



## Jack H. Gray

March 25, 1931 - May 9, 2025

Jack H. Gray, age 94 years, a resident of Vienna, passed away Friday, May 9, 2025, at 5:15 A.M. at the Oregon Living & Rehabilitation Center in Oregon, Illinois.

Jack was born March 25, 1931 in Vienna. He was the only child born to Francis Verlin Gray and Mary Elizabeth (Evers) Gray.

On August 4, 1951, Jack was united in marriage to Jacqueline “Jackie” Williams at the Vienna First United Methodist Church. She preceded him in death on May 9, 2003.

Jack is survived by: 4 grandchildren – Jeremy (Kerry) Gray of Oregon, Illinois, Jonathan (Deanna) Gray of Longwood, Florida, Mathew (Devyn) Kerley of Ozark, Illinois; and Julia Gray of Vienna, Illinois; 6 great grandchildren – Samantha Gray, Jacqleen “Dani” Gray, Falisha Barter, Lydia Gray, Addison Gray, and Landon Gray; 2 great-great grandchildren – Ivy Rhys Gray & Wyattte Stanton; 6 step great grandchildren and 2 step great-great grandchildren; a daughter-in-law – LaDonna Gray of Carrier Mills, Illinois; a sister-in-law – Bess Ann (Sam) Duane of Tempe, Arizona; a brother-in-law – George Galeener of Vienna, Illinois; and a dear friend – Norma Turok of Vienna, Illinois.

In addition to his parents and wife, Jack was preceded in death by his sons – Sam Gray, Mike Gray, and Tim Gray and a grandson – John Michael Gray.

Jack was a 1949 graduate of Vienna High School. On November 18, 1951, Jack enlisted in the U.S. Army. He served during the Korean War and attained the rank of Sergeant prior to his honorable discharge on August 22, 1953. Jack also served in the Illinois National Guard.

In his youth, Jack operated a delivery route for TipTop Cakes. He later worked as a welder at Caterpillar, Inc. in Decatur. In 1962, when the family returned to Southern Illinois, Jack began working for the Vienna Nursery. In 1967, he accepted a position with the U.S. Forest Service and was employed as a law enforcement officer until his retirement in 1994. Jack was very community minded. He had served as a volunteer member of the Vienna Fire Department. Jack had also served as a Boy Scout leader.

Jack attended the Vienna First United Methodist Church.

Jack was an avid outdoorsman. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and could often be seen mowing and tending to his lawn. Jack was an avid bicyclist and had a daily routine of riding 10 miles. He was also a faithful supporter of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team.

A celebration of the life of Jack Gray will be conducted Saturday morning, June 14, 2025, at 11 A.M. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor David Faulkner will officiate.

Burial will be in the Vienna Fraternal Cemetery. Military honors will be accorded by the Beggs-Gurley VFW Post # 5222.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 10 A.M. until the service hour

at 11 A.M. Saturday, June 14, 2025, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Serenity Hospice, 1658 South Illinois Route 2, Oregon, Illinois 61061 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 75817, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

# Cemetery Details

## Vienna Fraternal Cemetery

N. 6th Street  
Vienna, IL

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family & Friends

JUN 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Celebration of Life

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## Committal Service & Military Honors

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JUN 14. 12:00 PM (CT)

Vienna Fraternal Cemetery  
N. 6th Street  
Vienna, IL

# Tribute Wall



“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Jack H. Gray



Bailey Funeral Home - June 14, 2025 at 01:26 PM



“ Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Jack H. Gray



Linda Koehler - June 11, 2025 at 09:24 PM



“ Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Jack H. Gray



Bobby Rentfro - May 28, 2025 at 10:43 PM



“ I greatly appreciated the time and effort that Jack, along with the other USFS officers, spent assisting with our scout troop back in the 60's. RIP Jack

Greg Walker - May 17, 2025 at 07:05 AM

ND

“ NaTasha Danekas lit a candle in memory of Jack H. Gray



NaTasha Danekas - May 15, 2025 at 03:23 PM

LC

“ Larry Choate lit a candle in memory of Jack H. Gray



Larry Choate - May 15, 2025 at 12:35 PM

PH

“ PhyllisMyers lit a candle in memory of Jack H. Gray



PhyllisMyers - May 14, 2025 at 05:55 PM

MM

“ Margaret Mathis lit a candle in memory of Jack H. Gray



Margaret Mathis - May 13, 2025 at 10:59 PM

KA

“ Kathy(Black)Holt lit a candle in memory of Jack H. Gray



Kathy(Black)Holt - May 13, 2025 at 09:47 PM

JS

“ John Slack lit a candle in memory of Jack H. Gray



John Slack - May 13, 2025 at 10:57 AM

DH

“ David And Ellen Hill lit a candle in memory of Jack H. Gray



David and Ellen Hill - May 13, 2025 at 10:04 AM

LB

“ Linda Simmons Biethman lit a candle in memory of Jack H. Gray



Linda Simmons Biethman - May 12, 2025 at 07:51 PM

LK

“ *Linda Koehler lit a candle in memory of Jack H. Gray*



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**Linda Koehler** - May 12, 2025 at 06:17 PM

RS

“ *Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney lit a candle in memory of Jack H. Gray*



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**Rev. Richard & Vickey Swiney** - May 12, 2025 at 05:36 PM