



## Yvonne Annette Graham

September 24, 1936 - January 20, 2022

Yvonne Annette Graham, age 85, of Anna, passed away on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at her residence.

She was born September 24, 1936 in Anna, the daughter of Lowell E. and Wanda J. (Watkins) Corbit. She married Richard Otis Graham on October 16, 1960 at Saratoga United Methodist Church and they were able to celebrate 60 years together.

Yvonne worked at the Florsheim Shoe Factory for 13 years before deciding to stay home to be a fulltime mother and wife. She was a 4-H leader of the Lick Creek 4-H Club for over 45 years. Yvonne had served on the 4-H Extension Council and was a member of the Union County Cattleman Association. She was the local Bible Quiz Director at the Anna First Church of the Nazarene for 18 years, and the Illinois District Director for 20 years. She taught hundreds of children the word of God. Yvonne and her husband entertained many 4-H, Bible Quizzing, and church activities over the years at their residence. She also served on the Ebenezer Hall Cemetery Board for 38 years.

Yvonne was saved at the age of 13. She became a member of the Saratoga United Methodist Church and was later baptized in the Bradshaw Creek. Yvonne taught Sunday School since she was fifteen and has always been an avid supporter of Sunday School. In 1972, Yvonne joined the Anna First

Church of the Nazarene where she served on the Sunday school board for many years and started the Children's Church Program.

Yvonne loved working on the family farm along with her husband. Together they chopped wood, raised Black Angus cattle, and grew beautiful vegetable and flower gardens. She loved cooking meals for her family and many friends.

Yvonne is survived by her daughter, Vonda (Brian) Hill of Anna; grandsons, Christopher Hill and Michael Hill (fiancé Hailey Whitis) all of Anna; sisters, Elaine (Robert) Edwards of Wellsville, Missouri, Donna (Larry) Dyer of Foristell, Missouri, and Diana (Fletcher) Johnson of Harrisburg; brother, Dean Corbit of Buncombe; sister-in-law, Sandy Graham of Anna; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; her parents; sister, Carlista Pitts of Jonesboro; brothers-in-law, William T. Graham of Dongola, Thomas Graham of High Ridge, Missouri, Walter Graham of Jonesboro, Curtis Graham of Alvord, Texas, and John Pitts of Cobden; sisters-in-law, Clara Graham of Dongola, Beverly Graham of High Ridge, Missouri, Karen Graham of Alvord, Texas, and Elizabeth Corbit of Buncombe; step-mother, Lois Corbit of Buncombe; mother-in-law, Verda (McCommons) Graham and father-in-law, William F. Graham.

Visitation for Yvonne Annette Graham will be Friday, January 28, 2022 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Anna First Church of the Nazarene. Funeral service will be Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 1:00 pm in the church sanctuary with Rev. Trenton Ice officiating. Friends may call Saturday at the church after 11:00 am until the time of service. Interment will follow in Ebenezer Hall Cemetery.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family request with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to the Anna Nazarene Church Children's

Bible Quizzing Program, or the Ebenezer Hall Cemetery.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Crain Funeral Home, Anna-Jonesboro.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 28. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Visitation

JAN 29. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

JAN 29. 1:00 PM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Yvonne Annette Graham

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ I will never forget our fishing trips at the pond. She was always so proud of our catches and we always had a great time, and a great dinner after we were done. ❤️



Kaitlyn Walker - January 28, 2022 at 02:03 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tina - January 27, 2022 at 09:25 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Yvonne Annette Graham.*



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January 27, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ *Vonda, so sorry about your Mother! I remember what a hard worker she was. 4H was her thing!*

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**Karen Funkhouser** - January 25, 2022 at 12:32 AM



“ *Aunt Yvonne was a treasure to our family! I loved her because she had a unique personality and was a straight shooter. What you saw was what you got. She was the last of her generation in our family, Now, she is not only reunited with Uncle Richard, but she is surrounded with family and friends who have gone before, singing with the angels in the presence of our Lord and Savior. We will miss her. Rest well.*

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**Bridget Wells** - January 23, 2022 at 05:01 PM



“ *Jim and Rod Pitts, Franklin/Cathy Keedy purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Yvonne Annette Graham.*



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**Jim and Rod Pitts, Franklin/Cathy Keedy** - January 21, 2022 at 07:54 PM

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“ *Tina lit a candle in memory of Yvonne Annette Graham*



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**Tina** - January 21, 2022 at 12:51 PM