



Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays

March 23, 1970 - January 20, 2025

Daryl Darnell Grays was born March 23, 1970 in Saginaw, Michigan to the late Claud and Louise (Gentry) Grays. He was the last child born of their union. Daryl was educated in the Buena Vista school system. He was a 1988 graduate of Buena Vista High School. Daryl continued his education at Delta College, Western Michigan University, and Saginaw Valley State University where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Daryl accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized at Tabernacle Baptist Church by the late Rev. R.B. Austin. He served as a youth usher and attended Sunday School. Upon relocating to Farmington Hills, MI, Daryl joined New Prospect Missionary Baptist of Detroit, MI. Although upon returning to Saginaw, he did not join another church, his faith journey continued. Daryl enjoyed worshipping with Victorious Believers and other churches.

Growing up Daryl and his brother Guy were taught, by their father, the skills of yard maintenance, snow removal, house refurbishment, etc. This led Daryl to obtain his building license. Then Daryl and Guy established their own business, Grays Services LLC. Daryl also comes from a family of educators. Which led to him becoming an Instructional Paraprofessional at Burton Glenn Academy. He loved tutoring math and sowing into the lives of students.

On March 17, 2018, Daryl became a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha

Fraternity Inc., Iota Chi Lambda Chapter. He served as Dean of Membership, Convention Delegate, active in planning & executing the MLK March and scholarship golf outing. He received the James P. Gaddis Service Award. Daryl's final act of service was carrying the banner at the MLK Jr. Celebration on January 20, 2025.

Daryl will be remembered for his love of God, love of family, dedication to his fraternity, and his contagious sense of humor. He could always make you laugh even on your worse day.

The Lord called Daryl to his eternal home on Monday January 20, 2025. He leaves to cherish his memory, one brother, Guy Grays, two sisters, Joyce Adrow and Brenda Grays Holley; brother-in-law, Phillip Holley; two nephews, Jordan Holley and Jamal Holley; bonus nephew, Phillip Holley II; great-niece, Tamara Coleman; five aunts, Ida Stuckey, Travelstine Butler, Clintontine Fitz, Virginia Grays, and Yvonne Gentry; three uncles, Y.T. (Barbara) Gray, Clinton (Verda) Gentry, and Thomas (Cynthia) Gentry; his close friends, Paul Leek, Julius Boarden Jr; and a host of special cousins and friends.

Daryl was preceded in death by his parents Claud and Louise Grays; two sisters, Loretta Harris and Claudine Grays; a nephew Markel Perkins; grandparents, Dave and Corrine Grays; Thomas and Annie Gentry.

Funeral service will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 1, 2025 at Messiah Missionary Baptist Church, 2615 Williamson Rd., Saginaw, MI 48601. Pastor Otis Washington will officiate with interment in Forest Lawn Cemetery 3210 S. Washington, Saginaw, MI 48601. Visitation will take place on Friday at the funeral home 441 N. Jefferson Ave., Saginaw, MI 48607 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, Iota Chi Lambda Chapter will host an Omega Service at 5:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

3210 S. Washington Avenue
Saginaw, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 31. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Evans & Browne's Funeral Home
441 North Jefferson Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48607

Funeral Service

FEB 1 (ET)

Messiah Missionary Baptist Church
2615 Williamson Road
Saginaw, MI 48601

Tribute Wall

LE

“ Sincere Condolences To The Gray's Family. Praying Comfort and Strength During This Time .

LUCY ERBY - February 04, 2025 at 04:26 PM

LW

“ Latrice Chandler sends my deepest condolences to the family. Darryl was a good friend since 2nd grade.



LATRICE DANIELLE WILLIAMS - February 04, 2025 at 11:26 AM

EW

“ Erika Woods lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Erika Woods - February 03, 2025 at 01:00 PM

VE

“ Vermell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Vermell - February 01, 2025 at 11:14 PM

WA

“ *My prayers goes out to entire Grays & Gentry family at this time!*



walker - February 01, 2025 at 11:25 AM

JP

“ *John Perteet lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



John Perteet - February 01, 2025 at 10:32 AM

NB

“ *We will miss you cousin. I look forward to seeing and laughing with you again someday, soon. Rest in Heaven.*



Nona Banks - February 01, 2025 at 09:31 AM

AZ

“ *Prayers and Condolences to the entire family.*



AlbertFrancesHam Zackrie - February 01, 2025 at 04:01 AM

PR

“ *Pat Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Pat Richardson - February 01, 2025 at 03:03 AM

SR

“ *Sherry Pat And Pam Richardson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Sherry Pat and Pam Richardson - February 01, 2025 at 03:02 AM

TF

“ *So sorry for your loss.*



The Richardson Family - February 01, 2025 at 02:59 AM

CP

“ *Crystal Phillips lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Crystal Phillips - January 31, 2025 at 05:12 PM

BB

“ *Brian & Jennifer (Leek) Booker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Brian & Jennifer (Leek) Booker - January 31, 2025 at 03:08 PM

TF

“ *The Holley Family purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays.*



The Holley Family - January 31, 2025 at 03:06 PM

WH

“ *Willis Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Willis Humphrey - January 31, 2025 at 03:00 PM

WH

Sending prayers out to Guy Grays and family I know that Daryl will be deeply miss God will and always be with you and give you strength during this difficult time

Willis Humphrey - January 31, 2025 at 03:17 PM

TB

“ *Tasha Burkes lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Tasha Burkes - January 31, 2025 at 02:59 PM

DR

“ *Dinatria L Rainey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Dinatria L Rainey - January 31, 2025 at 02:00 PM

EM

“ *Eva Macon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Eva Macon - January 31, 2025 at 12:50 PM

SG

“ *I pray that your soul is resting peacefully Daryl!
Continued prayers for the family 🙏*



Shawn Gills - January 31, 2025 at 11:53 AM

SD

“ Sandra Dillard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Sandra Dillard - January 31, 2025 at 10:44 AM

OK

“ Guy I'm sending my deepest condolences to you and your Sister's for the loss of your baby brother Daryl. And I will keep you and your family in my prayers. From Olivia Kincaid and Family.



Olivia E Kincaid - January 31, 2025 at 09:33 AM

LC

“ Rest easy cousin. Love you The Evans Family



LaShonda Evans Crawford - January 31, 2025 at 07:17 AM

CM

“ Cheryl Morris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Cheryl Morris - January 30, 2025 at 11:46 PM

DT

“ *DORIS ESSEX TAYLOR lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



DORIS ESSEX TAYLOR - January 30, 2025 at 08:37 PM

NH

“ *Noland & Karen Heath lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Noland & Karen Heath - January 30, 2025 at 06:24 PM

CD

“ *Corliss Dawkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Corliss Dawkins - January 30, 2025 at 12:47 PM

HL

“ *Helen Ann Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Helen Ann Lewis - January 30, 2025 at 12:39 PM

AG

“ Rest peacefully cousin Daryl! I can't believe I'm writing this because it seems like yesterday that I just saw you. Thank you for always answering the call to help your family. You will be missed, love you.

Andrea Gibbs-Bond - January 29, 2025 at 07:35 PM

VC

“ Cousin Daryl, I will always remember & appreciate the great laughs we had, and your smile. You bought joy to us as we grieved last year for my Dad. I find comfort in knowing that you're in heaven spreading joy & laughter with our precious loved ones. Prayers going up for Guy, Brenda, Joyce and all of our family through this sorrowful time. Rest in Peace Cousin. Love you! Cousin Vallrey (Williams) Crump

Vallrey Crump - January 29, 2025 at 06:53 PM

VC

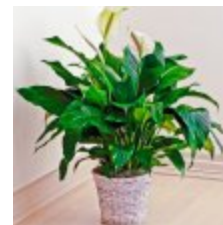
“ Vallrey Crump lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Vallrey Crump - January 29, 2025 at 06:35 PM

VC

“ Vallrey Crump purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays.



Vallrey Crump - January 29, 2025 at 06:29 PM

VC

“ Vallrey Crump planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays.

Vallrey Crump - January 29, 2025 at 06:29 PM

SS

“ My Condolences to the family. Sad to hear of my WMU classmate's passing.



Sonya Surles - January 29, 2025 at 03:28 PM

AB

“ I'm going to miss you so much. Over 20 years of knowing one another , wow I was thinking you were there for so many events in my life Alania's 8th graduation senior prom and graduation .college graduation wow and I thought you would see her get married this year my dear friend I can't stop crying how much your miss ed . This is so unbelievable to me . Rest in the master arms my dear friend. Praying for your family I know this is hard . You were such a gentlemen, cool and always wearing a smile. RIH Daryl.

Angelita Bushell - January 29, 2025 at 03:13 PM

DB

“ My condolences to you and the family my brother. I pray you continue to keep that awesome spirit in the right place during this difficult time. We're praying for you 🙏



Dennis & Patricia Balls - January 29, 2025 at 10:38 AM

LP

“ *Linda Pritchett lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Linda Pritchett - January 29, 2025 at 10:35 AM

FF

“ *Heartfelt condolences to Guy and the Grays family. May God continue to comfort you and your family. The Frierson Family 🙏*

Frierson Family - January 29, 2025 at 10:34 AM

AH

“ *Anthony L Humphrey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



anthony L humphrey - January 29, 2025 at 09:03 AM

GW

“ *Gracie M Witherspoon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Gracie M Witherspoon - January 28, 2025 at 10:54 PM

GB

“ Gwendolyn White Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Gwendolyn White Bowman - January 28, 2025 at 10:38 PM

CD

“ Sending our condolences to the family, who we consider our family. We know this is a huge loss on earth, but we know our God in heaven is Greater! May the Holy Spirit bring you comfort 🙏 Cassie, Chuckie & Family



Cassie Davis-Winder - January 28, 2025 at 03:41 PM

CG

“ Sending love and prayers to the Grays family



CHARLES E GILES - January 28, 2025 at 01:44 PM

HG

“ We could always count on Daryl and Guy to come by and help us out when we needed them. I will always remember his smile that came so easy to him.



Henry and Brenda Gibbs - January 28, 2025 at 12:35 PM

GD

“ *Gregory LeVOY Daniel lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Gregory LeVOY Daniel - January 27, 2025 at 06:11 PM

CP

“ *Charlotte Perkins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Charlotte Perkins - January 27, 2025 at 04:41 PM

AB

“ *Anna M. Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Anna M. Brown - January 27, 2025 at 04:26 PM

FC

“ *Sorry to hear of the loss of Daryl. He was a good person and kept everyone laughing all the time. My condolences and prayers to the Grays family. Rest well classmate c/o 1988*

Felecia Cole - January 27, 2025 at 02:03 PM



“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays.*



January 27, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ *I was sadden to hear of the passing of Daryl. My condolences to his family. In school you had people you were cool with. Daryl was someone I was cool with, we shared many laughs in the classrooms and halls of BVHS. He was just good people. Rest well classmate c/o 88.*

Paulette Sullivan-McCall - January 27, 2025 at 08:58 AM



“ *Gracie M Witherspoon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Gracie M Witherspoon - January 26, 2025 at 10:18 PM



“ *Delores Jackson Banks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Delores Jackson Banks - January 26, 2025 at 09:13 PM

LC

“ *Larry & Gwen Conway sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Larry & Gwen Conway - January 26, 2025 at 09:01 PM

SW

“ *Sending heartfelt sympathy to the Grays family for the sudden loss of your beloved Daryl who radiated a bright light with his signature smile and generous spirit. May his light never fade and his spirit & laughter remain forever in your heart.*
~"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

S Weathers - January 26, 2025 at 08:48 PM

LH

“ *To my brother Guy please know that the Entire BV all class has you and your Family in prayer. Know that God has you and we do to we are here for you and Love you Always. Kenneth and Loray Haynes*

Loray Haynes - January 26, 2025 at 07:01 PM

KG

“ *My deepest condolences to Daryl's family. I can remember Daryl headed to class with books under his arm, dressed clean, and a smile on his face. RIH classmate "88".*



Kim Gray - January 26, 2025 at 06:55 PM

L(

“ *Liz Aikin (Ford) lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Liz Aikin (Ford) - January 26, 2025 at 04:49 PM

EH

“ *Elbert Hunter lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Elbert Hunter - January 26, 2025 at 01:38 PM

RW

“ *Rhonda L. Warren lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Rhonda L. Warren - January 26, 2025 at 01:10 PM

JF

“ *Judi Mason-Ford and Family.*



Judith Ford - January 26, 2025 at 09:00 AM

DW

“ Family we send our sincere condolences to you all . Another Angel in Our Family has taken Flight . Daryl was truly one of a kind, You could see him coming from a mile away with that affections smile. My husband would offend share story about going to Saginaw to visit their Cousin's, or their Family coming to Flint , Continue to Fly High Cousin and Rest in Peace. Much Love Always



Derrek & Regina Williams - January 26, 2025 at 07:12 AM

BG

“ Bradley Garner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Bradley Garner - January 26, 2025 at 02:14 AM

MR

“ Mary Roby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Mary Roby - January 26, 2025 at 02:11 AM

CW

“ Calvin & Delores Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Calvin & Delores Williams - January 25, 2025 at 10:13 PM

AF

“ Annie Ruth Speight Fuller lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Annie Ruth Speight Fuller - January 25, 2025 at 08:52 PM

NT

“ Nola Taylor & Charles Taylor sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Nola Taylor & Charles Taylor - January 25, 2025 at 08:49 PM

HF

“ Helton Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Helton Family - January 25, 2025 at 08:49 PM



“ *Yvette Wofford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Yvette Wofford - January 25, 2025 at 08:24 PM



“ *Carrie Gills Jackson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Carrie Gills Jackson - January 25, 2025 at 08:11 PM



“ *Brenda Ryan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Brenda Ryan - January 25, 2025 at 06:13 PM



“ *Brenda and Grays family, I send prayers of comfort. May God keep you all in his comforting arms.*

Barbara Payton - January 25, 2025 at 05:10 PM

DH

“ Deidre Hunter sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Deidre Hunter - January 25, 2025 at 02:54 PM

CH

“ Clifford Harris lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Clifford Harris - January 25, 2025 at 09:57 AM

CG

“ Connie Gray lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Connie Gray - January 24, 2025 at 09:05 PM

AA

“ To Guy and the rest of the family: So very sorry for your loss. Daryl was a GREAT guy, seems like yesterday we were all attending Tabernacle B.C. together. May God give you peace and strength during this difficult time.
-Ann Hudspeth



Ann M. Arceneaux - January 24, 2025 at 06:26 PM

AW

“ Praying for the Grays family!! Daryl will be missed.



Amy Hudspeth Whitson - January 24, 2025 at 05:26 PM

AN

“ Rest easy my brother. 06!

Alfred Neal - January 24, 2025 at 01:24 PM

WH

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of Daryl we sends are heart felt condolences to the family Guy we'll be praying for you and the family.



Willie and Elaine Houston - January 24, 2025 at 09:58 AM

EL

“ Edith Delphine Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Edith Delphine Lewis - January 24, 2025 at 06:58 AM

JL

“ *John Michael Lewis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



John Michael Lewis - January 24, 2025 at 06:57 AM

SH

“ *Rest In The Arms Of Jesus*



Shauna Hemphill - January 23, 2025 at 10:46 PM

BB

“ *Bridget Baber lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Bridget Baber - January 23, 2025 at 08:40 PM

RW

“ *Condolences to Brother and sisters.*



Rodney Walker and Barbara Walker - January 23, 2025 at 04:17 PM

DH

“ My sympathy and condolences to Joyce, Guy, and Brenda during this difficult time. As I reflect upon past memories of family and home, I'm simply grateful that God made us a close knit family that cared about each other. Ultimately, let us continue look to God for mercy, guidance, and support. Blessings from Houston to all of the family.



Delorise Hammond - January 23, 2025 at 03:47 PM

TG

“ My condolences to Daryl Grays family



Timmeth Grays - January 23, 2025 at 02:58 PM

JG

“ JANET GRAYS lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



JANET GRAYS - January 23, 2025 at 02:40 PM

MT

“ Sending prayers and condolences to the family and friends. I remember when we younger and we would always tease each other. You will be missed



Melissa Taylor - January 23, 2025 at 02:05 PM

BP

“ Bryan & Anna Patton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Bryan & Anna Patton - January 23, 2025 at 11:13 AM

LT

“ Sending my deepest condolence to the family and friends. 🙏🙏🙏 R.I.H



Lesia Jackson Turnage - January 23, 2025 at 10:54 AM

SS

“ I have known Daryl since being classmates at Buena Vista high school and previously at St. Mary's Cathedral High School. He was a quiet but friendly person. Condolences to his family at this difficult time. Class of 1988.

Shawn Surles - January 23, 2025 at 10:31 AM

JW

“ Jeanette Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Jeanette Williams - January 23, 2025 at 09:11 AM

OJ

“ Oscar And Alice(Rainey) Wilson Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Oscar and Alice(Rainey) Wilson Jr. - January 23, 2025 at 08:38 AM

DH

“ Dwight/Shalanda Akins Houston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Dwight/Shalanda Akins Houston - January 23, 2025 at 07:27 AM

DJ

“ Sending Condolences To Guy & The Gray's Family!



Demetria Berry Jackson - January 23, 2025 at 06:43 AM

TB

“ Tonja S Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Tonja S Brown - January 23, 2025 at 02:59 AM

HP

“ *Helen Pringle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Helen Pringle - January 23, 2025 at 12:56 AM

GR

“ *Glen Donald Rush lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Glen Donald Rush - January 22, 2025 at 07:58 PM

LC

“ *My deepest condolences from the Evans and Crawford family.... love you cousin*



LaShonda Evans Crawford - January 22, 2025 at 07:46 PM

MO

“ *Ms. Harriet Oliver lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays*



Ms. Harriet Oliver - January 22, 2025 at 06:42 PM

CF

“ I can not believe we just just spoke at the MLK Celebration with your Alpha brothers. I am so broken hearted 😭. I'm going to miss the laughter, your comments. Thank God for the friendship we share for years from Tabernacle to APA (The fraternity you & my husband shared). I am forever grateful. To your family & friends: May God be with you during this difficult time.



Cynthia & George Adams&The Sledge family - January 22, 2025 at 06:36 PM

JG

“ Joyce Gills sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Joyce Gills - January 22, 2025 at 05:25 PM

EH

“ Elizabeth Hudspeth lit a candle in memory of Mr. Daryl Darnell Grays



Elizabeth Hudspeth - January 22, 2025 at 04:34 PM

BL

My Bv brother for life a great friend always could make you laugh everyone loved him

Bruce Lambert - January 22, 2025 at 10:37 PM



So sorry to hear about Darryl passing u had a great smile always smiling an quite c/0 88 will miss u BV for life

CASSANDRA Corral - January 22, 2025 at 11:23 PM