



Walter W. Graham

December 9, 1943 - September 7, 2019

Walter W. Graham, age 75 of Jonesboro, passed away at 2:10 PM, Saturday, September 7, 2019 at Union County Nursing Home under the care of Hospice of Southern Illinois.

He was born December 9, 1943 in Dongola, the son of William Franklin and Verda May (McCommons) Graham. He married Sandra Jean Schmidt on June 28, 1986 and they shared 33 wonderful years of marriage together.

Walter proudly served his country as a mechanic in the United States Air Force in Alaska where he learned to be an excellent marksman, which later served him in his love of deer hunting. He worked for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for 38 years within the fish hatchery and tree nursery. Walter was a man of faith and was excited to be able to speak the good news of Jesus Christ. He loved hunting, living on the farm and absolutely cherished his family. He previously was a member of the 1st Baptist Church of Dongola and the First Christian Church in Anna and currently had been attending the Big Creek Baptist Church. Walter was also a lifelong member of the NRA.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy; step-daughters, Mary (Scott) Nash-Swink, Carol Clutts, Jean Modglin; grandchildren, Lindsey (Zach) LeFevre, Kelsie Clutts, Mason Modglin; great-grandchild, Merritt June LeFevre; brothers, Richard (Yvonne) Graham, Tom Graham; sister-in-law, Karen Graham; nieces,

nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Walter was preceded in death by his brothers, Bill (Clara) Graham, Curtis Graham and sister-in-law, Beverly Graham.

Visitation will be Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 10:00am – 12:00pm at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola. Services will follow at 12 noon with LaRue Parr and Bill Littrell officiating. Burial with military honors will be at American Legion Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southern Illinois and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

American Legion

Dongola, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 14. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Dongola
106 NW Front St.
Dongola, IL 62926
866-592-7246
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Walter W. Graham*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Judy and I send our sympathy to the Graham Family. Rest in peace Walter. I knew Walter and his family when we were young on Sunday's at Grandma McCommons farm.
Weldon and Judy Brown*

Weldon Brown - September 15, 2019 at 03:53 PM



“ *will miss walter at big creek church he had that wonderful smile my deepest sympathy
to sandy and rest of the family Rita Hindman*

Rita Hindman - September 13, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ *Linda J. purchased a sympathy card for the family of
Walter W. Graham.*



Linda J. - September 10, 2019 at 11:45 PM

AR

“ We are so sorry to hear of Walter's passing. He was a classmate and friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family during this time of sorrow.

Will and Ann Rowe (Ann Eddleman)

Ann Rowe - September 10, 2019 at 05:49 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Walter W. Graham.*



September 10, 2019 at 03:27 PM

GH

“ *So sorry to hear of Walter passing. He was a class mate at Dongola Grade & Dongola High School class of 62. He was a hard worker at a young age delivering papers and helping his dad. He always had the best candy at school!*

*Glenn & Rena Hight
Wentzville, MO*

Glenn & Rena Hight - September 10, 2019 at 09:44 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Walter W. Graham.*



September 10, 2019 at 09:31 AM

EW

“ Aunt Sandy,
We are so very sorry for your loss. Walter was a wonderful man and we always enjoyed when you two would come for a visit. Hopefully happy memories can help guide you through this tough time. Our thoughts and prayers will continue to be with you.

Love, Eric and Lisa

Eric Whitburn - September 10, 2019 at 08:03 AM



Heather
Grissom

“ Sandy I'm so sorry for your loss. Your in my Thoughts and Prayers. I remember the big blue truck he use to drive it was so pretty

Heather Grissom - September 09, 2019 at 10:49 PM

RS

“ Sandy. i am so sorry to hear about Walt. We worked many years together and had many great memories at the Hatchery. We will pray for you as you work thru the grief. God Bless.

Ricky Smith - September 09, 2019 at 01:25 PM

LA

*Sandy
So sad to hear of your loss. Prayers for you and your family
Xo Lori Albers and Family*

lori albers - September 09, 2019 at 10:10 PM

TH

Walter was our neighbor when we were kids. I remember him delivering papers on his bicycle with one of his pet raccoons, either Rastus or Dinah around his neck. Deepest sympathy to his family.

teresa holcomb - September 12, 2019 at 11:54 AM



So sorry to hear of Walter's passing. A classmate and friend.

*Donnie Jones
Palm Harbor, FL.*

Donnie Jones - September 13, 2019 at 07:55 PM