



Forrest Gray

July 12, 1977 - March 15, 2022

Forrest Gray, age 44, passed away March 15, 2022.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Denise Gray; maternal grandparents, Marie and William ('Red') Archbold; and paternal grandparents, Dora Deen and Joe Gray. He is survived by his father Gerald "Jerry" Lee Gray of Clintwood, VA; sister Jessica Gray (Nicole Follmer) of Cambridge, MA and extended family.

Forrest was born in Whitesburg, KY and grew up in Clintwood, VA until he left for Antioch College in Yellow Springs, OH. After college, Forrest lived for many years in Brooklyn, NY and was most recently living in Detroit, MI. Forrest loved the woods, but also flourished in the city. He has called Ohio, New York, Wisconsin and Florida home for periods of time but also all the roads in between. His van, 'Vanielle, took him to 48 states for art, music and exploration and was his trustworthy companion for many years. His life revolved around travel, his music, and his friends.

In addition to his music, Forrest was extremely proud of his work as a sound engineer recording in the gold mines of Colombia for an art installation that he also helped install at the Reina Sofia Museum in Madrid. Over the years he had also established an independent art handling company that worked primarily with galleries in New York City, and more recently the Detroit area and the Midwest. A highlight for him each year was the international Art Basel

show in Miami where he would work and also reunite with friends.

Forrest was a talented musician and could play any instrument he picked up – beginning with the drums in high school band. Later he added acoustic & electric guitar, keyboards and synthesizer. He was always listening for and creating sounds for recordings. Forrest enjoyed and played a self-described eclectic mix of musical styles ranging from simple folk songs to noise, tape loops, metal, free jazz, garage rock, Americana, rock n’ roll, spoken word, documentary recording and synthesized soundscapes. His many bands and projects reflected these interests and were equally eclectic.

Forrest felt things deeply and was driven to share these feelings - through poetry, through music and through human connections. He was always trying to express himself and was curious about everything. Forrest was always looking for some deeper connection and was willing to bare all. Even through the tough times he loved life. He wanted everyone to embrace life always – to appreciate each other and our time together. His warmth, his free-spiritedness, his unfiltered nature, with his heart on his sleeve, drew people to Forrest. He made friends easily, everywhere he went. Many call him friend upon their first meeting. And he was always excited to tell you what he had been working on and who he had met - and why they were awesome too. Many of these friends he considered family.

Forrest will be remembered for his smile, his generous heart and soul, his incredible talent, his music, and his friendships.

The family will receive friends Friday, March 25, 2022, from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m. at Mullins Funeral Home Chapel. A Celebration of Life Service will be held beginning at 2:00 p.m. Friends will share memories and music will be played. Following the service, refreshments will be served at the Clintwood Baptist Church across the street.

Mullins Funeral Home and Staff are serving the Gray family. Online condolences may be made online at www.mullinsfuneralhome.net.

Previous Events

Family will receive friends

MAR **25**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Forrest Gray



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - March 22, 2022 at 05:34 PM



I don't know why.

Jerry Gray - February 11, 2023 at 12:35 PM



We never do.

Donna Mann - February 11, 2023 at 02:44 PM



What a beautiful tribute. Forrest had a very big soul. I think too big for the limits of this world. There's a mystery to this universe that is hard to fathom, but somehow we are all part of it. I pray with all my heart that we will see him again. Reat easy, Forrest.

James Layne - February 11, 2023 at 05:22 PM



God doesn't promised we'd understand the why's in our lives. Prayers

Mary Sumner Hicks - February 11, 2023 at 06:22 PM



*Mr. Gray,
What a wonderful tribute & remembrance of Forrest. Continued
PRAYERS GOING UP 🙏*

Libby Houchins - February 12, 2023 at 01:13 PM

MC

“ Jerry,
You are in our thoughts. We remember all the
fond memories we had with both our families
when the children were young. Dr. G and family



Maria Castle - March 28, 2022 at 09:07 PM

CJ

“ So long for now, my brother. I'll benefit from your love, friendship,
and rare creative spirit as long as I live. You have a big piece of my
heart with you, which is a privilege to extend. Thanks for everything.
I'll speak with you more in private.
-Chad

Chad Jones - March 24, 2022 at 04:54 PM

CJ

“ Chad Jones purchased the Days of Sunshine Bo
uquet for the family of Forrest Gray.



Chad Jones - March 24, 2022 at 04:40 PM

DE

“ Jerry, I cant imagine the pain you must be feeling as you grieve the
loss of your son. My sincere condolences. Danny E

Danny L Edwards - March 24, 2022 at 01:16 PM



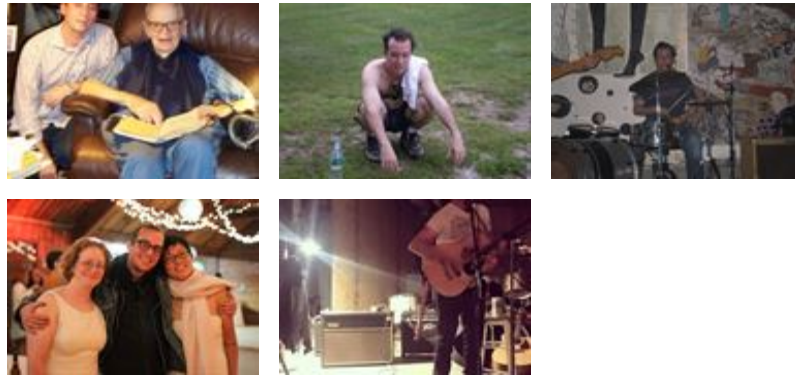
“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Forrest Gray*.



March 23, 2022 at 10:07 PM



“ *35 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Mullins Funeral Home and Crematory - March 22, 2022 at 05:15 PM



“ *Tammy Rose* sent a virtual gift in memory of *Forrest Gray*



Tammy Rose - March 19, 2022 at 07:02 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Forrest Gray.*



March 19, 2022 at 12:22 PM



“ [Memorial Trees](https://www.mullinsfuneralhome.net/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Forrest Gray.

March 19, 2022 at 12:17 PM



“ *DEAR JERRY, HAROLD AND I ARE SO VERY SORRY FOR THE LOSS OF YOUR SON. TO ME THE GREATEST LOSS ON EARTH IS THE LOSS OF A CHILD. PLEASE KNOW YOU ARE IN OUR PRAYERS. GOD BLESS YOU. SINCERELY, HAROLD AND ANN ROSE.*

ROSE, ANN - March 19, 2022 at 10:23 AM



“ *Jerry I Am so sorry for your loss. Forrest was a sweet kid. I remember when he was born. I'm very shocked to hear this news . If there is anything I can do to help please let me know*



Tammy Kea Branham - March 18, 2022 at 06:59 PM

RW

“ Dear Jerry, Roger and I are so sorry for the loss of your Son. May God Bless you and your Family in the days, weeks and months to come. Prayers always



Roger & Patty Wright - March 18, 2022 at 04:04 PM

VB

“ Vickie Barton lit a candle in memory of Forrest Gray



Vickie Barton - March 18, 2022 at 03:28 PM

DL

“ Jerry, I'm sorry to hear of Forrest's passing. I know you were very close. My condolences and prayers. Dale

Dale Lowery - March 17, 2022 at 03:22 PM

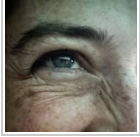
TS

“ Jerry, I am sending you my condolences and letting you know many feel for your family. You are a great friend of mine; my prayers are going up for you. I am at your beckoning call if I can be of help in any manner.

God Bless you and the family.

Tim

tim salyers - March 17, 2022 at 02:28 PM



“ I keep hearing Forrest’s voice... and so many of his songs in my ears. I am remembering him laughing, hysterically—contagiously. So many images in my mind from stories he and Greg would tell me about their times together on the Rez. Oh, Forrest, our hearts are broken and aching over here in WNC. Sending love to you on your next journey, and love to all who are missing you right now.



Jocelyn Corvus - March 16, 2022 at 07:52 PM

AR

Jerry so sorry for your loss you are in my thoughts and prayers

arlene reed - March 17, 2022 at 07:35 PM

LB

Our hearts are broken for you💔. I cannot imagine what pain this loss brings to you. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.🙏🙏

Larry and Patsy Baker - March 21, 2022 at 03:44 PM

PE

Jerry and Jessica, Allan and I are so very sorry to hear about Forrest! I saw him last at his momma's funeral. When I think of Forrest I think of the kid that went zooming down the sidewalks of Clintwood on his skateboard. We're praying for family and friends for peace and comfort during this horrible time. Allan and Peggy

Peggy - March 21, 2022 at 06:04 PM

DS

Gerald, I am so sorry to hear of Forrest passing. My heart goes out to you. I know what it's like to lose a son and how hard it can be. Know that my prayers are with you Deloras

Deloras and Richard Smith - March 22, 2022 at 07:41 PM