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**R**ichard Douglas “Doug” Gray, 67, of Decatur, IL, passed away at 1:00 A.M. on Thursday (08-29-2024) at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, IL.

Doug was born on September 14, 1956, in Decatur, IL, the son of Gary Gillette Gray and Margaret Ann (Connelly) Gray. He married Susan M. Newton on March 6, 1976, in Decatur, IL. They had been married for forty-eight and a half years.

Doug was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church where he was an Elder and a Deacon. He taught Sunday School, led youth groups, and taught VBS. Doug coached a lot of sports including baseball and soccer for his children and others. He was also very good at gardening, loved to birdwatch and would feed all the animals outdoors. He was a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals, Illinois Athletics and U.S. Men's and Women's National Soccer Teams. He also supported various charitable causes throughout his life.

He is survived by his wife Susan of Decatur, IL; children: Ross Alan Gray and Lillian Paige Gray, both of Decatur, IL; three brothers: Gary Gillette Gray, Jr, and wife Janet of Decatur, IL, Geoffrey Mark Gray and wife Sheila of Worcester, MA, Michael Todd Gray and wife Tanya of Decatur, IL; sister: Julie Ann LaChance and husband Anthony of Littleton, CO.

Doug was preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial Service will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday (09-04-2024) at Westminster Presbyterian Church in the Blue Chapel.

Memorials may be made to: Habitat for Humanity or Heifer International.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family in care of Graceland Fairlawn Funeral Homes [www.gracelandfairlawn.com](http://www.gracelandfairlawn.com).



# Events


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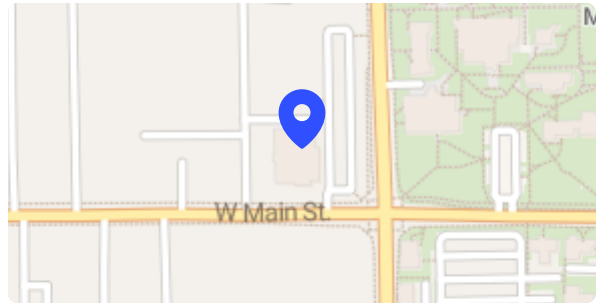
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## Memorial Service

 **Wednesday**, September 4, 2024

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT

 **Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
1360 W Main St, Decatur IL 62522





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**Laurie Perkes** posted:

Sue, Ross and Paige: Extending our sincere sympathy on hearing of Doug's passing. He will always be remembered in our hearts as a pillar of the long ago South Shores Baseball Association, and the time and effort he poured into baseball helping others. Keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers, Laurie and Bob Perkes

September 3 at 4:48 AM



**Tina Nicholson** posted:

My thoughts are with you and your family Paige. Much love, Tina Nicholson

September 3 at 4:02 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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