



## George F. Graham Jr.

January 25, 1928 - January 10, 2022

George F. Graham Jr., 93, of Perryville, Missouri passed away Monday, January 10, 2022 at St. Francis Medical Center.

He was born January 25, 1928 in Mannington, WV to George F. Sr and Helen C. (Rymer) Graham.

He and Ruth E. (McColloch) Graham were married November 24, 1955. She survives in Perryville.

He had a long career as a district forester with the Missouri Department of Conservation. He was very proud of having fought forest fires 9 times in Western States as well as in Missouri. He ran several miles a week to keep in shape to be able to fight fires. He enjoyed numerous hobbies, including reading, carving, oil painting, wood working, back packing, model railroading, cultivating a rose garden, traveling and playing bridge. He was very active in the United Methodist Church, teaching Sunday School and serving in various church offices. He also helped build the new church building in Perryville and he built an outdoor classroom and trail at Perryville Public Schools. He was a boy scout leader and served on the Perry County mental health board. He was well known for his sense of humor. He loved God and he loved his family. He was a US Air Force Veteran of the Korean War.

Survivors include 2/daughters, Jane (Terry) Edwards of Perryville, MO; and Amy Henry of Arnold, MO; 1/son, Mark (Elise) Graham of Jackson, MO; 9/grandchildren, Jacob (Stephanie) Edwards, Paul Edwards, Leah Edwards, Luke Edwards, Joshua (Monica) Henry, Nathan (Alison Huskins) Henry, Kathleen (Drew) Curtis, Andrew (Rebecca) Graham, Peter Graham; 3/great-grandchildren, Liam Henry, Lilynn Henry, Madelyn Graham.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Tom Graham and one sister, Harriett McCurdy.

Family encourages mask be worn.

Visitation will be from be 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Friday, January 14, 2022 and from 8:00 am to 10:00 am Saturday, January 15, 2022 at United Methodist Church in Perryville.

Funeral Service will be at 10:00 am Saturday, January 15, 2022 at United Methodist Church in Perryville with Rev. Kevin Barron officiating.

Burial will be at Home Cemetery in Perryville.

Memorial contributions may be given to Perryville United Methodist Church or the Boy Scouts of America.

Online condolences may be made at [www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordandyoungfuneralhome.com).

Ford Young Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

**Home Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JAN **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

United Methodist Church  
314 W. North St.  
Perryville, MO 63775

### Visitation

JAN **15**. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church  
314 W. North St.  
Perryville, MO 63775

### Funeral Service

JAN **15**. 10:00 AM (CT)

United Methodist Church  
314 W. North St.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ George F. Graham Jr.

October 20, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ George F. Graham Jr.

October 20, 2023 at 01:44 AM



“ Ruth and Family,  
May your faith comfort you at this time.  
God's peace,  
Rita Weber

Rita Weber - January 20, 2022 at 01:53 PM



“ Oh Ruth, Amy & Jane & family- my condolences on George's death. I so enjoyed my conversations with him in DNR resources & hearing his perspective on issues - he always made me think! You all have such a special place in my heart

Kathy Sparks - January 14, 2022 at 09:37 PM



“ Ruth, Jane, Amy, and Mark, please know of my prayers for all of you. My best memories of your husband and dad were his roses, his running(I loved honking at him along Saint Joe St) and his wonderful smile. God's peace be with you.❤️ Your old backyard neighbor, Lulu or LuAnn 😊

Lulu - January 14, 2022 at 05:58 PM

VS

“ *My sympathy to the family. I enjoyed serving on the Mental Health Board for many years, He was a perfect gentleman and fun with conversation.*

*Virginia Schnurbusch*

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**Virginia Schnurbusch** - January 14, 2022 at 01:41 AM

CE

“ *We love you and are thinking of you all. Wishing we could be there to wish our condolences in person. Prayers and hugs to everyone. Jeff, Cara, Alex, and Max Edwards*

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**Cara Edwards** - January 13, 2022 at 08:56 PM

RW

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. George was the first District Forester I worked for after I graduated from the MU Forestry School. We also worked on western fires together. I still remember the visit with the family at the house in Eminence after I got out of the Army back in 1971. Although it has been a while since I have seen him, he will be missed. God bless you all. Love, Rich Whiteaker, fellow MDC Forester.*

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**Richard Whiteaker** - January 13, 2022 at 06:42 PM

VR

“ *My deepest and sincere sympathies to the Graham family. We shared many good memories with your family over the years while he worked with my dad and that friendship continued for many more years later. Your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. Rest In Peace Mr. Graham.*

*Vicky (Ponder) Roberts*

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**Victoria (Ponder) Roberts** - January 13, 2022 at 02:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George F. Graham Jr..*



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January 13, 2022 at 01:41 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about your loss. Was very fond of him, and have many good memories of him and my Dad, working for the Missouri Department of Conservation.*

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**Gerald Lutes** - January 13, 2022 at 01:14 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss.*

*Carla Dalton Joyce*  
*Neice of Bob and Alice Henry*

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**Carla Dalton Joyce** - January 12, 2022 at 08:19 PM



“ *The McCurdy & Blydenburgh Families purchased the Tranquil Seas for the family of George F. Graham Jr..*



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**The McCurdy & Blydenburgh Families** - January 12, 2022 at 08:08 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of George F. Graham Jr..*



January 12, 2022 at 04:29 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George F. Graham Jr..*



January 12, 2022 at 03:28 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of George F. Graham Jr..*



January 12, 2022 at 12:20 PM



“ *Sis & Steve Mirabelli purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of George F. Graham Jr..*



**Sis & Steve Mirabelli** - January 12, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of George F. Graham Jr..*



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January 11, 2022 at 08:27 PM



“ *My wife and I got to know George and Ruth only recently through my fire tower research. I was so impressed I made sure and got a chapter in my book about George. He was a very witty fellow, and I will always think of both when I wear the "Smokey Bear" hat they sent me.*

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**Bob Frakes** - January 11, 2022 at 07:02 PM