

# Gray, Joseph John

June 22, 2026



## Joseph John Gray

**Joseph John Gray** passed away peacefully on June 18, 2026, at the age of 78.

Born on September 17, 1947, in Moose Jaw to James and Elinor Gray, Joe was the eldest of three boys. He was raised on the family farm north of Brownlee along the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley, where he developed a lifelong love of the land and the outdoors. From a young age, Joe was adventurous and independent, spending countless hours hunting, trapping, and exploring nature.

Joe began his education at the Avonmore School, a one-room school nearby the home quarter. After two years at Avonmore, he attended the newly re-opened McIntyre School until grade 5. He went on from there to Brownlee School, where he graduated in 1966.

Farming was in his blood, and as a teenager he began working alongside his father, uncle, brothers and cousins. What started as helping on the family farm grew into a lifelong passion and career. A forward-thinking and progressive farmer, Joe was among the first in the area to grow lentils and adopt continuous cropping practices during the 1980s.

In 1970, Joe married Sandra Borley, and together they raised three children Wade, Aaron, and Tracy. He instilled in them the values of hard work, responsibility, and respect for the land. Joe was a devoted father who was deeply involved in his children's lives. Whether coaching hockey, helping with 4-H projects, or supporting their many activities, he was always willing to lend a hand and share his knowledge.

Joe's commitment extended beyond his family. He was an active member of his community, serving as an RM councillor, a spare school bus driver, and contributing his time to numerous boards, organizations, and community groups including the Wheat Pool Committee, Nisku Fish and Game League, and the South Saskatchewan Forage Association.

While farming and community service were important parts of his life, nothing brought Joe greater joy than becoming a grandfather. His grandchildren brought a sparkle to his eye and endless pride to his heart. He loved spending time with them and was known for returning from his travels bringing unique treasures and gifts.

In his later years, Joe embraced life with enthusiasm. He enjoyed travelling and became active in the poker community, participating in tournaments throughout North America. Since 2023, he had resided at The Meadows in Swift Current, where he formed many valued friendships and enjoyed Bible study, hymn sings, weekly card games, and the welcoming community around him.

Joe was predeceased by his parents, James and Elinor Gray, and by his granddaughter, Rebecka Gray.

He is lovingly remembered by his son **Wade** (Corrie) and their children Andrew (Kaitlyn), Emma, and Noah; his son **Aaron** (Alecia) and their son Declan; and his daughter **Tracy** and her children Ashley (Ryan), Hayley, and Grady. He was also very

proud to be given the title of great-grandfather to Cameron, son of Ashley and Ryan, and relished every visit and video call with him.

Joe is also survived by his brothers, Harry (Nancy) and Charles (Karen), and their families, along with many cousins, friends, neighbours, and community members whose lives he touched throughout the years.

**The Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, June 27th, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Moose Jaw Funeral Home. Pastor Marvin Seaborg will officiate, and interment will take place at Sunset Cemetery.** For friends and family who are unable to attend you are invited to view the service virtually by going to [www.moosejawfuneralhome.com/webcast/](http://www.moosejawfuneralhome.com/webcast/). In lieu of flowers, donations in Joe's memory may be made to Silver Wings Access Van Inc., Box 871 Swift Current, SK S9H 3W8. The Silver Wings Van provided Joe with transportation to many of the activities he enjoyed, including his twice-weekly trips to the library for card games, and the family is grateful for the independence and connection this service brought to his life.

Arrangements are entrusted to Moose Jaw Funeral Home, 268 Mulberry Lane. Cara Ashworth, Funeral Director 306-693-4550

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**Janie Gillis on June 22, 2026 at 5:46 pm**

I've known Joe for the last two years as a volunteer with messengers of Hope. This was something that Joe regularly attended, and it was evident that he really enjoyed the music and the delivery of the message of Hope. He will be fondly remembered. Then privileged getting to know him.

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**Nickie Hertz** on June 23, 2026 at 8:59 am

Many fond memories of spending time at the farm with the Uncle Joe, Auntie Sandra, Wade, Aaron and Tracy. He will be missed. RIP Uncle Joe ♥️

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**Gayle Galey** on June 22, 2026 at 8:53 pm

My deepest sympathy to Wade, Aaron, and Tracy and their families with the loss of their Father Joe Gray. Many good memories of their visits. Rest in peace Joe.

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