



## Michael Patrick Gray

September 13, 1958 - October 6, 2021

### Obituary for Bishop Mike Gray

Michael Patrick Gray entered the glorious presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on October 6, 2021.

Mike was born on September 13, 1958, in Birmingham, AL.

He married the love of his life Karen Harris in June 1977. Together they built a beautiful life with their children, LeighAnne and Kenny. Through the years his family enlarged to include his son-in-law, Blake and daughter-in-law, Mary. His greatest honor was becoming a Poppie to Brodie Bear and the Princess Cubby AnnaBella. His family was his most prized possession. He was a devoted, loving husband, doting father, and the world's most adoring Poppie. He lavished them with love! He always put them first. He led his family with a fierce passion and with integrity and impeccable character. He is simply irreplaceable to them.

He was called to preach as a teenager at 17 years old and he ministered in his calling for 46 years.

Mike was full of humility and integrity. He was a saint of God, a man of prayer, a student of the Word, and he served the Lord with every ounce of his being. For the past 11 years, Mike faithfully served the Alpha Conference as the Conference Superintendent. He also served as the Chairman of the IPHC Finance Committee and sat on various denominational committees and boards. Prior to becoming the Alpha Conference Superintendent, he served

as the Chief of Staff and Executive Assistant to the IPHC General Superintendents James Leggett and Ronald Carpenter. Sr., in Oklahoma City, OK, for 5 years.

He pastored Alpha Conference Churches; McComb's Chapel, Robertsdale IPHC, River of Life Fellowship, Good Shepherd and The Celebration Center. Other areas he served during his time of ministry includes; Conference Church Growth Director, Conference Assistant Superintendent, Alpha Conference Mission's Director and as a member of the Conference Executive Council, where he served under his beloved spiritual father, David Stephens. He was also an integral part of Alpha Conference Youth Camps and had a heart for the Next Generation.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Franklin Gray and Doris Gray Whitehead, brothers Phillip Gray and Frankie Gray (wife Lynn).

He is survived by his loving wife Karen Harris Gray, son Kenny (wife Mary), Daughter LeighAnne (husband Blake), Grandchildren; Brodie and AnnaBella, Brother Darryl (wife Anna), Stepfather Jim Whitehead, and many more nieces, nephews, cousins, brothers and sisters-in-law.

#### Visitation and Service

Visitation and service will be on Wednesday, October 13th, 2021 held at Faith Community Fellowship, located at 7660 Gadsden Hwy, Trussville, AL 35173.

The family will receive friends from 11-1 PM.

The service will begin at 1 PM.

Graveside to immediately follow.

#### Graveside

Burial will take place at Jefferson Memorial Gardens located at 1591 Gadsden Hwy, Birmingham AL 35235

#### Flower Delivery

Flowers should be delivered directly to:

Faith Community Fellowship, located at 7660 Gadsden Hwy, Trussville, AL 35173.

The church will accept deliveries on our behalf on, Tuesday, October 12th and Wednesday, October 13th until 10 AM.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to Water for Nations. All proceeds will be used to build water wells in Kenya in Mike's honor. On the check-out page is a Tribute section. Please earmark your donation in honor of "Mike Gray."

<https://give.iphc.org/project/east-africa-water-for-nations>

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Memorial Gardens

1591 Gadsden Hwy  
Birmingham, AL 35235

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **13**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Faith Community Fellowship Church  
7660 Gadsden Hwy  
Trussville, AL 35173

## Funeral Service

OCT **13**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Faith Community Fellowship Church  
7660 Gadsden Hwy  
Trussville, AL 35173

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Michael Patrick Gray.*



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October 12, 2021 at 12:48 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Michael Patrick Gray.*



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October 12, 2021 at 11:25 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Michael Patrick Gray.*



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October 12, 2021 at 05:46 AM



“ *Mike's wisdom and leadership will be sorely missed on the Emmanuel College Board of Trustees.  
David Roberson COB Emmanuel College*

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**David Roberson** - October 11, 2021 at 01:18 PM

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“ *David Roberson, Chairman of the Board EC purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Michael Patrick Gray.*



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**David Roberson, Chairman of the Board EC** - October 11, 2021 at 01:10 PM

BC

“ *Bishop Danny Nelson & the NC Conference purchased the Sweet Remembrance Spray for the family of Michael Patrick Gray.*



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**Bishop Danny Nelson & the NC Conference** - October 11, 2021 at 11:22 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Michael Patrick Gray.*



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October 11, 2021 at 09:20 AM

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“ *I remember Mike as being kind, patient, and a truly good Christian man. He loved Karen and the children totally.. My thoughts are with you, and my prayers are for your comfort and strength. ( i donated to help the effort to supply east Africa with clean water.) Love from Marilou Coley McGinnis*

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**Marilou Coley McGinnis** - October 11, 2021 at 03:02 AM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Michael Patrick Gray.*



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October 09, 2021 at 09:29 PM