



Thomas Darrell Graham

December 31, 1939 - May 24, 2022

Thomas Darrell Graham, born on the 31st day of December 1939, entered his heavenly home on Tuesday, the 24th day of May 2022 at Forrest General Hospital.

The passing of his mother, Ida Belle Bush, and father, Claude William Graham of Ellisville Junction, his sisters, Nell Strickland, Elizabeth Langley, Dorothy Dykes, and a granddaughter, Clara Graham, preceded him.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Carol Irene Graham along with their three children: Cheryl Padgett of Petal, MS, Stacy Wheeler (John) of Novato, CA, and David Graham (Gina) of South Elgin, IL. His seven grandchildren are: Brandon Padgett (Brittany) of Sumrall, Kelli Azlin (Jordan) of Tucson, AZ, Dylan Wheeler of Seattle, WA, Andrew Graham (Vanessa) of Sigonella, Italy, Celia DeCastro (Khanhai) of Pensacola, FL, Wheaton Graham of Jacksonville, FL, Rowan Graham of Jacksonville, FL, and two great-grandchildren are: Brodie Padgett and Finley Azlin.

Sister, Jeanette Magsig (Ted) of Falls Church, VA, and brother, Terry Graham (Athena) of New Port Richey, FL are among his living siblings.

Tom lived in Laurel in his youth and joined the U.S. Air Force in 1957. After serving four years in service to his country, and having met the love of his life,

Carol Irene Martin of Merritt Island, Florida, he settled down in his hometown to raise his family. He served the citizens of Laurel in the city's fire department, retiring as Chief after 28 years of service.

After retirement, has was a loyal member of the Hardee's Breakfast Club. He was a devotee of Western movies, an avid reader, a dog lover and an expert traveling companion.

A private family graveside service was held, on Saturday, May 28, 2022 at Hickory Grove Cemetery, Laurel, MS. Due to his love for dogs, any contribution to a local animal shelter would be an honor in his name. He will be greatly missed.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.memorychapellaurel.com.

Cemetery Details

Hickory Grove Cemetery

Intersection of 15th Street and Old Bay
Springs Rd
Laurel, MS 39440

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Carol and Cheryl, I am so sorry to hear of Darrell's passing. He was my crush as a teenager and my friend as an adult. Mother loved seeing him at Hardys when I took her. Mother died 2 yrs ago this August. Cheryl, look me up on facebook and get in touch with me.
Jane (Logan, Webb,)Johnson

jane Johnson - June 05, 2022 at 07:38 PM

CJ

“ So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. My ❤️ and 🙏🙏🙏 are with you, Carol.
Charlotte James

Charlotte James - June 04, 2022 at 05:11 PM

SM

“ What a wonderful man!

He served his country; he served his hometown; he loved his family, friends, and animals. Truly a life well lived!

In honor of his life and service, a donation of food & treats has been made to the Laurel Jones County Animal Rescue League from their wish list. Even in his passing, he continues to serve those who were important to him.

Stacy and family, and the entire Graham clan: please except our heartfelt condolences. God bless you all.

Scott & Leanne Maras - May 31, 2022 at 12:23 PM

SB

“ Oh my goodness Ms Carol, Cheryl, Stacy&David! I am truly sorry for the loss of such a wonderful kind hearted man, who I always thought of as a father figure!

Chery if there is anything I can do reach out to me. I will be praying for each one u.

Call me sometime. Here's my number if you ever want too.

601-916-6891

Also.. we lost my sister April 29th. 💔

susan Holifield Lumpkin Booda - May 28, 2022 at 11:05 PM

JE

“ A neighbor and friend growing up...He will be missed.



Jan Ellzey - May 28, 2022 at 08:01 PM

 Susan Brossette

“ Cheryl, I am so sorry for your loss!

Susan Brossette - May 28, 2022 at 12:04 PM

JT

“ Sorry for your loss. Prayers for all.

Jimmie and Arlene Temple - May 27, 2022 at 04:11 PM

LM

“ *Mr. Graham was always a joy to see. I'll miss our chats and laughs ever time he came into the office. Truly a great man and a sweetheart and he'll be truly missed.*

Love,

Lydia McCullum-Jordan

Lydia McCullum - May 27, 2022 at 01:18 PM