



Thomas Raymond Gray Jr.

January 21, 1999 - July 29, 2021

Thomas Gray Jr., at the age of 22, passed away on July 29, 2021. He battled a severe case of necrotizing pancreatitis for 2 weeks in the MSICU at Troy Beaumont. Thomas was the beloved son of Tom and Renee, cherished brother of Laura, and loving boyfriend of Kaci Switchulis.

Thomas, at 6'7, was our gentle giant. Throughout his life he overcame many challenges, including mental health, diabetes, surgeries, and more. Through it all, he was always thinking of others. We will miss his goofy sense of humor and how his smile lit up a room. Thomas was a kind, sensitive, smart, and hardworking young man. He loved a good nap and snack and was able to recall random information you didn't even know you needed.

Thomas enjoyed spending time with his family playing games, movie nights, and going on vacations. He adored his pets, Jack and Doc. Thomas was just beginning his next chapter of his life with a job he liked, a woman he loved, and a house they were in the process of buying. He was finally in a place of genuine happiness and is now in a place of true peace.

His visitation will be Monday, August 2nd, from 4-8pm and Tuesday, August 3rd, from 1-8pm with a Rosary at 7pm at Wujek-Calcaterra located at 36900 Schoenherr Rd., Sterling Heights 48312. On Wednesday, August 4th, instate will begin at 9:30am at St. Paul of Tarsus Church, located at 41300 Romeo

Plank Rd, Clinton Township 48038 with Mass at 10:00am. Memorial luncheon will be immediately following at Fern Hill Golf Club located at 17600 Clinton River Road, Clinton Township 48038.

In lieu of flowers, the Gray family is asking for donations to Know Resolve, an organization dedicated to promoting mental health and preventing youth suicide. You may donate at KnowResolve, @ <https://knowresolve.networkforgood.com/projects/77563-donate-now> or write a check out to "Know Resolve", or you may give cash or check to the Gray Family.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Visitation

AUG 3. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Rosary

AUG 3. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Instate / Funeral Mass

AUG 4. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Paul of Tarsus
41300 Romeo Plank Road
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Tribute Wall



“ *Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Raymond Gray Jr.*



Wujek ~ Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. - August 07, 2021 at 01:57 PM

SW

“ *To Renee and Tom and also The Gray Family & Friends of Thomas With sadness to know of the loss of your wonderful son you raised and the young man he became -who truly was exceptional to those who he touched with his presence and smile, and now forever his eternal love in your hearts. For it's hard to be given a gift so precious, but know your faith in God will carry your heavy burden this day. Our continued prayers and thoughts for peace and calm. Blessed Be God Forever.
Paul and Sandra Weitzel*

Sandra Weitzel - August 04, 2021 at 04:05 PM

PR

“ *The Gray Family..*

My most heartfelt condolences on the loss of your amazing young son. I had the pleasure of meeting this wonderful child when he was at a MAG Automotive event. His smile and enthusiam was absolutely infectious and I will always remember him fondly. I pray for God's healing and blessings for your entire family and I am holding you all in my heart.

May God's perpetual light shine upon him always.

Pat Rosso

Pat Rosso - August 04, 2021 at 07:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Raymond Gray Jr..*



August 03, 2021 at 11:47 AM

AL

“ *Ariana Lidtke lit a candle in memory of Thomas Raymond Gray Jr.*



Ariana Lidtke - August 03, 2021 at 08:30 AM

EJ

“ *Ed Schmitt Jr. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Thomas Raymond Gray Jr..*



Ed Schmitt Jr. - August 03, 2021 at 08:16 AM

JM

“ *So very sorry for the loss of sons life. Although we did not know your young man we feel your loss and send love and prayers. John and Josephine Minicuci
Blessing you receive peace with our prayers.*

John Minicuci - August 02, 2021 at 09:13 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Raymond Gray Jr..*



August 02, 2021 at 08:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Raymond Gray Jr..*



August 02, 2021 at 08:37 PM

JA

“ Went to school with Thomas for many years, and always saw a smile on his face and bring joy to those around him. He will be missed. Prayers to all of his family and friends.

Jack Andrews - August 02, 2021 at 04:58 PM

SS

“ Sandra Szalkiewicz lit a candle in memory of Thomas Raymond Gray Jr.



Sandra Szalkiewicz - August 02, 2021 at 04:20 PM

SS

“ So sorry for the loss of your son. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Sandra Szalkiewicz

Sandra Szalkiewicz - August 02, 2021 at 03:05 PM

TP

“ So very sorry for the loss of your son! Tom and Sharon Plummer

Thomas Plummer - August 02, 2021 at 01:30 PM

TJ

“ *Hi Laura,
I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. I
hope all of the prayers I am sending give you
some peace.*

Tumara



Tumara Johnston - August 02, 2021 at 11:32 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Thomas Raymond Gray Jr..*



August 02, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Thomas Raymond Gray Jr..*



August 02, 2021 at 09:29 AM

RH

“ *Richard, Rebecca, Lexi & Zack Hren purchased
the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of
Thomas Raymond Gray Jr..*



Richard, Rebecca, Lexi & Zack Hren - August 02, 2021 at
09:26 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Raymond Gray Jr..*



August 02, 2021 at 07:57 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas Raymond Gray Jr..*



August 02, 2021 at 07:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas Raymond Gray Jr..*



July 31, 2021 at 08:10 PM



“ *Dale, Susie & Preston Boone purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Thomas Raymond Gray Jr..*



Dale, Susie & Preston Boone - July 31, 2021 at 05:52 PM

SB

“ We are so grateful we met Thomas. Our deepest sympathy, your family is in our prayers, and hope for peace.

Dale, Susie and Preston Boone

Susie Boone - July 31, 2021 at 05:45 PM

ME

“ Our deepest sympathy, your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Rest In Peace Thomas.

Tom and Mary Ellen Lesperance

Mary Ellen - July 31, 2021 at 04:11 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Thomas Raymond Gray Jr..



July 31, 2021 at 02:54 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas Raymond Gray Jr..



July 31, 2021 at 02:44 PM

DS

“ You are in our thoughts & prayers
Our Deepest Sympathy
Michael & DiAnn Stickney

DiAnn Stickney - July 30, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
Thomas Raymond Gray Jr..



July 30, 2021 at 08:30 PM

DE

“ Denise lit a candle in memory of Thomas
Raymond Gray Jr.



Denise - July 30, 2021 at 06:46 PM

RJ

“ Thomas, you were the most kind-hearted person I ever met. You light up every room you walked into. In chemistry, you used to make fun of how little I was compared to you and how I always got stuck sitting behind you in every single class. You never failed to make everyone laugh. Such a determined, amazing, funny, sweet person you were. You will be forever missed by so many people. You fought for as long as you could and I am thankful that you are no longer in pain.

Raquel Jackson - July 30, 2021 at 05:07 PM

SS

“ Thomas was one of the nicest people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. We grew up together and he always made everyone smile and laugh. He was smart, caring, and so friendly! He will be missed.



Sarah Szalkiewicz - July 30, 2021 at 05:02 PM

KR

“ Thomas and I went to elementary school and high school together, I will always remember his smile and his infectious laugh. He was someone who included everyone and loved by everyone he came in contact with. His passing comes with great sadness and he will be remembered always.

Kristen - July 30, 2021 at 04:32 PM

AB

“ Alleana Brenton lit a candle in memory of Thomas Raymond Gray Jr.



Alleana Brenton - July 30, 2021 at 04:14 PM

CS

“ Thomas, was on wrestling team as a little guy and always soooo sweet and kind. He was funny and could put a smile on your face!! He went to elementary with my daughter and was always so pleasant to her. We are so saddened by his passing and pray for the family
Love the Szajna's. Ed, Carrie, Tristen and Kirsten

Carrie Szajna - July 30, 2021 at 04:10 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Raymond Gray Jr..*



July 30, 2021 at 03:48 PM