



## Arnold Zellner Graham

June 20, 1933 - May 8, 2024

Arnold Zellner Graham, 90, of Sherrills Ford, NC, passed away on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at Oak Park Retirement in Salisbury, NC.

He was born June 20, 1933, in Columbia County, FL, to the late Paul R. Graham, Sr., and Clarene Vinzant Graham. Arnold received an associate degree from Southeastern Bible University in Lakeland, FL. His faith was very important to him as he was an evangelist.

He was a veteran serving in the US Navy. Before entering service, he worked on a 900-acre farm assisting in planting, cultivating, and harvesting crops, such as corn, tobacco, beans, peanuts, potatoes, and pastures. He drove a tractor and operated tractor equipment in all phases of farm work. He assisted in caring for cows and hogs for family use and market.

Arnold enjoyed fishing for crappie, hunting small game, growing tomatoes, and construction and building houses. Arnold was a contractor among many other talents. He loved to help others. He was a loving father, grandfather, and friend. He enjoyed watching the Weather Channel "on mute" and making fruitcakes for all of his friends.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a sister, Elizabeth Hazel Bundy; brothers, Cleamond, Retha, Willard, Earl, Marvin, Paul R. Jr., Nevin,

and Royce Graham; and his longtime companion, Patti Kirkorian.

Arnold is survived by his children, John Graham, Karen Graham, Wesley Graham (Lacy), and Kelly Jones (Rob); and grandchildren, Christian Graham and Katie Carver.

Visitation for family and friends will be on Tuesday, May 14 from 1:00-2:00 PM with a service following at 2:00 PM at Cavin-Cook Funeral Home. A graveside service with military honors will be held at 9:00 AM on Thursday, May 16 at the Salisbury National Cemetery for family only.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Samaritan's Purse, P. O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Graham family.

Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

MAY 14. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Funeral Service

MAY 14. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Cavin-Cook Chapel  
494 E. Plaza Drive  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Graveside Service

MAY 16. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

Salisbury National Cemetery  
501 Statesville Blvd  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

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“ Thanks, Papi, for loving my Mom, Patti Krikorian, for well over 6 years. You're in my heart forever. Love you, Patti 2.

Patti Graham - May 16, 2024 at 09:15 AM

JD

“ Arnold was definitely one of the greatest, caring loving man I ever met. He was like a grandfather to me and a great grandfather to my son Vinny . We've spent a lot of time together thanks to Patty Krikorian who was his partner and my son's great grandmother. He was such a kind sole and always gave me great advice. I never ate fruit cake, until Arnold made me one , it was pretty awesome. I will miss our conversations and your friendship. Vinny was brokenhearted but knows you're in a better place. We will miss you. God Bless you Arnold 🙏❤️



Joe D'Antona - May 13, 2024 at 09:50 PM

RC

“ Arnold was a great friend to me here at OAK PARK RETIREMENT. I will really miss having meals with him, and going to worship with him every Sunday when his health would allow him to do so. I am very grateful for the time we shared. The world be a much better if we had more people like arnold. RIP

Rob Claxton - May 13, 2024 at 10:49 AM

VM

*Very well said*

Victoria Miles - May 14, 2024 at 11:04 AM

CF

“ Carley, Lori, Megan, Sarah and families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Arnold Zellner Graham.



Carley, Lori, Megan, Sarah and families - May 12, 2024 at 06:42 PM

CF

“ Carley, Lori, Megan, Sarah and families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Arnold Zellner Graham.

Carley, Lori, Megan, Sarah and families - May 12, 2024 at 06:42 PM

KB

“ Uncle Arnold is enjoying his reunion ,  
I have nothing but good memories when i reminisce  
Of grandma and all her boys  
PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY  
LOVE Kent Bundy and family

Kenneth Bundy - May 11, 2024 at 08:29 PM

RD

“ Arnold was a fine man and a wonderful friend he has left a lot of memories to last us all a lifetime. Ralph Deal



Ralph Deal - May 11, 2024 at 07:40 PM

BC

“ Uncle Arnold, when I heard of your passing, I cried. Then as I was thinking of you, I had a big smile on my face because you always made me smile. I was lucky to have been one of your favorites when I was young. I have fond memories of spending the summer with you when Johnny and Karen were babies. You took me to the beach in Vero and taught me how to fish for mullet with a net. You were there with me as I was caring for my father in Cape Coral. You were a good brother and I know my dad has welcomed you to heaven with open arms. Thank you for being the best uncle and for reaching out to me and making me laugh when you learned how to use Facebook. You were always so funny. It gives me great peace to know that you are with your Dad, Mom, sister and all of your brothers. I know you're up there making them laugh now. I will see you again and give you the biggest hug when I join the family in heaven. Until then, I will think of you and smile.

Becky Capeloto - May 11, 2024 at 06:29 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Arnold Zellner Graham.



May 11, 2024 at 12:43 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Arnold Zellner Graham.*



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May 11, 2024 at 10:42 AM



“ *You were such a special man, uncle & father & friend. So very loved & will be very missed.. Thank you for all the memories. Enjoy the celebration in heaven with all your loved ones. Love you bunches & will miss you forever,. Michael & Dwayne*

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**Michael & Dwayne Bestoso** - May 11, 2024 at 08:48 AM