

Emil B. Gray

August 19, 1958 - January 12, 2026

Emil B. Gray was born August 19, 1958 (his sunrise date), in San Bernardino, CA. On January 12, 2026 (his sunset began), Emil joined his lovely wife, Paulette Gray. Survived by his children, Emil James “EJ” Gray, Paul Michael Gray, Robert Chacanaca, Heather Nobiensky, Matthew Chacanaca & Jaco Chacanaca; 11 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren; 3 sisters, Margaret Robertson, Betty Bernache, and Alice Hutchings; and numerous other family members. Preceded in death by his loving wife of 35 years, his parents, Emil & Emily (Emma Lee) Swoboda, and 2 brothers John Gracey & Frank Swoboda.

Emil B. Gray was one of the most hard-working men one could ever know. He was quite the entrepreneur starting his own businesses with the last one being E & P Trucking established approximately 20 years. Emil’s main hobby for R&R was riding his Harley. Emil didn’t know a stranger as his generosity was unlimited. His love for his family was unconditional and endless. “Work, Flirt and Ride his Harley.”

We would like to give a special thanks to all who have sent cards and or flowers, and also to all who have shown up for Emil’s Celebration of Life.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (MT)

Roselawn Funeral Home, Crematory & Cemetery
1706 Roselawn Road
Pueblo, CO 81006
(719) 542-2934
<http://www.roselawnpueblo.org>

Tribute Wall

MA

“ *Margaret lit a candle in memory of Emil B. Gray*



Margaret - February 01 at 04:45 PM

MA

Missing you Big Brother 📍📍📍📍

Margaret - February 01 at 04:46 PM

MR

“ *Cousin, when I heard of your passing, it tore another piece of my heart. Another leaf fallen from the tree. I will always hold onto the memories of you and what a special person you were. Love always, as you referred to me your Mexican cousin Melvina although you know I'm just Hispanic not really Mexican Lol*



Melvina Roybal - January 20 at 11:03 PM

CJ

“ *I am his daughter Christie from his first marriage to Paula. I loved his dearly he was a good dad and hard worker and he took on three babies at the age of 18. I am grateful he did he taught me a lot. I love you and will miss you*

Christie Jager - January 19 at 09:34 PM

AM

“ He traveled the roads in years gone past
A life he chose and hoped it would last
Driving all night from state to state
Trying to get home and arriving so late
He parked his truck now, his engine has stopped
And those who love him, their hearts have dropped
He traveled the country with a smile of great pride
Now he drives the streets of Heaven
On the Truckers last ride

“MAY GOD RIDE WITH YOU

From all the girls at QT Inc. (Baker, MT)

Emil will be greatly missed. It crazy how you get to know someone after 15 years of working together without ever actually meeting someone. He always had a joke to tell.....I'm broke down, I'll deliver in 2 days, or joke how I probably still had the first penny I ever made. He would brighten your day with the cheerfulness in his voice. All of us in dispatch will miss his daily/weekly calls.

Alexiss Miller - January 19 at 03:14 PM

AH

Love the poem. Thank you.

Alice Hutchings - January 20 at 08:24 PM



“ *Uncle Emil was loving and caring. His love for his family stretched to the moon and back. His confidence and charming personality was by far the greatest I’ve ever seen. I’m going to miss you Uncle Emil , but you’ll always be in my heart and the memories of our time together will live on forever. I love you!!!*



Vincent Hutchings - January 19 at 01:44 PM

AH

Aww a picture with My Baby Lee. (Devin)

Alice Hutchings - January 20 at 09:16 PM

BB

“ *Not enough words to describe how much you’ll be missed. I’ll always cherish these memories & miss your stories. <3*

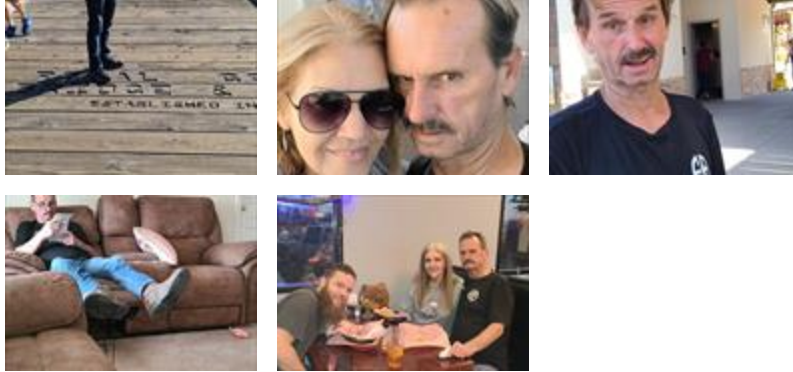


Benee Bustillos - January 19 at 12:23 PM

BR

“ No words can express how much Emil meant to me. He was such a good person. He will always live in my heart. Love you cousin.

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~Sherry~ ♡♡



Brenda - January 19 at 12:11 PM

AH

“ Emil, you were my Big Brother. I only wish we could have more time to do a Vacation together like we would talk about . I would always try to get you to go with me. I appreciate you for all the love you showed to me, your kindness and words of encouragement. You would always tell me how much you loved me and how proud you were of me. I would always tell you just the same thing. All of your accomplishments(family & business). Big Brother, I took this pic on 1/12/2026, just after 6pm Your time, I had a feeling that I had to take a sunset photo as I was thinking of you. A little later I received the text from Betty letting me know you passed. Well, this is Your Sunset Emil. I love you with all my heart. ❤️👤. You will be deeply missed.



Alice Hutchings - January 19 at 01:51 AM

MA

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Margaret - January 19 at 01:50 AM

MA

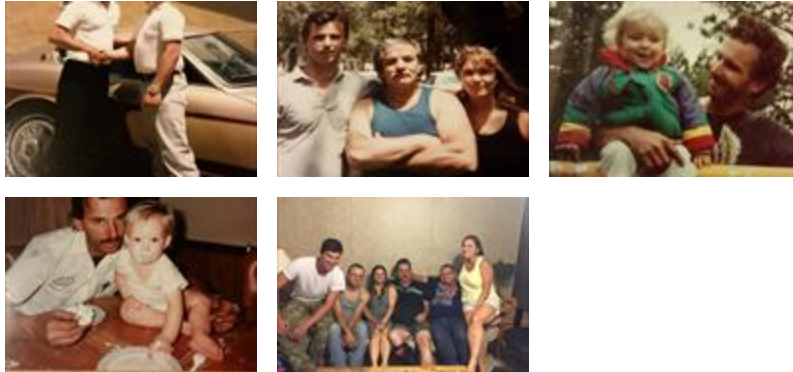
“ Margaret lit a candle in memory of Emil B. Gray



Margaret - January 19 at 01:35 AM

CL

“ *My Uncle Emil always gave big hugs and kisses. He would always tell me you know I almost went to jail when you where born. He busted into the hospital on November 11 1975 to see me born in Tehacahpi hospital. I will miss your hugs and all the great memories we have shared together.*



Christina Lara - January 18 at 11:38 PM

RR

“ *Robert R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Emil B. Gray.*

Robert R. - January 18 at 05:38 PM

MG

“ Miss you so much Dad! We will never forget you and you are so loved.



Meagan Gray - January 18 at 05:21 PM

MR

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Margaret Robertson - January 18 at 04:30 PM

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Margaret Robertson - January 18 at 04:28 PM

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Margaret Robertson - January 18 at 04:26 PM

MR

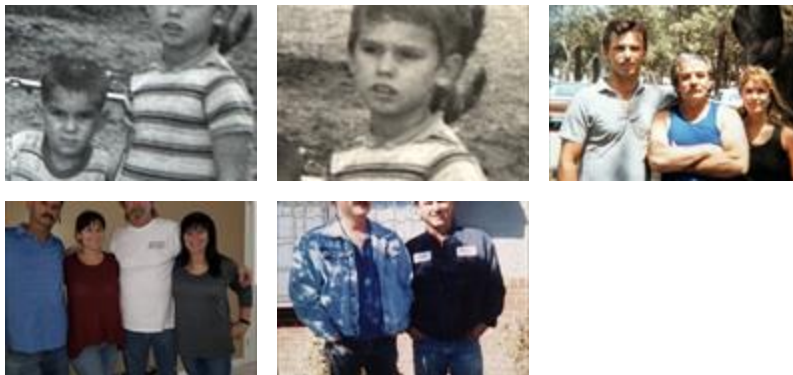
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Margaret Robertson - January 18 at 04:23 PM

MR

“ 10 files added to the tribute wall



Margaret Robertson - January 18 at 04:15 PM

MR

Love you Big Brother! Thank you for always being there for me ❤️ You will live on forever in my heart and memories. GOD bless you brother. Say hello to everyone 🙌 RIP EMIL I love you 💔💔💔💔💔

Margaret Robertson - January 18 at 04:20 PM

BB

“ Love you brother Emil..❤️👉👉👉👉👉👉👉👉👉
... will always be thinking of you. You will be
missed. Love your sister Betty and your
brother in law Jesse and families.



Betty Bernache - January 18 at 03:03 PM

MF

“ Margaret, Betty, Alice and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in
honor of Emil B. Gray.

Margaret, Betty, Alice and families - January 18 at 05:10 AM

MR

“ Margaret Robertson lit a candle in memory of
Emil B. Gray



Margaret Robertson - January 18 at 04:43 AM

AC

“ Emil was a loved grandpa and friend. He will be greatly missed. EJ,
Paul and Matt I am here if you need me and I'm so sorry.

Anitta Carroll - January 17 at 10:13 PM

GF

“ Garcia Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Emil B. Gray.



Garcia Family - January 16 at 07:39 PM

ST

“ Matt, Paul and EJ, I am so very sorry for the loss of your dad. Emil was an amazing man that was loved by everybody. I am so blessed that I got to know him and to love him. Emil could put a smile on anybody's face and he had a heart of gold. I'm glad that he is now with your mama and at peace. I will definitely miss him.

Stacey Manweiler

Stacey - January 16 at 06:55 PM