 2020, John was an avid Madden player. John eventually got to a point where no one wanted to play him. John attend Chabot College (Hayward, CA), and received his AA in Liberal Arts with an emphasis in social and behavioral sciences. Before his passing he was pursuing his Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Science. While pursuing his degree, he was also working full time at PG&E in their gas operations department. He was a very hard worker and was determined to leave a legacy.

John found the love of his life, Lloryn Hubbard and planned to marry her. Both their friends and family say they've never seen them so happy before they found each other. The last few years of John's life were extraordinary, there was a drastic change in John, and it was because he met Lloryn. He seemed happier and at peace with her. John has always been chill and laidback dude, but he was even more so with Lloryn.

Most who knew John would probably tell you that he was a man of few words. He didn't always have a lot to say but if he spoke to you whether it was in love or anger, it meant he cared about you. He always didn't give you what you wanted; he gave you what he thought you needed. He also had an amazing sense of humor and his laugh was

contagious. Most could laugh at John's laugh even if the joke wasn't funny. People initially saw him and thought he was mean but once they got to know him, they realized he was the nicest person to be around. No matter how bad things were at times, he would always remind you that things could be worse. He taught some to apologize. After he learned how to apologize himself. John was loyal. John and his friends hustled before they were old enough to get jobs. If somebody in the crew didn't make any money, he would split whatever he had or buy food. He was the type to give you the shirt off his back, but he'd also let you know that he needed it back. He was always willing to help even if he saw that you weren't really helping yourself. He never left anybody out.

John was a persevering man and a hard worker. He never complained instead, he always found a way to get things done. Even if he lost it all, he was determined to do better than before. He wasn't affected by failure...Unless it was a video game. John had that slow stroll with side dip, always easy, and rarely in hurry even if he had to be. If you really knew John and needed John to be somewhere at a certain time or had an appointment with him, you were going to be in trouble. You'd call him, "John, where you at?" John would reply with "I'm about to pull up!" or "Aww playa, don't trip, I'm right around the corner, I'll be there in 10 minutes!" That 10 minutes really meant an hour or more! He eventually showed up and you might have been angry with him but his infectious smile and laid-back demeanor always smoothed things over. John will be remembered for his contagious laugh, and his smile, he might have been late, but he was always there when his friends and family needed him. We all will miss him, he left us too soon.

John is survived by his father Charles Grady Sr. and siblings Charles Grady II, Brendon R. Grady, Charlotte Ingram-Brower (Her husband and their 3 sons), stepmother. Denise Grady. He is preceded in death by his mother Kim Smettler his Brother Brandon M. Smettler and his sister Krista T. Grady, the family has comfort in knowing he is with them now.

"You have let me experience the joys of life & the exquisite pleasures of your own eternal presence." – Luke 16:11 (Living Bible)

# Previous Events

## Viewing

FEB 26. 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM (PT)

Harris Funeral Home Legacy Center  
1331 San Pablo Ave.  
Berkeley, CA 94702  
(510) 525-1331  
<http://www.harrisfuneralhomelegacycenter.com>

## Funeral Service

FEB 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Palma Ceia Baptist Church  
, 28605 Ruus Road  
Hayward, CA 94544

## Private Interment

MAR 2 (PT)

Fernwood Crematory  
301 Tennessee Valley Road  
Mill Valley, CA 94941

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My prayers, my thoughts, and my deepest sympathy for the life and legacy of a young man who will forever be young in your hearts, your minds, and your memories. When we do not understand we can only pray and trust in an all knowing God . God as they seek answers, I pray that you respond. I pray for peace that surpasses all human understanding and that God will remain close to all of you as you grieve this tremendous loss. Charles Sr., my frat brother and friend, I extend my love to you and your family. The Rev. Lola S. Russell*

Lola Russell - February 27, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. John Lewis Grady.*



February 26, 2020 at 02:25 PM

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“ *I met John in Seattle when he visited Iloryd Hubbard family during her grandmother Ms Viola funeral He was so attentive, afterwards as I was leaving he walked me to the corner for my ride, after a while I say you could go back I'm ok. No, Iloryd asked me to walk you there and that what I'm going to do. We laughed I told him I'm so happy for you and Iloryd Be good to each other he said proudly no worries that's my girl. My thoughts and prayers DeLois Day*

DeLois Day - February 26, 2020 at 12:40 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. John Lewis Grady.*



February 26, 2020 at 11:22 AM

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“ *To the late John L Grady family. Condolences to u and family. Keeping u in prayer.*

*Ardenia T Davenport - Pittsburgh Pa*

Ardenia Davenport - February 26, 2020 at 10:24 AM

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“ Lloryn Hubbard. Praying always for u. Ardenia

Ardenia Davenport - February 26, 2020 at 10:19 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. John Lewis Grady.



February 26, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ 79 files added to the album Life Tributes



Harris Funeral Home - February 25, 2020 at 08:14 PM