



Sherry Graham

December 15, 1943 - December 16, 2022

Sherry Graham, 79, of University Park, passed away Friday, December 16, 2022, at the Mahaska Health Hospice Serenity House in Oskaloosa.

Sharon Lee Graham, daughter of Charles Earl and Ruth Geneva (Cochran) Loudenback, was born on December 15, 1943, in Glidden, Iowa. Sherry grew up in Glidden and was part of the 1961 graduating class. After high school, she attended William Penn University, obtaining her bachelor's degree in Home Economics and Sociology in 1966. She was elected the Iowa Home Economics Association president while at William Penn. In college, Sherry married the love of her life, Dave Graham, on April 24, 1965, at the Gospel Tabernacle Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa. Sherry taught Home Economics and Biology at Deep River Millersburg. She was working on her master's degree in Kirksville, Missouri, when they welcomed their first daughter, Angie, in 1967. She taught Home Economics, Special Ed., Science, and History at Eddyville from 1968-1970. Sherry became a stay-at-home mother when they moved to Leighton in 1971, and they welcomed their second daughter, Amy, in 1975. In 1978, the family moved to New Sharon, where Sherry was the Activity Coordinator at the local nursing home. They moved to University Park in 2000. She and her husband worked for Pella Corporation until their retirement in 2009.

During the 57 years that Dave and Sherry were married, they remained busy with real estate investments, maintaining their raised gardens and flowerbeds, along with refinishing/building furniture. They also enjoyed researching Civil

War ancestry and attending Life House Church.

Their favorite moments were occasions spent with family, grandchildren, and neighbors who had become family. Sherry loved baking and cooking, which was how she expressed her love and devotion to all. She used her talent for sewing by making care packages for children all over the world. She felt very blessed to have an incredibly fulfilling and wonderful life!

Sherry is survived by her husband of 57 years, Dave Graham; her daughter Amy (Ryan) Stephens of Centerville; grandchildren: Hailey (Trevor), Mickey, Connor, and Zach; two great-grandchildren: Tyce and Karter. She is also survived by her sister, Charlotte (Burdell) Hensley of Oskaloosa; nephews Rob & Rick Hensley, Stephen (Helen) Job, Curt Lunsford, nieces Lori Lunsford, Kathy Larsen; son-in-law Bryan Noel of Oskaloosa, and many great nieces and nephews.

Sherry was preceded in death by her daughter, Angela, her parents, Earl and Ruth, and her brother in infancy, Larry.

Funeral services for Sherry will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at Langkamp Funeral Chapel, with Burdell Hensley officiating. The interment will be in Forest Cemetery. The family will greet visitors from 10 a.m. to service time. Memorials may be made to the family and will be designated at a later time.

Cemetery Details

Forest Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Service

DEC **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Tribute Wall



“ *Sherry Graham*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



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



Jill Ewing - December 20, 2022 at 09:37 AM



“ *Irvin Slagter lit a candle in memory of Sherry Graham*



Irvin Slagter - December 19, 2022 at 07:16 PM



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



December 19, 2022 at 02:42 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Sherry Graham.*



December 19, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ *Janna Roekel lit a candle in memory of Sherry Graham*



Janna Roekel - December 19, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Sherry Graham.*



December 19, 2022 at 10:45 AM



“ *Cliff And Leilani VandeWall lit a candle in memory of Sherry Graham*



Cliff and Leilani VandeWall - December 18, 2022 at 05:19 PM

CV

“ *Cliff And Leilani VandeWall lit a candle in memory of Sherry Graham*



Cliff and Leilani VandeWall - December 18, 2022 at 03:44 PM

DW

“ *Debbie And Tom Walling lit a candle in memory of Sherry Graham*



Debbie and Tom Walling - December 17, 2022 at 06:48 PM

RM

“ *Richard & Cindy Mott-Brown lit a candle in memory of Sherry Graham*



Richard & Cindy Mott-Brown - December 17, 2022 at 05:10 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Sherry Graham.*



December 17, 2022 at 03:03 PM

CW

“ Dave, Amy, and family ,
I am sorry to hear of Sherry's passing. She was such a special person. I am so glad I got to know her. She was so talented in about everything she did. I always remember her fondly from church.

I know Angie was there to welcome her home along with her family. I know my dad was there too. Not sure the nickname he gave her as he had given so many a nickname he knew.

May God give you comfort, give you strength besides comfort in the days ahead.

Lee and Connie Wright



Connie Wright - December 17, 2022 at 01:46 PM

VS

Words can not express how sorry I am David for you and your family. I am so very sorry I could not come to wrap my arms around you David, Amy & the grand kids. When both of ours lives settle to some extend I'm definitely coming and we can share in our grief because only someone walking this journey can truly say I know how you feel and we can say that. My heart is with you and you know my love is unailing..
Vicki Graham Sietsema

Vicki Sietsema - December 19, 2022 at 03:39 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sherry Graham.



December 17, 2022 at 01:06 PM