



David Lee Graham

April 19, 1940 - February 27, 2012

Rev. David Lee Graham 1940-2012

The Rev. David Lee Graham, 71, of Kankakee, passed away Feb. 27, 2012, at 11:03 p.m., at Provena St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee, with his family by his side.

David was born April 19, 1940, in Long Point, to Alva and Ruth (Powell) Graham.

He was a 1958 graduate of Woodland High School, Streator. He graduated in 1964 from Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, with a Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1970, David graduated from Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, with a Bachelor of Divinity degree.

He served the Illinois United Methodist parishes of Long Point, Nigh Chapel, Smithfield-Ipava, Osman-Walker, Gifford, Martinsville, Broadlands and Longview. In addition to the Methodist churches, he served Good Shepherd Community Church in Des Plaines. While in Des Plaines, he served on the school board for Maine East High School. After retiring from the ministry, David taught at Good Shepherd Manor in Momence, and took employment at Crop Services in Watseka and Kmart Corporation in Manteno.

The Rev. Graham was a loving father to his four children, Rebecca (Terry) Simpson, of Streator, Lee Ann (Scott) Leonard, of Colonial Heights, Va., Stephanie (Troy) Durdan, of Streator, and Michael David (Kimberlee) Graham, of Gainesville, Ga. He was a devoted grandfather to Tara Simpson, of Ocala, Fla., J. Randy Simpson, of Streator, Zachary Oldenburg, of Chicago, Taylor Jo Oldenburg, of Streator, Joshua Leonard, of Colonial Heights, and Matthew David Oldenburg, of Streator.

In addition to his family, he is also survived by his ex-wife, Annette (Mainor) Liptak, of Blackstone, who is the mother of his children; his sister, Anita Lorraine Metzke, of Long Point; his brother, James Sherman, of Salem, Ind.; many nieces and nephews; and close friends, Susan Langdoc and Bernice Britton.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son; his brothers, Robert Sherman and Jack Graham Sr.; and nephew, Robert Graham.

Cremation rites have been accorded by the Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home, west Kankakee, with a private family service to be held at a later date. Interment will be at Emery Green Cemetery, rural Streator

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Memorials may be made to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.- www.cff.org/

Tribute Wall

DH

“ David, I'm sorry I never got to meet you. Your daughter Stephanie is one of my best friends. I will absolutely help her get through these next few months and beyond. Rest in Peace. Dori



Dori Hext - March 02, 2012 at 10:20 PM

SD

I love you Dori.

Stephanie Graham Durdan - March 03, 2012 at 09:57 AM

SG

“ Sandy Green sent a virtual gift in memory of David Lee Graham



Sandy Green - March 02, 2012 at 11:52 AM

SG

To his family and Suzie....I am so sorry for your loss. I am saddened and shocked. David had the biggest heart of anyone I have ever known. We were friends when we worked at kmart, and that friendship continued for some years after. He was trully a angel sent down from above. He was an ear when I was going through my roughest times. He was my counselor when I needed advice. He loved all of you so very much. Rest in Paradise "D".

Sandy Green - March 02, 2012 at 12:01 PM

SD

Thank you for your sentiments Sandy. It was nice talking to you yesterday and meeting you at Dad's a few years back. He really appreciated your friendship, as do we. He always gave the best advice, didn't he? We all loved him very much, too. Thank you again. -- Stephanie

Stephanie Graham Durdan - March 02, 2012 at 04:04 PM



“ *Susan Langdoc lit a candle in memory of David Lee Graham*



susan langdoc - March 01, 2012 at 07:31 PM

SL

My thoughts and prayers are with all of you .I'm so thankful for having had David in my life. There has to be a special place in heaven for all that was David..I love and will miss him so much .God Bless him Eternally and I hope to see you there some day David.

Susan Kay Langdoc - March 01, 2012 at 08:14 PM

SD

We are so thankful you were in his life, and ours, Suzie. You will always be a part of our family. Dad loved you very much. - - Stephanie

Stephanie Graham Durdan - March 02, 2012 at 09:00 AM