



Richard Otis Graham

May 3, 1934 - November 7, 2020

Richard Otis Graham, 86, of Anna, died at 5:10pm Saturday, November 7, 2020 at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau.

He was born May 3, 1934 in Dongola, the son of William F. and Verda (McCommons) Graham. On October 16, 1960 he married Yvonne Annette Corbit at Saratoga United Methodist Church and they just celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Richard served his country in the United States Army from 1956 to 1958. He was a bakery loader for Lewis Brothers Bakery for 24 years until his retirement in March of 1993. He was a member of the Union County Cattlemen Association and had served as the President at one time. He had also served on the University of Illinois 4-H Extension Council. He and his wife entertained many 4-H activities over the years. He served on the Ebenezer Hall Cemetery board for 36 years.

Richard was saved, baptized and became a member of the Dongola First Baptist Church as a boy. After his marriage he attended the Saratoga United Methodist Church until 1972 when he joined the Anna First Church of the Nazarene. There he faithfully served as a trustee on the church board for many years. He was an avid supporter of the Children's Bible Quizzing program for over 40 years, opening their home to hundreds of children who

studied and learned God's word.

Richard loved working on his family farm along with his wife. Together they chopped wood, raised Black Angus Cattle and beautiful vegetable gardens.

Richard is survived by his wife, Yvonne of Anna; daughter, Vonda (Brian) Hill of Anna; grandsons, Christopher Hill and Michael Hill (fiancé Hailey Whitis) both of Anna; brother, Thomas Graham of High Ridge, MO; sisters-in-law, Elaine (Robert) Edwards of Wellsville, MO, Donna (Larry) Dyer of Foristell, MO, Diana (Fletcher) Johnson of Harrisburg; brother-in-law, Dean Corbit of Buncombe; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, William T. Graham of Dongola, Curtis H. Graham of Alvord, TX, Walter Graham of Jonesboro; sisters-in-law, Carlita Pitts of Jonesboro, Clara Graham of Dongola, Beverly Graham of High Ridge, MO, Karen Graham of Alvord, TX, Elizabeth Corbit of Buncombe; brother-in-law, John Pitts of Cobden; mother-in-law, Wanda Corbit of Jonesboro; father-in-law, Lowell Corbit and step-mother-in-law, Lois Corbit of Buncombe.

Visitation for Richard Otis Graham will be Thursday, November 12, 2020 at the Anna First Church of the Nazarene sanctuary from 4-7pm.

Funeral services will be Friday, November 13, 2020 at 11:00am in the church sanctuary with Rev. Trenton Ice officiating. Friends may call Friday at the church after 9:00am. Interment will follow in Ebenezer Hall Cemetery with military rights accorded by the VFW Post #3455.

Memorials may be made to the Anna Nazarene Church Children's Bible Quizzing program or Ebenezer Hall Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Ebenezer Hall Cemetery

Lick Creek, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **12**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Anna Church of the Nazarene
100 Kirk St.
Anna, IL

Service

NOV **13**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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100 Kirk St.
Anna, IL

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Otis Graham*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard Otis Graham.*



November 12, 2020 at 10:48 AM



“ *Deepest sympathies Yvonne, Vonda Kay & all of the family- so many fond memories of Richard as a leader of the Lick Creek 4-H Club*

Amy Perry - November 11, 2020 at 02:17 PM



“ *Prayers and condolences for the Graham Family. I always felt like we were related. Many times we gathered at Gramma McCommon's on Sunday's as youngsters. RIP Cousin.*

Weldon & Judy Brown - November 10, 2020 at 07:15 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard Otis Graham.*



November 10, 2020 at 09:45 AM



“ *Remembering many times shared with you via 4-H and as neighbors. Thinking of you with love and prayer.
Dwight and Sandra Boaz*

d & s boaz - November 09, 2020 at 02:26 PM