

## John Edward Bray

March 4, 1944 - April 4, 2022

John Edward Bray, 78, of Philomath, Oregon, passed away peacefully at home on April 4, 2022. He was born to Ellis and Frances Bray in Columbia, Missouri, on March 4, 1944. The family moved to Cedar Hill, Texas, when he was about three years old.

After graduating from Cedar Hill High School, John went to East Texas University (now Texas A&M at Commerce), where he received his B.S. degree and M.S. degree in Physics. He furthered his education by receiving his Ph.D. degree in Physics from Washington State University, where he met and married the love of his life, Tammy. Together, they raised three beautiful and caring children.

John worked as a System Designer Engineer in NCR for more than 30 years, where he contributed significantly to the financial imaging system and received many patents and awards. John was a loving and loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He was a natural problem solver and builder with an altruistic heart and clever sense of humor (puns galore!). So many people benefited from his talents, especially his children and grandchildren, whom he adored and often visited. Nothing made him happier than family, travel, and 18 holes.

John is survived by his devoted wife of 53 years Tammy Bray; his three

children James Bray (Kendall Britt), Jannine Alexander (Jon Alexander), and Jacob Bray (Erika Bray); and his loving grandchildren Tanner Bray, Carolyn Bray, Gavin Alexander, Ethan Alexander, Ava Bray, and Emma Bray. Celebration of John's Life will be performed at Corvallis Club on April 29, 2022, at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of John may be made to the John Bray Endowed Scholarship in Physics at Washington State University – c/o WSU Foundation, PO Box 641925, Pullman, WA 99164-1925 or online at <https://bit.ly/JohnBrayScholarship>.

# Tribute Wall



“ Hello

*I am looking to return Photos of Captain Francis G Bray who fought in France near the end of WW II.*

*I can be contacted via Facebook messenger Peggy Kinney DeFranceschi*



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**Peggy DeFranceschi** - May 28, 2025 at 09:43 AM



“ Dear Dr. Bray and Family,

*I'm deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Professor John Bray. His dedication to his family and work is a model to all of us.*

*I send my deepest sympathy to you and your family. May the loving memories of John support you and your family at this difficult time of loss.*

*Han-Sun Chiang  
President  
Fu Jen Catholic University*

*Just for you  
<https://youtu.be/Mr3yxFtUI0g>*

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**Maggie Tsai** - April 27, 2022 at 10:00 PM

WB

“ I will forever be in awe of Uncle John's ease with inserting some witty word play into conversation on just about any topic. I have always admired his curiosity about and interest in so many things. I suspect he is a person who enjoys equally the gratification of finding answers and the joy of stewing in new questions. I feel blessed to have visited with Uncle John and Tammy this past summer at Kasey's wedding in Kentucky and to have enjoyed a tour together at Mammoth Cave. As always, such a pleasure. The conversation is so easy and fun. So glad to have known Uncle John. I will miss him.

To my Aunt Tammy and cousins Janine, Jacob, and James—I am thinking of you all and hope to connect with you soon.

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Wendy Bray - April 26, 2022 at 04:02 PM

SC

“ Dear Tammy, I've heard so much of John from you and I wish I had the chance of meeting this wonderfully caring person. Please take care and I look forward to seeing you in the near future. Susan



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Susan Chao - April 21, 2022 at 11:52 AM

MB

“ I will always remember John as keeper of the family names and data and his intense interest in remembering and sharing the family history.

Mary Bray - 4 seconds ago



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Mary E Bray - April 19, 2022 at 10:16 AM

LT

“ John was a real gentleman, very kind, good sense of humour, humble and always ready to offer his help. He was also very knowledgeable, intellectually curious and able to solve any problem, big or small. John, Tammy and several of our good friends traveled to Xinjiang in 2001, we visited a grape farm, and learned that Xinjiang which is arid because it has little rain and lots of evaporation, developed dripping irrigation techniques. John was really impressed, so when they went home, he used the same technique for their vegetable garden. Most importantly, he was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He was a great person who I had the pleasure of knowing for many decades. We will miss John!

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**Lydia Tseng** - April 17, 2022 at 09:52 PM

JY

“ Dear Tammy:

*I am so sorry to hear this sad news.  
My sincere condolence.*

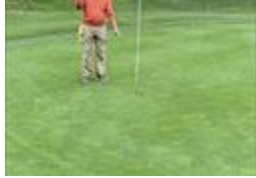
*Jimmy Yoh*

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**James Yoh** - April 13, 2022 at 08:13 PM

MG

“ It was great to play golf with John at the Corvallis Club. He loved the game and was getting pretty good at it. I was lucky enough to be playing with him when he made a hole in one on the sixth hole. John lost sight of his shot off the tee, and couldn't believe it when we told him we thought the ball was in the hole. This picture captured his delight. We'll miss you John.



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**Mike Goodwin** - April 13, 2022 at 02:32 PM

SH

“ We miss you, John, but we will watch over Tammy for you. Wish we could have had more time with you. Such a thoughtful, gentle man... go in peace.

*Sheila G*

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**Sheila** - April 13, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May the soul of John rest in peace ~Amen~



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**Chin-Ping SSps** - April 13, 2022 at 07:05 AM



“ *?? ? sent a virtual gift in memory of John Edward Bray*



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“ *?? ? lit a candle in memory of John Edward Bray*



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**MB**

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**Mary E Bray** - April 19, 2022 at 10:14 AM



“ Dear Tammy,  
*I am sorry to hear that John is away from us. John is such a kind and humble gentleman. He has been always so helpful and full of love to others, including students and faculty at FJCU. Both of you are our good model of being a couple and mentors. John's image and demeanor will always keep in our mind and memory.*

*On behalf of the College of Human Ecology of FJCU, I hope that you and your family stay healthy and have the best blessing.*

*Chris Teng  
Dean of CHE, FJCU*

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S,

“ Dear Tammy,  
*We are with you more than ever!  
We Sisters share your sadness, your loss, and we pray for your husband's heavenly reward, as well as for yourself and all in the family for consolation, peace of heart and mind, gratitude for what has been and strength and confidence for all that is ahead!  
Sr. Maryta with love!*



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**Sister Maryta ,FJCU** - April 13, 2022 at 03:08 AM



“ *He was a good man. In our really short encounter, he often willing to offer help, and tell us that it's the least that he can do. I really feel that he really willing to secrifies himself to let people around him to feel loved and welcome.*  
*a student from Asia*  
*Sam*



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**Sam Fu** - April 13, 2022 at 01:36 AM



“ *Dear John, Gentleman: Gentle and Warm*  
*He contributed to Fu-Jen Catholic University in Taiwan for the overseas international culture exchange program ! We thank you for your contributions ! We memorized you so much , and Love Love So Much !*  
*From Love Pauline Su*

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**Pauline Su** - April 12, 2022 at 10:43 PM



*John, I will miss you warm and happy disposition and your wickedly funny sense of humor. Tammy, my thoughts and prayers are with you and all of your loved ones. Ed*

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**Ed Ray** - April 14, 2022 at 07:03 PM