



Pastor Eric Gray

March 14, 1954 - March 14, 2016

Pastor Eric Gray, 62, of Grand Haven, passed away on Monday, March 14, 2016, at his home. Pastor Eric was born in Chicago, Illinois, August 21, 1953, to Louis and Lucille (Anderson) Gray. He graduated from high school and college training and eventually was called to be a pastor. He served in the Chicago area, was the minister at Maple Avenue Christian Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan, served in New Jersey, and lastly at West Michigan Teen Challenge in Norton Shores, Michigan. Eric founded the "Impact Project" and was the author of the book "Fasting Beyond the Veil". He is survived by his children: Nicole and Jeffrey Pirtle of Chicago, Elijah Gray of Grand Haven, Tijuana Gray of Chicago, Chelsea Gray of Grand Haven, Quinquita Abraham of Chicago; 10 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am, (Eastern Time) Saturday, March 26, 2016, at Maple Avenue Ministries, 427 Maple Avenue, Holland MI 49423. The Rev. Denise Kingdom-Greer will officiate.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pastor Eric Gray*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Have so many fun memories"*

Jan Shiflett - April 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I met Eric at Hope Reformed Church in Grand Haven. I loved sitting near him during worship because his love for the Lord was evident, and his enthusiasm for worship was contagious. He had a true pastor's heart for all people. We will miss him. My prayers and sympathy go out to his family. Marcia Van Velzen"*

Marcia Van Velzen - March 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Pastor Gray, thank you for making a positive impact in my life. Your love, participation and guidance for the youth will always be remembered. We loved you, but God loved you more."*

Tiffany Knox - March 25, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“I continue to hurt from the passing of my brother and my friend Eric Gray. Eric and I met in High School in Chicago, IL. We sang together in a singing group called "The Naturalites" where Eric sang and played bass guitar. Eric always had us cracking up. Well, life happened and many years went by without contact. Then God saw fit to reconnect me with my buddy back in 2011-2012. Boy did Eric catch me up on all that had happened in his life and his ministry. I felt so proud that he allowed God to use him in such a wonderful way. Working with kids and mentoring sometimes is not easy, but Eric had a PASSION, so it was good. We just spoke a little over a month or so ago. I would always end our conversation with "Love You Man, Friends for Life"!! Well, HEAVEN called and YOU answered. I truly, truly miss my friend. Eric, all of our friends from high school thru life school that are not on FB say, "so long my friend, see you again someday".
Your sister and friend, Brenda C Washington"

Brenda Washington - March 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“My heart breaks as I read Eric's obituary. He was such a special, caring, giving person. Eric had a special place in his heart for "problem" teens and was working to open a place where kids could find good, clean entertainment and a safe place to hang out. He would have been an excellent mentor to these kids. We have lost a great man. I had the privilege of working with Eric to design the logo for The Encounter Project. I hope someone continues his mission to open The Encounter Project and help the teens he cared about so much. Eric often came into West Michigan Pawn, where I'm manager, to visit and talk photography. I miss his visits, his smiles, his wonderful personality. Rest in Peace, my friend, until we meet again.”

Jan Sexson - March 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

BW

“Heaven called it's Angel to return, His work on earth was done. Mom and children, I know it hurts. Let the Comforter ease your pain. Mom this is Boosie 602-413-5627. My condolences.”

Brenda Washington - March 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“I knew Eric through Hope Reformed Church in Grand Haven. He encouraged young people to volunteer at our Wednesday night cookouts at River Haven. He would volunteer for our Feeding America Truck give away. He asked me to connect with a student from Central School and bring her to church. She was on the receiving end of an extra Bible I had at home. Eric did great things at Central School. We lost a good friend to soon. My deepest sympathy to his family. Patty Taylor”

Patty Taylor - March 24, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“Eric I hope to see you in Heaven. I'll be looking for you on those Golden paved streets, in the mean time while you wait do try to enjoy yourself without us ,because i can guarantee we be there, with brotherly love,David Wayne Thompson 3rd”

David Thompson - March 23, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ I'M GABRIELLE STODDARD MOM. I FEEL FOR THE FAMILY THE PAIN THEY ARE GOING THROUGH. I LOST MY HUSBAND IN 2013.”

HEATHER - March 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“Eric was a regular at the Buc's Cafe'. He became part of our family and we all will miss his love for others> Eric had a gift of laughter, love and listening and helping others. I am glad we shared many cups of coffee together. He will be missed by many.”

Wendy Gemmel - March 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“We will always remember the passion Pastor Eric Gray had for youth and the things of God. May your legacy of truth, knowledge and love continue to all that were blessed to know you. We love you brother. Ministers Tom and Carolyn Little and family”

Pastor Tom Little - March 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“Eric was a regular customer of the Robbins Road Walgreens in Grand Haven, stopping in once or twice almost every day. We all enjoyed his humor and wit, and much laughter ensued! He had a gentle soul and was a fine gentleman; we will miss him greatly!”

Alex Montgomery - March 21, 2016 at 12:00 AM