



## Sherry L. Gray

February 27, 1957 - June 7, 2024

NORFOLK -- Celebration of life for Sherry Lee Gray, 67, of Norfolk, will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 15, 2024 at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Friends and family are invited to join in honoring and commemorating her. Pastor Lydia Dayton will be officiating the service. Inurnment will be held at the Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery, Norfolk. Visitation will begin at 1:00 p.m., prior to the service on Saturday, at Stonacek Funeral Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society in honor of Sherry's courageous battle and in hopes of finding a cure for this disease (<https://donate.cancer.org/campaign=honormemorialbutton&lang=en>). She passed away on Friday, June 7, 2024, at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. She was surrounded by family and went peacefully, leaving behind a legacy of strength and compassion. Stonacek Funeral Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

Devout in her faith, Sherry's life was a testament to resilience and courage. She fought cancer for more than a decade, embracing each day with unwavering positivity and joy while living her life to the absolute fullest. Throughout her time, she radiated warmth and kindness, inspiring so many who knew her.

Sherry was born on February 27, 1957, in Norfolk, Nebraska to Paul and Loraine (Shallberg) Strathman. She graduated from Norfolk High and soon

after from Northeast Community College Truck Driving school, where she was top of her class as the only female student. She married her beloved husband Roy on July 24, 1976 in Norfolk Nebraska, where they built their trucking company Gray Carriers inc. together. They were married for 48 years, raising three sons, Shawn, Brandon and Austin. Sherry enjoyed boating, camping, traveling, connecting with others, and most of all: taking pictures. She adored her grandchildren and grand pets, as well as her own beloved cocker spaniel Harley.

A lifelong optimist, Sherry is remembered for her extraordinary capacity to connect with people from all walks of life and her deep and profound care and concern for the well-being of others. A dedicated wife, mother, and friend, she is survived by her treasured husband, Roy, of Norfolk, Nebraska; her three sons: Shawn (Sarah), of Clinton, Connecticut; Brandon (Kayla) of Geneva, Switzerland; and Austin (Kameron) of Loma Linda, California; and her grandchildren Hailey, Lenore, Raelynn, and Margaret; her sisters Joni King, Patty Hutchison, and Vickie Phillips, as well as countless nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, Loraine and Paul, and her sister Jean Rumsey.

Endlessly loved, deeply missed, and never forgotten, Sherry will remain with those who knew her forever. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at [www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com](http://www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Memorial Park Cemetery - Norfolk

1950 N. 13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUN 15.** 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk  
1200 N.13th St.  
Norfolk, NE 68701  
(402) 371-7676  
[info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com](mailto:info@stonacekfuneralchapel.com)  
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## Memorial Service

**JUN 15.** 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Stonacek Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Sherry L. Gray*



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - June 14, 2024 at 02:20 PM

KU

*Such a beautiful tribute for a beautiful lady. It was an honor to know her and the entire Gray family. We met when they started Gray Carriers Trucking. I retired in 2016 and had the privilege of watching their business thrive and then the birth of three amazing sons, followed by beautiful grandchildren, such wonderful memories. Sherry touched so many life's and became a friend to all. May she rest in peace. With love and adoration, Karen*

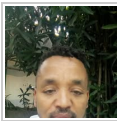
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**Karen M Urban** - June 14, 2024 at 05:14 PM

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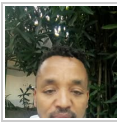
“ My deepest condolences to Roy and Their three Sons and their families. That was a beautiful tribute to Sherry. Every word was true. I've enjoyed my visits with her. She was so full of life and took the trials and pains with such strength. We grew up as neighbors and friends, and even through missed years Apart, we still came back together as friends and sisters in Christ! She was one of the most loving persons I think I have ever met. She came from a beautiful family as well I had a pleasure of sharing times with. Truly rest in peace Sherry, knowing we will see you again soon! for Jesus is on his way! Love And prayers for you all. Hold onto the strength that she had. I can't be there today, but You will all be in my thoughts and prayers.

Cheryl Cherington - June 15, 2024 at 06:55 PM



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Chape Love - January 02, 2025 at 01:14 AM



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Chape Love - January 02, 2025 at 01:15 AM

KR

“ So many wonderful memories!! Started with Gray Carriers in 1988 and stayed for 28 years! My favorite memory of Sherry probably is the daily check in call, never a quick call!!! Always a pleasure to talk to. Always positive!! Loved those days! Ken Rozmiarek

Ken Rozmiarek - June 15, 2024 at 06:35 PM

DT

“ I’m saddened to hear of the passing of Sherry Gray. As her pastor for six years, I found her to be a very exemplary member. She loved God, her family, her church her community. She was upbeat, compassionate, always concerned about her fellowman.

*The church has lost a great member, the community a great friend. My heart goes out to her family at this time.*

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**Donald Thompson** - June 15, 2024 at 12:37 PM

FL

“ From Joni, Eric, Sarah, Chloe and Leo purchased the Fiery Lily and Rose for the family of Sherry L. Gray.



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**From Joni, Eric, Sarah, Chloe and Leo** - June 14, 2024 at 07:58 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sherry L. Gray.



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June 14, 2024 at 03:47 PM



“ Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Sherry L. Gray.

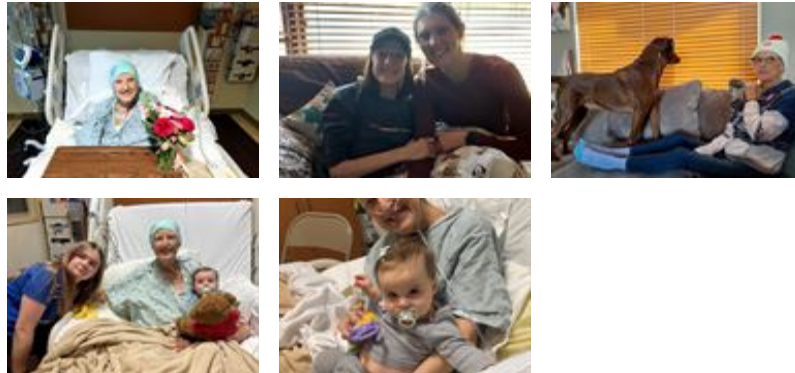


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June 14, 2024 at 11:55 AM



“ 295 files added to the album LifeTributes



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**Stonacek Funeral Chapel** - June 14, 2024 at 10:13 AM

BA

“ *She will be missed but this is just a sleep in our Lord Jesus Christ whom Sherry believed and accepted as her personal Savior until the glorious resurrection morning comes.*

*The Akyiano family enjoyed her home made smoothie when we visited her home in the 1990s. She smiled and laughed in her conversations. We have good memories of her.*

*We shall see our sister Sherry again when King Jesus comes back to His righteous people of those who are sleeping in the dust and the living ones at that time.*

*"Soon the trumpet of the Lord shall sound" we shall never part again.*

*We are still praying for Roy and children as well as the entire bereaved family and friends, church members.*

*The Akyiano family*

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**Benjamin Akyiano** - June 13, 2024 at 10:21 PM

JT

“ Jared & Sara Thompson purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Sherry L. Gray.



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**Jared & Sara Thompson** - June 13, 2024 at 01:09 PM

JT

“ Jared & Sara Thompson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherry L. Gray.

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**Jared & Sara Thompson** - June 13, 2024 at 01:09 PM

AB

“ Anita Bietz, Michael & Jeanne Bietz purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Sherry L. Gray.



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**Anita Bietz, Michael & Jeanne Bietz** - June 12, 2024 at 09:22 PM

AB

“ Anita Bietz, Michael & Jeanne Bietz planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherry L. Gray.

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**Anita Bietz, Michael & Jeanne Bietz** - June 12, 2024 at 09:22 PM

CT

“ Dear friend, ♡ Didn't realize you had passed until my sister from Norfolk called 2 tell me. ♡ We had just written 2 ea other days before as we have through the many yrs we have been v.dear friends. I feel such a loss knowing I can't talk or write 2 you anymore but the Good Lord must've had other plans for taking you home. ♡ Love always dear friend until we meet again. [📄] [🗨️]

**CO and Charles Taylor** - June 12, 2024 at 12:04 PM

KL

“ I did not know Sherry well but did have the pleasure of meeting her as a result of teaching/coaching her sons at NHS years ago. Thoughts and prayers are with the boys and the entire family at this difficult time.



*Kent and Michele Lawson and Family*

**Kent L Lawson** - June 12, 2024 at 11:48 AM

RP

“ Our deepest condolences to Roy and family on the loss of your loved one.  
Your family is in our prayers as you share together and remember Sherry's life and contribution to your family.  
*Rusty and Jeanette Parker*

**Rusty Parker** - June 12, 2024 at 10:24 AM

RG

“ Ron & Cheryl Goff purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Sherry L. Gray.



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**Ron & Cheryl Goff** - June 11, 2024 at 10:54 PM

TS

“ What an incredible soul always so kind and generous and loved deeply. She will be so missed ❤️❤️ Tammy Shallberg

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**Tammy Shallberg** - June 11, 2024 at 02:44 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Sherry L. Gray.



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June 11, 2024 at 02:31 PM

DV

“ Debbie VanDenLangenberg planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherry L. Gray.

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**Debbie VanDenLangenberg** - June 11, 2024 at 02:31 PM

MA

“ Sherry wanted to ride a Harley. I hope the wind is blowing through her hair!! She was a very strong lady and full of energy with a huge smile.

*Ride like the wind!*

*Marsha & Craig*

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**Marsha** - June 11, 2024 at 02:28 PM

LM

“ Linda and Mark purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Sherry L. Gray.



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**Linda and Mark** - June 11, 2024 at 01:54 PM

LM

“ Linda and Mark planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherry L. Gray.

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**Linda and Mark** - June 11, 2024 at 01:54 PM

CT

“ CJ Logistics America's Wis-Pak Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Sherry L. Gray.



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**CJ Logistics America's Wis-Pak Team** - June 11, 2024 at 12:45 PM

CT

“ CJ Logistics America's Wis-Pak Team planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sherry L. Gray.

CJ Logistics America's Wis-Pak Team - June 11, 2024 at 12:45 PM

MG

“ Love love her smile and she was friendly to everyone. Sherry had a heart of gold. She will always be in our hearts.

Marilyn Gray - June 11, 2024 at 12:11 PM

LP

“ Lana Polt lit a candle in memory of Sherry Gray



Lana Polt - June 11, 2024 at 11:26 AM

SM

“ My condolences to the Gray family...Sherry will be missed.

Sherry Mainquist - June 09, 2024 at 01:46 PM

JS

“ My daughter was dating Sherry’s son Brandon. It was time for Scott and I to meet Sherry and Roy. We met them in Vermillion, SD. We had some time to chat prior to selecting a place for supper. We were seated and Sherry started to tell the waitress why we were there and who we were and where we lived. She chatted with the waitress at each visit to our table and kept telling her of our reason to be out for supper. Shortly after eating, she started to ask the waitress to take phos of us. Not just one photo .....many!!! Supper was lengthy as Sherry had lots to tell us and the waitress. It was simply beautiful. At that moment, I knew that this lady was the kindest woman I had ever met and that having her be a part of our family was going to be one beautiful experience. By the time we left that restaurant, she had three new friends. The hostess, the waitress, and the cook. She loved everyone. Sherry was the kindest, most loving person that has yet entered my life. I am lucky to have experienced having her. She took in my granddaughter as if she was her own granddaughter and loved her like crazy. I’m not sure if its possible to meet a more loving and kind person. Sherry loved the Lord and loved to let people know of her strong faith. My experience meeting Sherry for the first time told me that I wanted more time with her. I love you Sherry. You will be missed by me and the hundreds and hundreds of friends you made in airports, clinics, restaurants, fairs, weddings, trains, on airplanes, at theaters, and in grocery stores. I love you Sherry. Janice Sherva. Mother of Kayla Gray.

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Janice Sherva - June 08, 2024 at 03:39 PM