



John Daniel "J.D." Gray

May 7, 1955 - February 28, 2024

GRAY, John Daniel "J.D.", 68, resident of Prattville, AL, passed away on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at JM Wood Auction Co. with Rev. Doug Powell, Rev. Lamar Lyons and Rev. Donnie Burns officiating. The family will receive friends at JM Wood Auction Co. from 12:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Burial will be held on Monday morning at 10:00 from White City Cemetery with Prattville Memorial directing. Mr. Gray was preceded in death by his parents, Nolan Gray and Mozell McGowin Gray. He is survived by his sister, Martha Gray; extended family and many friends. In lieu of flowers, the family appreciates your remembrance of him with a donation to one's favorite charity. J.D. was a widely-known and well-respected member of the River Region communities. He always answered his phone. Always. If he couldn't talk, he would answer the phone and say he'd call back later. His business acumen, work ethic and knack for interpersonal relationships shone in his roles as Vice President and Truck Division Manager for J.M. Wood Auction Company, Inc. in Montgomery, his cattle farm, and his leadership positions on numerous bank and philanthropic boards. J.D.'s quick wit set everyone at ease and he thrived on people. Dozens of people would say he was their best friend, and every one of them would be right. John Daniel (J.D.) Gray was born May 7, 1955. J.D. was mentor to everyone at J.M. Wood Auction Company and to an entire industry. His legendary status in the world of vocational trucks and heavy equipment was well-earned. At the time of his death, he was the Vice

President and Truck Division Manager for J.M. Wood Auction Company, Inc. in Montgomery. Prior to J.M. Wood, JD sold trucks for The Cross Family of Gulf Coast Mack in Mobile. J.D. excelled at relationships and possessed an encyclopedic knowledge of truck specifications and values. Brenda Wood recognized his talents and hired J.D. in 1999 to lead the governmental truck division of J.M. Wood Auction Company and serve as Vice President of the company. J.D. was a trusted friend and advisor to everyone who knew him. People from every walk of life leaned on him for guidance both professionally and personally. He was a native of White City in north Autauga County, AL. Pallbearers will be Don Bullard, Larry Green, Dooley Bunn, Cosby Carmichael, Danny Clements, Jason Payne, Bill Ricketts, Sr. and Adam Stanfield. Honorary Pallbearers will be Mike Heartsill, Charlie Ferguson, Jimmy Pate, Joel Pate, Jimmy Starr, Dick Starr, Al Mitsch, Rick Murphy, Keith McDaniel, Jody Stough, Charles Herron, JM Wood Auction employees, Larry Puckett, Dr. Jason Randall, Edwin May, Scott Alexander, Dr. Jade Hoy, Donnie Gunter, Eugene Moore, Mike Lamar, Phillip Pouncey, Rawls Romero, White City Volunteer Fire Dept. and Old Kingston Volunteer Fire Dept.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

JM Wood Auction Co.
3475 Ashley Rd.
Montgomery, AL 36108

Service

MAR 3. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

JM

“ I can only say I loved JD from the bottom of my heart. He was absolutely one of the best people I have ever known! I am heart broken.

Jennifer Mathis - March 04, 2024 at 09:25 PM

JW

“ JD broke the mold. There will never be another like him. God Bless!

Joe Whatley - March 03, 2024 at 10:50 AM

TJ

“ Martha: Gary and I were saddened to hear that J.D. passed away. He was always so friendly to us when we saw him. J.D. will be missed by so many! You are in our thoughts and prayers! Love, Gary and Tammy Jones

Tammy and Gary Jones - March 03, 2024 at 09:47 AM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of John Daniel "J.D" Gray.



March 01, 2024 at 04:50 PM

PB

“ I went to school with JD and he was always a kind person. RIP JD

Pam Allen Blalock - March 01, 2024 at 04:07 PM

LM

“ Lamar McDavid lit a candle in memory of John Daniel "J.D" Gray



Lamar McDavid - March 01, 2024 at 03:34 PM

JR

“ James Raines lit a candle in memory of John Daniel "J.D" Gray



James Raines - March 01, 2024 at 12:42 PM

JR

JD,hard to believe he is no longer with us. he was a good friend and neighbor. He will be missed,but he is with our lord and we will see him soon.

James Raines - March 01, 2024 at 12:45 PM