



## Richard "Dick" Karl Gray

June 4, 1928 - April 4, 2019

Richard K. Gray

Scotia, NY

Richard "Dick" Karl Gray, 90, of Scotia, NY passed away on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady after a short illness.

Born on June 4, 1928 in Corinth, NY, he was the son of the late Walter and Eliza Gray. Richard was raised and educated in Scotia, NY and was a lifelong area resident. In his younger years, he worked at the family laundry business ( Scotia Steam Laundry) in Scotia and at a Confectionery and Ice Cream Store on Mohawk Ave. in Scotia.

Richard was honored to serve in U. S. Air Force during the Korean War ( 1951-1955 ). He enjoyed the beautiful states of Arizona and California while stationed in the military. He was proud that he had an ancestor who served in the Revolutionary War.

Richard was employed as an equipment operator with the Village of Scotia Public Works Department for over 45 years until his retirement in 1990.

Richard loved socializing with family and friends, and was an avid gardener, taking pride in his property. He is remembered for his good looks and smile, his hearty laugh, generous heart, quick wit and sense of humor. Richard enjoyed watching old movies, going to Proctors Theater, country and big band music, collecting baseball caps, and his favorite colors were red and blue. He was known as Mr. Scotia, always walking miles throughout the village, driving his red 1974 Chevy Nova, and even flew a Cessna plane and rode on a Harley Davidson Motorcycle on his 80th birthday. Richard was a loving and devoted husband and father, had a great love for animals, was an equal opportunity friend and was loved by all.

In addition to his parents, Richard was also predeceased by his wife, Helen M. Tedford Gray who he married on June 28, 1957, she died on January 12, 2011; his siblings, Blanche (Russell) Wendell, Mildred (Robert) Sanford, and Harold Gray; and in-laws, Catherine (Warren) Bullis and William (Eileen) Tedford.

Survivors include his daughter, Holly J. (Dale Numbers) Gray of Amsterdam; sister-in-law, Norma Fraking of Scotia; many nieces and nephews and extended family and friends including the Newest Lunch family in Schenectady, the DeMarco's Route 5 Pizza family in Scotia, Fred, Gina, Bill, Danny and Liliana, step grandchildren and great grandchildren,

and his cat Smokey.

Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family and in lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Special Olympics New York, 504 Balltown Rd., Bldg. 12C, Schenectady, NY 12304, Schenectady ARC, 214 State St., Schenectady, NY 12305, or Montgomery County SPCA, P.O. Box 484, Amsterdam, NY 12010.

# Cemetery

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## **Park Cemetery**

Sacandaga Rd

Scotia, NY, 12302

# Comments

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“ Holly.... Been there. Going through near death time for my mother in law, also 90. A life well lived for your dad. My heart is with you..... Dave Barnes

Margaret - April 12 at 01:33 PM

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“ Dear Holly and Family,  
My sincere sympathy for your loss of your Dad. If you remember, I met you in line at Bonds, for the funeral of John & Kate Pytlovany's son Adam. You and your Dad were just ahead of me, with my parents, Dell & Sue Oathout. My Dad and yours worked together for the village, many, many years.

I always remember when your Dad and I think, Chuck Bialahoski, would be driving by my house in one of the big trucks and we would chat for a minite. He was always such a sweetheart. My Dad thought very highly of him.

May all your happy memories sustain you through this difficult time.  
Best Regards, Doreen Oathout

Doreen Oathout - April 12 at 10:57 AM

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“ So sorry Holly

sally gray - April 08 at 09:34 PM

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“ Holly,  
You are in our Prayers.  
Uncle Dick will be Dearly Missed..  
Especially his smile and big hugs.  
Love you.



Darlene DelRegno LaQue - April 06 at 09:33 PM

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“ Terry And Jean lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Karl Gray



Terry and Jean - April 06 at 08:31 PM

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“ Christine Shippee lit a candle in memory of Richard "Dick" Karl Gray



Christine Shippee - April 06 at 07:27 PM

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Scott & Barbieri Family Funeral Homes - April 06 at 11:21 AM