



Ben Edwin Gray, Sr. was born 10/18/1930 in Austin and passed away Saturday, 06/24/23 after a brief illness in Austin, Texas.

Ben graduated from the original Austin High School in 1949. After graduation, he proudly served as a radio technician in the US Army during the Korean War. While on leave from his basic training in the Army, Ben married his high school sweetheart, Edna Ann Stewart on February 14, 1952. Soon after their marriage, Ben left for his duty in Korea. After his service in the Army, he returned from the Korean conflict and studied for a short while at The University of Texas.

But, because he had a wife and a baby boy to support, Ben Jr., he began working for the Texas State Highway Department. After working for the Highway Dept for over 25 years, he decided to start his own contracting and repair business dedicated to the Water/Wastewater industry in 1972 named Central Texas Water Maintenance (CTWM). Ben was the President and CEO of CTWM until 1995 at which time he sold CTWM to his three sons, Ben Jr., Billy, and Johnny. In 2020, after being in business for nearly 50 years, CTWM was sold to Alterman Electric of San Antonio and continues, to this day, to provide the same contracting and repair service that Ben began over 50 years ago.

Ben was a devoted member of Onion Creek Masonic Lodge #220 for over 60 years. Ben also served on the Board of Directors for the Creedmoor-Maha Water Supply Corporation (CMWSC) for over 60 years as well and was still an active board member up until his passing.

Ben and Edna Ann enjoyed each other's company and traveled for many years all over the US in their motor home as members of the International Good Sam Club and the Alamo Travel Club known as the Royal Rovers. Ben loved to play dominoes, "42" and multiple card

games and up until the last few months of his life, he continued to play dominoes at both the Creedmoor and Buda Senior Citizen centers.

Ben loved people and was always ready for a party. He had a passion for helping others fix or repair whatever they needed done or repaired. He was kind, caring, and giving to others. Ben was, what is commonly known as, "A Good Man".

Ben was preceded in death by his Parents Tom and Alta Gray, his brother Tom Gray, Jr., and his sister Betty Jo Miller. In addition to his parents and siblings' passing, Ben was predeceased by his wife of almost 59 years, Edna Ann Stewart Gray on January 23, 2010.

Ben is survived by his current wife, Dolores Burnell Maulsby whom he married in 2020, and his four children and their wives: Ben E. Gray, Jr. (Connie), William Emmett Gray (Tammy), John Monroe Gray (Karla) Mary Ann Tristan (Joe), 11 Grandchildren and 14 Great-Grandchildren.

Arrangements are being provided by Harrell Funeral Home of Austin, 4435 Frontier Trl., Austin, Tx. 78745 (512.443.1366).

Harrell Funeral Home will conduct services Friday, 06/30/23 with viewing from 10:00-11:00, funeral at 11:00-11:45 followed by graveside service at Live Oak Cemetery, located at 10739 Twin Creek Rd, Manchaca, Tx. 78652.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the:

Creedmoor Community Center

5008 Hartung Lane

Creedmoor, Tx. 78610