



H. Glenn Gray

March 28, 1937 - March 19, 2019

H. Glenn Gray of Newport TN, died on March 19th at Wellington Manor in Newport TN. He was born March 28th, 1937 in Cosby TN, a son of Olsie G. and Addie R. Gray. His youth was spent in Parrottsville, TN on a family farm. He attended Parrottsville Elementary School and graduated from Parrottsville High School. After graduating from high school, he earned a B.S. degree from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Animal Science with specializations in physiology, genetics, and animal breeding from Cornell University in Ithaca NY.

His professional career in academics involved appointments as a professor at the Universities of Maine and Rhode Island in the Animal and Veterinary Sciences Departments. He taught and advised hundreds of undergraduate students and guided over 20 graduate students in their research studies. He conducted research in animal physiology related to farm animal reproduction, genetics, farm animal breeding, and in the physiology of stress related to farm animal well-being, while publishing papers in several scientific journals.

At the University of Rhode Island, he served as Chairman of the Animal and Veterinary Science Department, as University Director of Central Laboratory Animal Resources, and as a University Associate Coordinator of Research. Later in his career, he worked in Washington D.C. for the USDA as the Principal Animal Physiologist and Research Program Leader in Animal Physiology in CSREES. In this capacity, he administered and coordinated activities with University Experiment Stations nationwide on individual and

multi-state research projects in animal physiology. Other activities involved administrating Special Research Grants in animal physiology and biotechnology, and administrating Facilities Grants for the construction of research facilities at several Land Grant Universities. He was an original member of the National Animal Genome and National Animal Germplasm committees and helped establish the USDA National Gene Mapping Program for farm animals with USDA and university scientists. He also chaired a USDA Interagency Group on Farm Animal Well-being.

Since retiring, he has lived in Parrottsville and Newport TN. He was preceded in death by his parents Olsie and Addie Gray, a brother Douglas Gray, a sister Florence Soltys, a sister Druann Gregg, his first wife Marcia Anne Victor, and his fiancé Jeanette Sawyer of Bybee TN. Surviving relatives include a son Brian Gray with granddaughters Abigail Gray and Kourtney Walker and grandson Jason Gray as well as a great grandson Dominic Trujillo by Abigail; a daughter and son-in-law Karen and Daniel Cady with grandsons Zachary and Alex Cady; a sister Carolyn Arwood of Parrottsville TN; and a brother-in-law John Soltys of Chapel Hill NC.

Nieces and a nephew include Jacqueline Henderson of Williamsburg VA, Rebecca Jones of Blacksburg VA, Cynthia Gregg of Lawrenceville VA, Tracye Martin of New Market TN, Kristye Banta of Nashville TN, and Mark Spence of Parrottsville TN.

A Visitation from 1-2 PM and a Memorial Service from 2-3 PM Sunday March 24 will be at Manes Funeral Home, 363 East Main St, Newport TN.

Family and friends may sign the guest register online at www.manesfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements by Manes Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *H. Glenn Gray*

November 17, 2022 at 06:00 PM



“ *Glenn was a valued senior mentor when I was a freshly minted assistant professor at URI. He is sadly missed.*

Michael A. Rice - February 07, 2022 at 01:51 PM



“ *My condolences to the entire Gray family. Glenn and I were fellow grad students at Cornell and stayed in touch when he was at USDA in later years of his career. I am saddened to learn of his passing. We lost a very good scientist, educator and human being.*

Leonard S Bull - March 28, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *Uncle Glenn will be missed by so many. I know as his niece, he always was a rock and amazing supporter of everyone in the family. I know I will miss him. Brian and Karen, if you need anything that I can make happen let me know!!*

Cynthia Gregg - March 26, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *We are so very sorry for the loss of your father and grandfather. Prayers sent to all family and friends for healing hearts! Love you very much cuz.*

Alice, Bill, Golden, Curly Wooley - March 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Your family will always be in my thoughts and prayers if there is anything I can do please get in touch. Glenn will be missed by all he touched through life.

Tracy Pack - March 25, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ With deepest sympathy to all family members.

Marie Wood - March 24, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am a first cousin of Glen. Our mothers were sisters. My mother was Elsie Hill Howard. Glen and I kept in touch through Christmas cards until last year. I have fond memories of times spent with Uncle Olsie and Aunt Addie. I am so sorry to hear of his

Irene Howard Simerly - March 23, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ Sorry to hear of GlennÆs passing. Our thoughts are with Brian, Karen and your families.á

Chris & Mike Taylor - March 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers are w you and the family during this difficult time . Love and Hugs

Dwaina Dunn - March 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Our most sincere condolences. Respectfully,á Mrs. Joyce Kinser Terry, Janey and Summer Kinser

Janey Clevenger Kinser - March 22, 2019 at 12:00 AM