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**Donald Roberts Gray**  
Ex-SRTA official

## Donald R. Gray, host of WBSM big band show

FAIRHAVEN — Donald Roberts Gray, 65, a former WBSM radio host and a charter member of Trolley Inc., died Saturday after a long illness. He was the widower of Marguerite H. (Haworth) Gray, who died July 2.

Mr. Gray, of 38 Gilbert St., died at Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River.

The host of a popular Sunday morning "big band" music program on WBSM from 1966 until his retirement in 1981, Mr. Gray was widely known as "Mr. Nostalgia."

Manny Simmons, a WBSM personality, said Mr. Gray was "probably one of the most sincere persons I've ever met. We are all going to miss him."

Mr. Gray also was instrumental in organizing Trolley Inc. of New Bedford, which is dedicated to preserving the history of trolley transportation in New Bedford. He was a past president and director of the group, besides being a charter member.

Born in New Bedford, he was the son of the late George F. and Ethel (Wotton) Gray, and lived in Fairhaven most of his adult life.

After attending New Bedford schools, he was a supervisor at the former Morse Twist Drill (now Morse

Cutting Tools), during the early years of World War II. From 1942-59, he was a supervisor at the Union Street Railway in New Bedford.

In 1959, he moved to Florida where until 1962, he was a television film editor at channel 8 in Tampa.

He then returned to Fairhaven and worked as a TV film editor from 1962-66 at channels 5 and 7 in Boston, and later at channel 6 in New Bedford.

From 1966-81, he was a supervisor for the Southeast Regional Transportation Authority in New Bedford, and also worked as WBSM's "Mr. Nostalgia."

He served as a corporator on the board of the Fairhaven Savings Bank.

Survivors include two daughters, Donna Dunn of Fall River and Cheryl Cronin of Fairhaven; and two sisters, Evelyn Press of Foxboro and Carol Beauregard of Fairhaven.

Arrangements are by the Cherry Place Home, 178 Winter St., Fall River, Waring-Ashton and Coughlin-D.D. Sullivan-Driscoll funeral homes.