



## Ronald E. Gray

May 31, 1936 - February 6, 2024

Former Hagerstown resident, Ronald Edward Gray, 87, of Palm Bay, FL died Tuesday, February 6, 2024, in Palm Bay, where he had resided since 1981.

He was born in Hagerstown on May 31, 1936 to Lewis Edward (Bud) and Betty (Knose) Gray. He was a 1954 graduate of Hagerstown High School, a graduate of University of Tampa and graduate of Command and Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS. Ron served with the U.S. Army from 1959 until his retirement in 1979, with the rank of Lt. Colonel. During his service in Vietnam, he received numerous medals and awards, including: Silver Star, Legion of Merit, 3 Distinguished Flying Crosses, 2 Bronze Stars, 2 Purple Hearts, 44 Air Medals, 7 Army Commendation Medals, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal with 9 Campaign Stars, Vietnamese Campaign Medal with 60 Device, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm (unit award), Meritorious Unit Citation and Valorous Unit Award. He received the Flying S Award by Sikorsky Helicopter Company. Ron was appointed as a Distinguished Hoosier by Gov. Mitch Daniels and was inducted into the Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame. He was a member of American Legion Post 333, Hagerstown and VFW Post 1108, Richmond.

Following his retirement from the Army, he worked as a real estate broker, was employed by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement as a felony probation officer, where he worked on the Repeat Offender Team, did ASVAB

testing of military recruits and worked as head of security at Patrick AFB. For many years, he was active in tunnel boat racing and, at one time, held the American Powerboat Association speed record for tunnel boats. He was a member of Port Malabar Gun Club and was an avid motorcycle rider.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy Post, a step-son, Brad Baxter (Natalie) and a daughter, Jana Reinecke (Greg).

Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 21, at West Lawn Cemetery, Hagerstown.

Memorials may be made to American Legion Post 333, 615 W. Main St., Hagerstown, IN 47346.

Culberson Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Condolences and memories of Ron may be shared at [www.culbersonfh.com](http://www.culbersonfh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## West Lawn Cemetery

400 West High St.  
Hagerstown, IN 47346  
(765) 489-6171

# Previous Events

## Graveside

FEB **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



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**Jana Gray Reinecke** - August 11, 2024 at 09:39 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ronald E. Gray.



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February 18, 2024 at 10:14 AM

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**Angelica Reyna-Bland** - February 14, 2024 at 03:05 PM