



## Herman Gray

December 6, 1955 - November 9, 2020

Herman Gray, of Philadelphia, Pa; peacefully passed away on November 9th, 2020 at the age of 64.

He will be missed by sister Margaret Robinson and friend Frank.

Services and Interment Private.

# Comments

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“ Herman Gray was called “Mr. Gray” or “Skeeter”. (I never heard anyone ever call him “Herman”.) I met Skeeter in 1985 when he started doing leafleting for me when I first opened my office in University City. He was a huge Dallas Cowboys fan; but I never held that against him.

Skeeter was beset with many, many physical problems his whole life. I wound up helping him out for the last 35 years of his life, and saw him deteriorate physically, spending his later years in a power chair. He would travel in his chair by public transportation to see me in University City. His last year, 2020, he was a quadriplegic. I used to tell people: “Job’s got nothing on him!” But through it all he maintained his spirit. I never heard him complain about his physical problems. One of his case workers once told me: “You know, I am not supposed to say this, but Mr. Gray is my favorite client because of his indomitable spirit.”

Loved by his sister, who got to talk with him regularly, he got his his wish to die in his own home with the loving care of his health aides. I am glad I got to visit him on his last day. He couldn’t talk, but he had previously told me that he was ready to leave this world.

So, Skeeter, or Mr. Gray to others, Rest In Peace. You have earned it. Know that your spirit in the face of such adversity has been inspiring to me. And when you think about it, being an inspiration to others is probably the best legacy a person can ever have.

Frank Allegra

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