



## Gary Paul Graham

July 28, 1946 - September 18, 2019

Gary Paul Graham was born on July 28, 1946 to Harold Glenn Graham and Elizabeth “Bessie” (Strong) Graham, in Chickasha, Oklahoma. He passed from this life on September 18, 2019 at the Veterans Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the age of 73.

Gary moved to Lindsay in 1948 and was a graduate of the Lindsay High School 1964. He left Lindsay to further his education and experience. He graduated from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma and was a charter member of the Phi Kappa Tau. He later obtained his Master’s degree in Geography from Oklahoma University in Norman, Oklahoma. In 2010, he made Lindsay his home again to enjoy his years of retirement.

Gary was a member of the First Christian Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma. He also enjoyed his memberships with the 32ndDegree Mason and Shriner, VFW, AMVETS, American Legion, and in past years even a Boy Scout Leader.

Gary proudly served his Country in United States Army 6thBattalion and 27thArtillery during the Vietnam War 1969 to 1970. For his remarkable service he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Good Conduct Medal.

Gary married his wife Martha Garrison in 1973 in Vinita, Oklahoma. Together

they had many years filled with love and adventure.

Gary loved to travel by any mode of transportation that he could, rather by train, plane, ship, or car he loved to be on the go. He enjoyed taking the time to slow down and build models. You could always find his rooting for his favorite sport teams; OU Sooner football and OKC Thunder basketball.

Gary was a wonderful man that touched the lives of all those around him. He left a legacy that will be remembered by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends, and many brothers in arms.

Left to cherish his memory is his loving wife Martha Graham, his son Mike Burnshire and wife Lori of Wichita, Kansas and Jay Graham and wife Julie of Ardmore, Oklahoma, a brother Phillip K. Graham of Waxahachie, Texas, six grandchildren, Kobee Burnshire and wife Mimi of Wichita, Kansas, Larry Burnshire of Houston, Texas, Peytn Burnshire of Wichita, Kansas, Nicholas Dool of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Chloe Graham of Ardmore, Oklahoma, and Evan Graham of Ardmore, Oklahoma, three great grandchildren, Steven, Michael, and Karla Burnshire of Wichita, Kansas, his favorite girl cousin, Karen Goodwin of Rush Springs, Oklahoma, a nephew, Johnathan Graham of Plano, Texas, and numerous other cousins.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Bessie Graham.

A memorial service is set to be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at the First Christian Church in Lindsay, Oklahoma.

There will be a gathering for family and friends on a later date to lay Gary to his final rest at the Fort Sill National Cemetery.

Services are under the direction of Scott and Angel Wilbourn of Boydston-

Wilbourn Funeral Home in Lindsay, Oklahoma. Condolences may be made to the family online at [www.boydstonfuneralhome.com](http://www.boydstonfuneralhome.com)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Gary Paul Graham*

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**John & Marion Wavra** - September 28, 2019 at 05:34 PM

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“ *Gary was such a sweet man. He was so proud of his family and loved to speak of his grand children. He was very patriotic and served our country well. He will be missed. So sorry for your loss. God bless you.*

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**Jill** - September 20, 2019 at 11:52 PM

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“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you. Gary was a wonderful man that was always there for his friends and family. I always think of him when I hear about fried bologna. May God be with you.*

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**Rodger and LaJuana Clements** - September 20, 2019 at 09:30 PM