



Thomas E. Graham

December 21, 1945 - September 8, 2021

Thomas E. Graham, 75, of Chanute passed away on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. Thomas was born on December 21, 1945, in Chanute, KS, the son of TF Graham and Louise (Welch) Graham.

Tom grew up in Chanute and graduated from Chanute High School in 1964, before serving his country in the United States Navy, aboard the USS Kearsarge- CVS 33 in Vietnam. He returned home to work multiple jobs, but retired from the State of Kansas after 20 years of service. Tom was an avid bowler and the Men's Bowling Association Secretary for over 30 years. Tom also enjoyed collecting state quarters, playing ball and focusing on what the Lord had called him to do in his church. The most important thing though to Tom was spending time with his children and going to sporting events for his grandchildren.

Tom was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints church in Iola. On November 7, 1965, Tom married Kathryn Joyce Newton, they were married for 55 years.

Tom is survived by:

His wife:

K. Joyce Graham

One son:

Thomas (Tom) Graham II and his wife Debbie of Greeley, KS

Three Daughters:

Laurie French and her husband Kevin of Stansbury Park, UT

Michelle Grogan and her husband Darin of Chanute, KS

Sarah Mitts and her husband Andy of Overland Park, KS

Two Sisters:

Beverley Wiles of Belleville, IL

Barbara Ridout of Chanute, KS

Eleven Grandchildren:

Clayton, Adrienne, Justin, Robert, Ashley, Tiffany, Jessie, Joshua, Jared, Jacob, and Ami

Fourteen Great Grandchildren:

Keara, Madisyn, Adalynn, Gage, Logan, Hagen, Brynlee, Jordy, Boston, Kayslee, Rylee, Nathan, Jacelyn and Jhett

Tom was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 1:30 pm at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Iola with burial to follow at Memorial Park Cemetery in Chanute. Visitation will be on Monday, September 13, 2021, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Countryside Funeral Home. Memorials have been suggested to Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com. Services entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home, 101 N. Highland, Chanute, KS, 66720.

Cemetery Details

Memorial Park Cemetery

E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Countryside Funeral Home - Johnson Chapel
101 N. Highland
Chanute, KS 66720
(620) 431-1220
<https://www.countrysidefh.com>

Service

SEP 14. 1:30 PM (CT)

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
1420 E. Carpenter
Iola, KS 66749

Graveside Service

SEP 14 (CT)

Memorial Park Cemetery
E.. 14th St.
Chanute, KS 66720

Tribute Wall

FW

“ *From Darin's work. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas E. Graham.*



From Darin's work. - September 13, 2021 at 09:57 PM

GW

“ *Gary&Susie Wilson sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas E. Graham*



Gary&Susie Wilson - September 12, 2021 at 07:26 PM

GW

“ *So sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Gary and I graduated with Tom, such a nice friend to everyone. And the Lord said "Welcome HOME Tom". Gary Wilson & Susie Masters Wilson.*

Gary wilson - September 12, 2021 at 03:17 PM

CS

“ *Tom was a devoted member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served as an assistant ward clerk in charge of finances from April 30, 2001 until his release May 23, 2021. That has to be a record for longevity and consistency. He was consistent, dedicated and faithful in his service. I enjoyed working with him. I don't know that he really like working with computers that much, but he was detailed and had a sense of commitment to do it right.*

Carl Slaugh - September 10, 2021 at 05:12 PM

LF

Thank you Bro. Slauch, Dad was very dedicated to his calling in the church. Always strived to do his very best.

Laurie French - September 11, 2021 at 04:21 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Graham.*



September 10, 2021 at 11:28 AM

CS

“ *Joyce & Family: So very sorry to hear about Tom. He was such a kind & gentle man. He will be dearly missed. May his love of life and his family give you comfort during this difficult time. Now his suffering has ended and he can Rest In Peace in eternal life. I hope that knowing Tom fought a long hard battle but never gave up will give all of you comfort during this difficult time. My heartfelt condolences to you Joyce and the rest of your family. You will have wonderful memories of Tom to carry with you always. Sincerely, Carol Stowell 🙏😭*

Carol Stowell - September 10, 2021 at 10:20 AM

JG

Thank you Carol I know you know how this feels we both were so blessed to have our husband's in our life.

Joyce Graham - September 10, 2021 at 06:00 PM

CS

We were Joyce. And as I told u on the phone, I will always be here to provide comfort as you need it. ❤️

Carol Stowell - September 13, 2021 at 01:53 PM

JW

“ So very sorry for your loss!

Jerry and Judy Walters - September 09, 2021 at 10:59 PM

LC

“ Prayers to your family, I never met Tom but heard so many great stories, I feel like I know him. Rest In Peace Tom.
Bev we love you and wished we were there with you during this trying time. Love Laurie and Don

Laurie Cosentino - September 09, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Graham.



September 09, 2021 at 07:20 PM

KC

“ One of my favorite memories I have of Uncle Tom was going to the bowling alley with him and Sarah. I'll cherish those memories forever.

Konnichiwa Chidester - September 09, 2021 at 06:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Graham.



September 09, 2021 at 06:54 PM

HM

“ *Holly Miller lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Graham*



Holly Miller - September 09, 2021 at 05:26 PM

HM

“ *Thinking of all of you . Sending prayers , condolences, and sympathies.* 🙏

Holly Miller - September 09, 2021 at 05:26 PM

HM

“ *Holly Miller lit a candle in memory of Thomas E. Graham*



Holly Miller - September 09, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Thomas E. Graham.*



September 09, 2021 at 04:39 PM

PC

“ *Pam Catterson lit a candle in memory of
Thomas E. Graham*



Pam Catterson - September 09, 2021 at 04:24 PM