



## Franklin Graham

November 29, 1957 - October 21, 2013

Franklin Ray Graham, 55, of Round Lake Park, IL passed away at home on Monday, October 21, 2013.

He was born in Brooklyn, NY, the son of Jean and the late Chaplain William O. Graham. Frank graduated from Jefferson Davis High School in Montgomery, Alabama and spent several years in Alabama before moving to Illinois in 2005. He was an active member of the Lakeland Evangelical Free Church in Gurnee where he was a member of the Care Team, a lead usher, and a cook for church events. Frank was also an excellent handyman and could fix anything.

He is survived by his wife Mary Kate; children Elizabeth Rose, David William, and Robert Thomas; mother Jean; siblings Billy (Kathy) Graham and Marsha (Tom) VanHam; his best friend Rob (Pattie) DeWitt, and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and -nephews who loved him dearly.

A celebration of Frank's life will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at the Lakeland Evangelical Free Church, 440 N. Hunt Club Rd, Gurnee, IL 60031, 847-856-1240. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Frank's memory to his children's well-being and education fund by clicking the link below:

<http://www.gofundme.com/4x8rz8>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **26**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Lakeland Evangelical Free Church  
440 N. Hunt Club Rd  
Gurnee, IL 60031

# Tribute Wall



“ *Franklin Graham*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Franklin Graham*

December 31, 2022 at 11:36 AM

RD

“ *Frankie, as I used to call him, when he was 13 and I was 15, was my best friend and my Brother. He was 6 ft tall and 200 lbs, and I was 5' 7" and 126 lbs . We were "Mutt and Jeff" - the odd couple. St. Petersburg Fla. in the early '70s. These were tough times of adolescence, when we were trying to find out who we were as "Man children" .... Funny, but even then "Frankie" already knew who he was ... and he helped me "find myself". Thru the years he introduced me to my first love, and then my true love. He was my "Best Man" in '78, and I was his years later ... we went separate ways = and then came back together... funny how then paths of life so often intersect .. I had the privilege of being there when his 3 "most loved" were born, and he was there when our most lovely one was laid to rest.*

*We agreed in our late 20's to quit with the names Frankie and Rob Roy, and just go with Frank and Rob. I was there when Frank got to lay down and finally "Take it easy" (both, big Eagles fans)... but to this day, I think of him daily..... saved these thoughts for nearly 3 years now, as our friendship was between us... just want the kids to know how AWESOME that quiet, calm, Christian father of theirs was, and how much he meant to this family in Sweet Home Alabama .....Brothers don't get to choose each other...Best Friends do .... From age 13 until age 55 , my Brother, forever and still today . WDE*

Rob DeWitt - November 03, 2017 at 10:44 PM

LD

“ *Frank was a good friend of my family when we were growing up in St. Petersburg. He was a good soul and we will miss him. The Florida DeWitts and DeWitt-Dunlaps have your family in our prayers. God bless you.*

Linda DeWitt - October 27, 2013 at 10:25 AM



“ Frank was one of the most kind, gentle persons I knew. He was a great cousin. As a kid growing up I always had fun if Frank was there. The best summer ever was spending a week together at Mammah's house in MS reviewing the day's adventure, whispering over her snoring, smelling the honeysuckle and cooking up the next day's adventure. You filled my boyhood with great memories. See you in the new heavens and new earth. I know there will be even sweeter honeysuckle smells and eternal adventures with King Jesus ruling and reigning forever. I will miss you cousin.

Rod Lyon - October 25, 2013 at 10:21 AM



Thanks for that memory, Rod

Marsha Van Ham - April 26, 2014 at 05:44 PM



“ Ethan Menoni was added to the Family Tree.

Liz Graham - October 24, 2013 at 07:00 PM



“ Matthew Menoni was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Daniel Brankin was added to the Family Tree.

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“ William Brankin was added to the Family Tree.

Liz Graham - October 24, 2013 at 06:59 PM



“ Jame Brankin was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Michal Ann Brankin was added to the Family Tree.

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“ *Mike Brankin was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Julia Landmesser was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Ralf Landmesser was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Brigette Brankin was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Angie Landmesser was added to the Family Tree.*

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“ *Matthew Menoni was added to the Family Tree.*

Liz Graham - October 24, 2013 at 06:56 PM



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Liz Graham - October 24, 2013 at 05:44 PM

DN

“ As a neighbor, my memories of Frank center around our short kindly talks while at the lake we lived on. Frank would be on a walk by the lake and I would be messing around with a rake or pitch fork working on the beach. He would offer encouragement and thanks for my efforts. Those serene moments mean a lot when we look back at times past.  
Dave Nowak, neighbor

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Dave Nowak - October 24, 2013 at 01:12 PM



“ 16 files added to the album Family Pictures



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Liz Graham - October 24, 2013 at 09:56 AM

CM

“ Connie Mortimer lit a candle in memory of Franklin Graham



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Connie Mortimer - October 23, 2013 at 10:07 PM

CM

*My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. Frank was a very kind and caring person.*

Connie Mortimer - October 23, 2013 at 10:09 PM

BM

“ So sorry for your loss, Mary Kate. Thoughts and prayers for you and your kids.

Barb and Bill Mackison - October 23, 2013 at 08:41 PM

JJ

“ On behalf of Mountain Brook high school football team, coaches, and sports med staff, our thought and prayers go out. We will all miss our little sis Liz and hoping her and her family will have a peace that only comes from The Lord!

jake jordan - October 23, 2013 at 07:17 PM



“ Brandon Graham was added to the Family Tree.

Liz Graham - October 23, 2013 at 03:37 PM



“ Brad Graham was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Brent Graham was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Kathy Graham was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Alisha Vanham was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Michael Vanham was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Tom Vanham was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Elizabeth Rose Graham was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Robert Thomas Graham was added to the Family Tree.

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“ David William Graham was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Mary kate Graham was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Marsha Vanham was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Billy Graham was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Chaplain billy Graham was added to the Family Tree.

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“ Jean Graham was added to the Family Tree.

Liz Graham - October 23, 2013 at 03:33 PM



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**Liz Graham** - October 23, 2013 at 02:02 PM

TO

“ *Kate, I am so sorry. There are no words I could say to you right now, that could justify the way you are feeling...just so sorry....love to you and your family.*

*Terese Orthey*

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**Terese Orthey** - October 23, 2013 at 01:29 PM

BR

“ *On behalf of the staff at Ringa Funeral Home, we would like to express our sympathies to Frank's family. It is our privilege to serve your family during this difficult time.*



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**Bob and Andrew Ringa** - October 22, 2013 at 07:57 PM