



## Jerome Merry "Bubba" Gray, Jr.

October 24, 1957 - December 12, 2014

It is with the heaviest heart and deepest sorrow that Jerome Merry "Bubba" Gray, Jr. passed away peacefully on Friday, December 12, 2014. Bubba was born on October 24, 1957 at St. Mary's Hospital and was a native of West Palm Beach, Florida. He attended Lake Park Elementary School, Palm Beach Gardens Middle School and graduated from Jupiter High School where in played football for four years then attended Auburn University. Bubba was an avid hunter and fisherman, part of the Gold Coast Via de Cristo Community and a member of The Crossing Community Church. He was employed by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft for 10 years before following his passion as a mate and Boat Captain where he fished numerous tournaments, including the Bertram Hatteras Shootout and Bahamian Billfish Championships, where they were very successful winning several tournaments. Bubba is survived by his wife, Jeanne; son, Jacob Alvey; parents, Jerome Merry "Babe" Gray, Sr. and Irene Keesecker Gray; great-aunt, Maxine Ford ; aunt and uncles, Grafton (deceased) and Relda Gray, Jerry and Anita Keesecker, Sam and Penny Keesecker (deceased), John and Ann Keesecker, Michael Keesecker (deceased), Conrad and Margaret Lee Keesecker, Howard and Nancy (deceased) Bogart, A.G. (deceased) and Carol Keesecker, Prezzle and Katrinka Quillen, Carl and Theresa Keesecker, and Steven Keesecker, along with numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, in-law family members, close friends and colleagues. He is loved and will be dearly missed by all. There will be a visitation for family and friends on Saturday, December 20, 2014 from

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center Street, Jupiter, Florida. A funeral service will follow at the funeral home at 1:00 p.m. A second funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 27, 2014 at the Robert Ledford Funeral Home, 720 Ohio Avenue, Erwin, Tennessee, at 1:00 with an interment at the Evergreen Cemetery Mausoleum, 1100 7th Street, Erwin, Tennessee. In lieu of flowers, please bring a gift for Toys for Tots at the service, Hospice of Palm Beach County or make a donation to a charity of your choice in Bubbas' memory.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Jerome Merry "Bubba" Gray, Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



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**Brian Glave - Churchville, MD** - December 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathies to Jeanne and family. Bubba was a great guy, always happy and ready to have a good laugh with everyone. Our hearts are heavy in Bubbas passing but we know he is rejoicing with Jesus.*

**Kevin and Ronna Perry - Ft. Pierce, FL - friend** - December 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *My heart goes out to you at this time and in the days ahead.*

**TIM PRICE - MADISON, FL** - December 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ My heart goes out to Bubba's parents. Through his father's life-long friendship with my father Bubba and I shared more than a few great adventures during our magical "Tom Sawyer years" Our Dads took us on some wild rides through the Corbett Area in the back of a pickup truck, bouncing around the truck bed like marbles, scared for our lives a few times but usually howling with delight. We shared some great snook fishing fun in the Palm Beach Inlet, usually followed by great ping pong games at his house (when our Dads would finally let us play). Bubba was a good and happy kid. He will be missed by a lot of people. I'm so sorry for your loss.

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**Michael Hardwick** - December 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I was absolutely shocked when I went to the store yesterday and read the terribly sad news. Bubba always talked about happy things - his passion for the fishing tournaments in which he participated, life in Tennessee, his parents and the oh-so-funny story about a photograph of him Jeanne had brought to a special birthday party at church. When a man speaks so well of his wife you know he's one of the "good guys".He was so pleasant and the type of person you looked forward to seeing as you shopped for the quality products in the store.Life is so fragile and you never know when will be the last time you see someone. I certainly thought I would see him yesterday.The request for a Toys-For-Tots gift or a donation to a charity truly suits Bubba's personality.My sincere condolences to Jeanne, his son, his parents and all his relatives.

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**Bonnie Larson** - December 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Thinking of you with deepest sympathy. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

*Jan Wilkins*

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**Jan Wilkins - Palm Beach Gardens, FL - Friends of parents - December 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM**

RF

“ *RIP Bubba*

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**Regan Fussell - Jupiter Farms, FL - Friend - December 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM**

LF

“ *Miss you, Uncle Bubba, but we will see you again.*

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**Lisa & Joby Slay - PBG, FL - December 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM**

LF

“ *Thoughts and prayers to Bubba's family. Rest in peace Bubba.*

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**Lynda Beverly - Palm Beach Gardens, FL - December 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM**