



John Robert Graham, Sr.

August 6, 1925 - November 28, 2022

John Robert Graham Sr., 97, of Mooresville, NC, passed away on Monday, November 28, 2022, at The Pines at Davidson.

He was born on August 6, 1925, in Grays Creek, NC, to the late Daniel Edward Graham, Sr., and May Belle Breece Graham. Throughout his life, he was a man of many accomplishments and achievements. After graduating high school, he proudly served his country in the United States Navy during World War II. After serving, he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and graduated in 1950 with a degree in chemistry. Go Tar Heels! From 1950 to 1980, he led a Fortune 500 company and subsequently purchased Mooresville Oil Company, his family legacy. He was a charter-member of the Point Lake and Golf Club, the Mooresville-Lake Norman Rotary Club and Peninsula Baptist Church. He loved to play golf and always joked that his children could never beat him in a round. He enjoyed flying his own airplane, traveling with his beautiful wife of over 69 years, but most of all, enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren on Lake Norman.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Louise Oden Graham; brothers, Daniel Edward Graham, Jr. and Lawrence Pittman Graham; and sister, Emily Graham Eason.

He is survived by his children, John Robert Graham, Jr., Richard Eugene

Graham, David Lynn Graham, Charles Edward Graham (Debbie), Emily Graham Lutz (John), granddaughters, Kristen McKenzie Graham and Carly McCrea Graham, and grandsons, David Clark Graham, Jonathan Lane Lutz, Hunter Graham Lutz and Jack Holden Lutz (Peyton).

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, December 1, at Trinity Baptist Church with Rev. Dr. Mark Harris and Rev. Dr. Robert Jackson officiating. Visitation for family and friends will be one hour prior to the service from 1:00-2:00 PM also at the church. Burial will follow the service at Glenwood Memorial Park with full military honors.

For those who are unable to attend the service, you may go to the following link for the live stream: www.trinitybaptist.com/watch

Memorials may be made to Trinity Baptist Church, PO Box 3365, Mooresville, N.C. 28117, Peninsula Baptist Church, 687 Brawley School Road, Mooresville, NC 28117, Hatteras United Methodist Church, 57665 NC-12, Hatteras, NC 27943 or Cape Fear Baptist Church, 6041 Butler Nursery Road, Fayetteville, NC 28306.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Graham family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Glenwood Memorial Park

273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Previous Events

Receiving Friends

DEC 1. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Trinity Baptist Church
221 Ervin Road
Mooresville, NC 28117

Funeral Service

DEC 1. 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (ET)

Trinity Baptist Church
221 Ervin Road
Mooresville, NC 28117

Graveside Service

DEC 1. 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

Glenwood Memorial Park
273 Glenwood Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

KL

“ *Uncle Bob was bigger than life and had an uncanny ability to make everyone feel that they were the most important person in the world to him. He was a saint and a scoundrel! Fun and smart as a whip. I hate that I had to miss seeing all the Oden cousins! Kay Sue Leppert*

KaySue Leppert - December 03, 2022 at 09:47 PM



“ *I knew Bob from American Enka days. Such a wonderful man. Sending sympathy to all his family. Nora Boyle*

Nora Boyle - December 02, 2022 at 11:41 PM

DT

“ *We knew 'Uncle Bob' was a character before we ever met him in person. Thanks to Louise, we got to rent the house across the driveway from their home in Hatteras village many years ago. Owen and I, with our 2 boys, Will and Josh had the best adventure there. We are grateful to have met them and have fond memories of them. We were able to video chat with Uncle Bob last Thursday, Thanksgiving morning, and he told us he loved us dearly, like his own family. I am thankful for those few moments with him. I seemed to tell him often to behave himself. But now, since Monday, I believe he will.*

Our sympathies to the family for their loss. We appreciate Trinity streaming the service today.




Debbie Tate - December 01, 2022 at 05:39 PM

TC

A good man.. I thought so much of.

Teri Troitino Connelly - December 06, 2022 at 10:45 PM















DF

“ Prayers to Charles, Ricky, Bobby, David and Emily. He lived a long life loved by all his children, grands and many more. Thinking of Charles, Deborah and the sweet girls. 



Donna Fleming Frazier - November 30, 2022 at 11:56 PM

DK

“ I am praying for my dear friend Emily...  Mr. Graham was a warm, sweet, and wonderful man!! He and Emily had such a close special relationship.   During my childhood I always enjoyed seeing them together. He always made jokes and was silly and fun. He will be greatly missed.    Sending much love and prayers to Emily and her family.        

Denise Kuhlman - November 30, 2022 at 02:59 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of John Robert Graham, Sr..



November 30, 2022 at 02:54 PM

SG

“ A very special friend who certainly made an impression in my life. I will always remember the kindness and caring he showed me and my family.

Steve Gambill - November 30, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of John Robert Graham, Sr..



November 30, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Robert Graham, Sr..



November 30, 2022 at 10:35 AM

LG

“ Lindsey, Clark & Stuart Graham purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of John Robert Graham, Sr..



Lindsey, Clark & Stuart Graham - November 30, 2022 at 10:21 AM

JD

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Graham's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Jan Dean - November 30, 2022 at 09:45 AM

ML

“ My childhood memories are more special thinking of Mr Graham and his big personality and his jokes and sense of humor. My thoughts and prayers are with you Emily and your entire family. He has left a true legacy of love.

Michelle Landy - November 30, 2022 at 09:11 AM

WB

“ Prayers and condolences for all!

William D Bumgarner - November 30, 2022 at 08:28 AM

CW

“ I am so sorry for your loss...as an employee at DA Ervin & Company in 1986, the first client/character I met was Mr. Graham - he had the best stories & the most wicked sense of humor. He was a great man.

Cindy Wiggins - November 30, 2022 at 08:08 AM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of John Robert Graham, Sr..



November 30, 2022 at 07:43 AM

GF

“ Gary and Donna Burnette & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Robert Graham, Sr..



Gary and Donna Burnette & Family - November 29, 2022 at 09:46 PM

FC

“ It saddens me to hear of Mr Graham's death. He was my favorite of you all! I'll always remember his smile and kindness. Peace Prayers and Blessings to all that loved him . He will be greatly missed 🙏

Frances Chavers - November 29, 2022 at 08:21 PM

EL

Thank you, Frances!!!

Emily Lutz - December 06, 2022 at 07:41 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Robert Graham, Sr..



November 29, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of John Robert Graham, Sr..*



November 29, 2022 at 06:13 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of John Robert Graham, Sr..*



November 29, 2022 at 05:00 PM



“ *So sad to hear of your Dads passing, from all your fond memories I felt like I knew him! my thoughts and prayers are with you all. Love Tracy Cromie*

TRACY T CROMIE - November 29, 2022 at 04:57 PM



Thank you, Tracy!!

Emily Lutz - December 06, 2022 at 07:41 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of John Robert Graham, Sr..*



November 29, 2022 at 04:53 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
John Robert Graham, Sr.”



November 29, 2022 at 02:18 PM