



Dave Graham

December 2, 1944 - May 26, 2025

Harry David Graham, age 80, of Centerville, Iowa, formerly of University Park and New Sharon, passed away peacefully with his family by his side on Monday, May 26, 2025, at MercyOne Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Dave was born on December 2, 1944, in Oskaloosa, Iowa, to Harry and Louise (Floyd) Graham. He spent his early childhood in Oskaloosa before moving to Stuart, Iowa, for part of his schooling. True to his mischievous nature, Dave always chuckled at the town's welcome sign that read, "Home of 1,700 Good Eggs and a Few Stinkers," proudly claiming the title of one of those stinkers. He eventually returned to Oskaloosa and graduated from high school in 1961. He later completed basic training and served his country in the National Guard.

On April 24, 1965, Dave married the love of his life, Sherry. They later celebrated their union surrounded by family and friends at the Oskaloosa Gospel Tabernacle on August 7, 1965. The two built a life filled with love, laughter, and just the right amount of orneriness—mostly on Dave's part. They were blessed with two daughters, Angela in 1967 and Amy in 1975. In 1978, the family settled in New Sharon, where they raised their girls before moving to University Park in 2000.

Dave's strong work ethic led him through a variety of jobs—from an auto body shop to Western Auto, Sparks Glass, and ultimately, a 25-year career with Pella Corporation, where he retired in 2009. Even in retirement, Dave stayed active, working with his hands, turning houses into homes (thanks to Sherry's

eye for décor, crafting in his woodshop, and hitting up every garage sale in sight. His own “Crazy Harry’s Garage Sales” became a seasonal staple, and if he wasn’t hosting one, he was surely out hunting for a treasure for one of his kids or grandkids.

In addition to his parents, Harry was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 57 years, Sherry; his daughter, Angela; and his brother and sister-in-law, Don and Mary Job.

Left to cherish his memory are his daughter, Amy (Ryan) Stephens; his grandchildren, Hailey (Trevor) Walker, Mickey Stephens, Connor Stephens, and Zach (Rylie) Noel; and his adored great-grandchildren, Tyce, Karter, and the newest Kohyn Georgia, who arrived just three days before he left to meet his wife and daughter in heaven.

To know Dave was to be smiled at, teased a little, and left feeling just a bit brighter. Whether you’d known him for decades or five minutes, he had a way of making everyone feel like family. He was truly one of the sweetest gems—his memory will forever be a treasure.

The memorial service for Dave will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 30, 2025, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel, with Pastors Burdell Hensley and Kenny Morlan officiating. Burial will be in Forest Cemetery. The family will greet visitors from 9:30 a.m. until the start of the service. Memorial contributions can be made to his family in Amy Stephen’s name; charity to be determined later.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

934 North 9th ST
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
secretary@forestcemetery.com
<http://www.forestcemetery.org/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 30. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Tribute Wall

EP

“ *Many times I would run in to Dave at the UP post office. He was always a beacon of light to me, with many a kind word. My condolences to his entire family.*

Eddie Pierson - June 02, 2025 at 12:06 PM

RC

“ *I worked with both Dave and Sherry. They were both the best. Dave would always make sure he made you feel better; if you were having a bad day. He was one one of a kind.*

Rhiannon Clark - May 29, 2025 at 06:35 PM

CM

“ *CINDY MOTT lit a candle in memory of Dave Graham*



CINDY MOTT - May 29, 2025 at 04:16 PM

KM

“ *I worked at Pella Corp with Dave. I thought I was special because that was the way he made me feel. Come to find out he made everyone feel that way. He had to be one of God's special angels send to earth to cheer everyone up. You will be missed but now you can see your lovely wife and daughter again. R.I.P. Dave, your work on earth is done.*

Karen S McBeth - May 29, 2025 at 09:07 AM

VS

“ David was my cousin, actually he was my Dad's direct cousin but we were much closer in age. My Dad would take me down to Oskaloosa when he would go look after the family affairs so we sort of grew up together. When my parents and I moved to California and I married my husband who was from Minnesota I would always make a point of heading to Oskaloosa to visit David and the girls. Oskaloosa and David have always held a special place in my heart and I have tried to get back frequently. We always had a good time together and tried to stay out of trouble not always successfully. We always laughed together and I will miss that so much. The Graham dynasty is fading fast, Amy and her great family, Zach and myself are pretty much it. David I love you to the moon and back thanks for all the great times. Say hi to the family and enjoy your special place in Heaven. Vicki Graham Sietsema (I did try and maintain the Graham name as my son's middle name is Graham.)

Vicki Sietsema - May 28, 2025 at 09:21 PM



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



May 28, 2025 at 09:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dave Graham.

May 28, 2025 at 09:42 AM

CW

“ So sorry for your loss. Dave always lit up the place where ever he was at. Always smiling. He will be missed.
Lee and Connie Wright



Connie Wright - May 28, 2025 at 01:24 AM

DA

“ The first time I met Dave, I worked at the local Casey's and he came in with a book of pictures of art. He said look here I'm famous. Under the picture was the his full name! He had me believing he painted this beautiful work of art. I was asking questions about his work. He finally came clean by saying it wasn't his work but whom ever painted the art forged his name. Gosh he was a hoot! Tell ya what I never forgot his face or NAME! It was always a great time when you were with Dave.

Danelle - May 27, 2025 at 11:18 PM



Dave always called me a good people everything i ran into him. If i was good, he was the best!! He had a smile and a laugh for everyone he met. I can only imagine the reunion going on in heaven today. Dave will have a spot in so so many people's hearts forever.

Marcy Mabee - May 28, 2025 at 08:25 AM

CS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. You said it exactly right, your Dad was a Hoot. I worked with him at the glass store. And I'm sure we graduated together inn1963. I wondered why I hadn't run into him in town for several years so I could be teased. You described him to the tee! He will never be forgotten. God bless your family.

Connie (_Smith) Scharff - May 27, 2025 at 10:12 PM

LK

“ *Leon And Vicki Kelderman lit a candle in memory of Dave Graham*



Leon and Vicki Kelderman - May 27, 2025 at 09:54 PM

HJ

“ *Helen Job lit a candle in memory of Dave Graham*



Helen Job - May 27, 2025 at 06:50 PM

HJ

“ *The first time I met Dave was when I was dating his nephew. Dave called my sister in Illinois to tell her that he thought I was wonderful, to which She replied ...I know. I will miss him ...*

Helen Job - May 27, 2025 at 06:49 PM

JE

“ *Jill Ewing lit a candle in memory of Dave Graham*



Jill Ewing - May 27, 2025 at 04:48 PM