



## Marion Scott Gray

January 15, 1965 - August 7, 2025

M. Scott Gray was called to heaven on August 7, 2025, to build bridges. He was born at Wells Community Hospital, in Bluffton on January 15, 1965, to Marion G. Gray and Beryl “BJ” (Alford) Gray and grew up in Liberty Center. He made his home in rural Ossian the past 31 years. He was a graduate of Southern Wells High School Class of 1983, where he was a cadet teaching assistant for Mr. Hilliard Roush, served on Student Council, played drums in the marching band and was a member of the Homecoming Court. Scott played drums in a Rock Combo “Ridgeroad East.”

Scott was a 1990 Honor Graduate of Purdue University, West Lafayette with a degree in Building Construction and Contracting Management, where he attained a perfect 6.0 and was a member of the Sigma Lambda Chi National Honorary Scholastic Construction Society. He worked during the summer for Primco, Inc., and after graduating from Purdue, Scott worked alongside his Uncle Jay Alford on the Bluffton Streetscape for Moellering Construction. While at Moellering, Scott was awarded the David Award for his excellent performance in his desire to learn and leadership skills.

Scott made his place of employment at Primco, Inc. for 30 years and supervised numerous bridge projects throughout Northern Indiana and worked alongside his dad, Marion Gray, to restore the Bluffton Bridge.

Scott was a former member of Sons of the American Legion Post #111, Elks Lodge #796 and Moose Lodge #242, all of Bluffton. He loved nature, his home, his cat “Izzy” and family and friends. He loved hanging out with friends

at “The Little Red Barn” (Thanks Terry) and liked to stop by “The Hideaway” to see friends and listen to the bands. He liked all kinds of music and was especially fond of Joe Bonamossa! Scott fought a long, courageous battle with cancer and missed being able to visit those places.

Scott will be missed by all who knew and loved him, but most of all by his cat Izzy, mom BJ, dad Marion and a cousin Russell Alford, who considered Scott a brother. He will also be missed by his extended family, Kirtus, Tammy and Kaiden Slater and his many cousins.

He was the best son any parent could ask for and certainly a son to be proud of. Scott was the “Wind beneath our wings.”

Marion and BJ give a special thanks to Lee Byerly, who was willing to help Scott and has kept the yard looking nice.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Herman L. & Loretta (Jump) Gray and Walter & Susie (Hutchings) Alford, great-grandmas, Lilah Gray and Laura Hutchings and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Celebration of Life is being planned and will take place at a future date.

Memorials may be made to Southern Wells Building Trades Program or Dorsey Moss Fund at Purdue and may be directed through the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may share online condolences with the family at [www.thomarich.com](http://www.thomarich.com).

# Tribute Wall

RG

“ I am very saddened to hear of Scotts passing. We had a lot of great times back in our younger days. Scott was a wonderful person, and I have lots of great memories of him. The orange Capri and a Mountain Dewe Boys concert in Angola is one a few of us will always remember with a smile. I'm glad you are no longer suffering, rest easy old friend, I'll see you on the other side someday and we'll raise some hell!

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**Rob Graham** - August 14, 2025 at 07:06 PM

DB

“ Beryl and Marion, I'm so sad to hear about Scott. May God comfort you both through this difficult time. My condolences and prayers are with you.

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**David E Betts** - August 14, 2025 at 05:20 PM

GP

“ Dear B.J., So sorry to read of your great loss of your precious son. I didn't have the joy of knowing him, but he surely was a wonderful son, and my heart cries with you. May God give you peace and comfort in the coming days. Glenna

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**Glenna Plummer** - August 14, 2025 at 10:33 AM

PJ

“ sorry to hear about Scott. Please accept our condolences.

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**Pete & Sharon Jump** - August 13, 2025 at 05:07 PM

RB

“ so sorry worked with Marion and Scott for forty years lots of memories

ronald booper - August 13, 2025 at 11:40 AM

JU

“ Marion and BJ,

*I was heartbroken to hear about Scott's passing. There are no words that can truly ease the pain of losing someone so deeply loved, but please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers. Scott's memory will always remain a light in the hearts of those who knew him.*

*With deepest sympathy,  
Jeremy Urshel*



Jeremy Urshel - August 13, 2025 at 11:22 AM

NB

“ To BJ and Marion. And families, Please accept all of our family's sincerest condolences for such a heart-broken loss of Scott! What an outstanding young man who excelled in all he did—and he did so many things with great intelligence, fun, talents and energy! What a very special son to be able to share in your lives. Please know how much I can share in your grief. Please know if I can help in any way even if by listening only, call me or come over. Our friendship times seem so long ago, with so much of life going on. Please know Bill and I are thinking of you and so sorry.  
Nancy Bonham, Bill and girls

Nancy Bonham - August 13, 2025 at 11:05 AM

RB

“ Uncle Marion Aunt Beryl, I will always remember the fun times we had growing up.

Randy Blair - August 12, 2025 at 08:30 PM

JB

“ Marion and Bj, sorry for your loss. He's in heaven building bridges with my dad (coon).

Julee Bradburn - August 12, 2025 at 03:50 PM

KM

“ My heart breaks. I wish I had gotten to know Scotty as an adult. I know he was as beautiful as he was as a child.

*Kathy White*

Kathy Martin - August 12, 2025 at 11:27 AM

DE

“ Marion and Beryl, I was so sad to hear of Scott's passing. He was far too young. My thoughts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time.

*Dawn Ertel*

Dawn Ertel - August 12, 2025 at 08:29 AM

JB

“ BJ, I am so sorry to hear about Scott's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and Marion.

*Joni Bertsch*

Joni Bertsch - August 11, 2025 at 10:22 PM

DR

“ BJ and Marion I am so sorry to hear this! My thoughts and Prayers are with you during this difficult time.

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**Deb Ruble** - August 11, 2025 at 08:30 PM

MF

“ I went to school with Scott and he was a great guy. I remember him in the band and I also rode on his bus. I lived in Liberty Center not far from him. He always had a great smile and attitude. So sorry to hear he has passed. He had great parents and I will say prayers for them.

*With love, Mary Taylor (Fogwell)*

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**Mary Fogwell** - August 11, 2025 at 07:01 PM

TM

“ My condolences to his parents and loved ones! My siblings and I went to school with Scott and lived in the same small country town as him! He was the nicest guy ever and well loved! Prayers for his family and friends!

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**Tamera Mink** - August 11, 2025 at 11:05 AM

DS

“ Sorry to hear of Scott's passing, was in his class at Southern Wells from 7th grade until graduation in 1983,praying for his family.

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**David Shepherd** - August 11, 2025 at 05:07 AM

LT

“ *Scott was one of my favorite patients at Hott Family Dentistry. Always a smile and a kind word. He will be missed.* ”



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**Laura Taylor** - August 09, 2025 at 09:39 PM