



## Daniel R. Gray

December 3, 1949 - July 4, 2014

Daniel R. Gray, 64 year old resident of the Pierz/Buckman area, passed away on Friday, July 4, 2014 at St. Cloud Hospital surrounded by his family after a 6 year battle with cancer. A Funeral Service for Dan will be held at 11 AM on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Hillman, MN. The minister will be Shirley Adolphson and burial will be at Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery by Little Falls, MN. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 PM on Tuesday, July 8th at Shelley-Virnig Funeral Chapel in Pierz, MN, and from 10 to 11 AM on Wednesday at the church.

Daniel Roy Gray was born on December 3, 1949 in Storm Lake, IA to the late William and Nina (Knaus) Gray. His father was a minister and the family moved to many different communities in the central United States. Dan entered into service with the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division and served overseas in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. Following his honorable discharge from active duty, Dan served with the MN National Guard stationed at Camp Ripley for many years.

Dan was united in marriage to the love of his life, Judy Hanson, on September 29, 1970 at Springvale Baptist Church near Cambridge, MN. Together they settled in the Dalbo, MN area. In 1986, they moved to the Pierz/Buckman area, and their children graduated from the Pierz schools. Dan enjoyed spending time outdoors, and especially loved camping with his grandchildren. He had a love of music and playing his guitar. Dan enjoyed socializing and joking around with old friends and new. He loved to read, stating that a good

book got better and you learned new things each time you reread it.

Dan was a lifetime member of the Little Falls V.F.W. and the D.A.V. He faithfully fought for his country, and was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and all around good man who will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Dan is survived by his wife of 43 years, Judy Gray; son, Joshua Gray of Pierz; daughters, Amy (Dennis) Gotvald and Heidi (Brian) Przybilla, both of Pierz; grandchildren, Kristin, Kara, and Connor Gotvald, Alysia and Brandon Przybilla; brothers, John and Phillip Gray, both of Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Linda Gray; and an infant daughter.

Honorary casketbearers will be his grandchildren.

Casketbearers will be Jim Kunza, Bob Bullford, Tom Theis, Craig Hansen, Brian Przybilla, and Dennis Gotvald.

# Cemetery Details

## Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery

15550 Highway 115  
Little Falls, MN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Hillman, MN  
36055 213th St  
Hillman, MN 56338

## Service

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Daniel R. Gray*



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**Lemieur Funeral Homes** - July 07, 2014 at 07:01 PM

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“ *Dan and I were childhood friends when his family lived in Nebraska City, Nebraska in the early 1960's. I last saw him around 1965 when his family returned to visit the area. Then life got in the way, I eventually moved to Golden, Colorado, and I lost track of him for about 60 years. Over the years, I would think about Dan and wonder what became of him. Finally, a few days ago, I began an earnest effort to find and contact him. My heart sank when I came across this Obituary. Lesson learned, life is short, never delay contacting old friends.*

*I'll always remember the great times Dan and I shared all those years ago. My sincere condolences to Dan's family. Please know that Dan touched the lives of countless people in many unforeseen ways. Rest in peace my friend.*

*Bill Dierking  
Golden, CO*

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**Bill Dierking** - August 15, 2025 at 03:17 PM



“ Daniel R. Gray

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ I'll miss seeing Dan in the library, helping him find books on his latest interest. I will especially miss his sense of humor. He could always make us laugh, especially when he was calling me "Red".

Joan Stuckmayer

Joan Stuckmayer - July 08, 2014 at 12:45 PM



“ May God bless you, keep you safe and help you through these days to come .

Renee Stumpf - July 07, 2014 at 11:35 AM



“ Renee Stumpf lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. Gray



Renee Stumpf - July 07, 2014 at 11:29 AM



“ Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Daniel R. Gray.



July 06, 2014 at 02:39 PM

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“ *Stephanie Fyten-Malinowski lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. Gray*



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**Stephanie Fyten-Malinowski** - July 06, 2014 at 12:11 AM

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“ *Mark And Colette Gangl lit a candle in memory of Daniel R. Gray*



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**Mark and Colette Gangl** - July 04, 2014 at 06:44 PM