



## Obituary

**Born:** Saturday, April 21, 1934

**Died:** Friday, August 16, 2019

Pastor Albert "Al" Gray, 85, of Mifflintown, passed over to Glory on Friday, August 16, 2019, at his home in his wife's loving arms.

Born April 21, 1934 in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late Robert and Helen (McConaghy) Gray.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, June (Cooper) Gray, whom he married August 27, 1955.

Also surviving are five daughters, June Hackenberger and husband, Scott, of Thompsontown, Susie Graybill and husband, Rich, of Mifflintown, Kathy Dressler and husband, Bob, of Thompsontown, Linda Fry and husband, Dave, of Mifflin and Jill Swartz and husband, Joel, of Palmyra; 31 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; one brother, Robert Gray and wife, Nancy; two sisters, Joyce Hirshberg and Mary Ann Rogers and husband, Dave.

He was preceded in death by his son, Albert Gray Jr., one granddaughter, Jillian Swartz, and one brother-in-law, Robert Hirshberg.

Albert was a day truck driver in Philadelphia for 20 years, working with his father and brother at the beginnings of Gray's Trucking. He moved his family to Juniata County in 1974 to begin farming. After two years, he started his own business building pallets by hand with his son and daughters. The business grew to become known as Gray's Pallets, a local pallet manufacturing company, which is still operated by his family.

In addition to being a local businessman, his greater love was in serving His Lord. He was the founding pastor of Cornerstone Community Church and was active in the ministry of the church and served many heartfelt visitations to church members and others in need. He belonged to the Association of Evangelical Pastors and was a member of the Gideon Society. In his earlier days, he participated in the Holmesburg Prison Ministry in Philadelphia. He was a youth group leader, a Sunday school teacher, and taught Bible studies where many were led to Christ. He was passionate about the scriptures and studied them every day.

He dearly loved his wife and all of his family and loved when everyone would get together. He enjoyed deep sea fishing with his dad, siblings, children, nephews and grandchildren. Albert expressed his love often times with food.

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## Service Summary

### Viewing

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Mon Aug 19, 2019

9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, Tue Aug 20, 2019

### Cornerstone Community Church

32 Wagner Road  
Mifflintown, PA 17059

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### Funeral Service

10:00 AM Tue Aug 20, 2019

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### Committal Service

Tue Aug 20, 2019

### Cedar Grove Cemetery

Mifflintown, PA 17059

He supported his community in many ways. He generously gave to various local organizations: baseball and softball teams, fire companies, Juniata Mennonite School, 4-H, radio ministries, Bible colleges, CEF and many others.

His funeral will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2019, at Cornerstone Community Church with Pastor John Briggs, officiating. Interment will be in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Mifflintown.

The family will receive friends at Cornerstone Community Church on Monday, Aug. 19 from 6-9 pm and on Tuesday from 9 a.m. until the time of the services, also at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are respectfully encouraged to Cornerstone Community Church, 32 Wagner Road, Mifflintown, PA 17059.

Guss Funeral Home, Inc., 20 S. Third St., Mifflintown, has care of the arrangements. Condolences may be left at [www.gussfh.com](http://www.gussfh.com).

Charitable donations may be made in Pastor Albert "Al"'s memory to the following organization:

**See Obituary for memorial contribution information**