



## Charles Harrison Gray Sr

September 26, 1937 - December 24, 2020

Charles Harrison Gray, Sr. of Sandy Springs, GA passed away suddenly on December 24, 2020. He was a beloved father, grandfather, friend to many and a hero to our country.

Graveside Services will be held at 10:30am on Friday January 8,2021 at GA National Cemetery 1080 Scott Hudgens Dr, Canton ,Ga 30114. Visitation will be held on Thursday January 7,2021 from 6pm-8pm at our South DeKalb Chapel.

He is survived by his best friend and companion, Joyce Weems; two sons Maurio Dewayne Gray and Charles Harrison Gray, Jr. (Venita); eight grandchildren, Tamika, Shantasha, Maurio, Jr., Courtney (Mark), Joshua, Patric (Katie), Lela, and David and a host of great -grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gray (Ida Mae Cofer) and his brother, Zachary Gray.

He began his military career as a very young man, serving in Korea in the post Korean War era. He was honorably discharged after 3 years of service. In 1966, impressed by President Kennedy's historic words, "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country", he volunteered for service in Vietnam.

In 1967 he was almost fatally wounded and was considered a miracle survivor by the medical staff. He left the military in 1969 as a highly decorated soldier. He was awarded a National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/2 Bronze Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/Device 1960, Air Medal w/V Device, Distinguished Flying Cross, Army Commendation Medal w/V Dev 1 OIC, Aircraft Crewman Badge, 1 o/s Bar, Sharpshooter (M14), Marksman (M16) 2GG (M60), Purple Heart and Gallantry Cross w/Bronze Star.

He spent the last 20 years of his career at Emory Saint Joseph's hospital where he worked in the Pathology Lab. He retired in 2002.

Visitation will be held Thursday, January 7, 2021 from 6 – 8 pm at Gregory B. Levett Funeral Home, 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy, South Dekalb, Decatur, Georgia 30034. CDC Covid-19 guidelines will be observed. Burial will be Friday, January 8, 2021 at the National Cemetery in Canton, GA.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Samaritan Fund at North Springs United Methodist Church, 7770 Roswell Rd. NE Sandy Springs, GA 30350.

Due to the COVID-19, a mask is required to enter the Chapel.

Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home 4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy, Decatur, GA 30034 (404) 241-5656.

Please extend your condolences here on our website.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JAN 8. 10:30 AM (ET)

Georgia National Cemetery  
1080 Scott Hudgens Dr  
Canton, GA 30114

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“ *We would like to extend our condolences to the family. May the support of family and friends be a source of strength and the God of comfort a refuge in your time of sorrow. Truly sorry for your loss.*

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**Evans family** - January 02, 2021 at 05:31 AM

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“ Charles 😞 I'm going to miss you saying, Gail you know I named you Gail Denise 🤔😞 you was so proud of that, but I never had the heart to tell you, I don't like Denise 😞, but I'm honored to carry on your last name Gray.

Charles Gray take your deserving Heavenly Rest, 🙏 you will never be forgotten especially that smile, love 🥰 your daughter Gail Denise Gray.



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Gail Gray Smith - January 01, 2021 at 10:56 AM