



## David Graham

September 15, 1947 - February 13, 2023

It is with tremendous sadness that we announce the passing of our family pillar, Dave Graham, in his 76th year, on Monday February 13th, 2023, at Hospice Peterborough. Surrounded by his loved ones, he took his beautiful, peaceful, final breath and headed on to his eternal Home.

David Oscar Graham was the youngest of five children born to the late William Lawrence & Marguerite (Sanderson) Graham of Lindsay, Ontario. He was little brother to his four siblings, Bill Graham (Francis), Donna Madill (Bob, deceased), Bob Graham (Darlene) & Jean Green (Cecil March, deceased). He was endlessly loved by his many cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family. Dave was the loving husband of Liz, unfailing father of Matthew, Leslie (Joe), and Al Hunter (Emily). Dave was the fun-loving Grandpa of Keaton, Delaney, Hayden, Madison, Hailey, Maddix, Rylan & Oliver.

After growing up in Lindsay, working on cars, spending time with his friends (sometimes getting up to no good) and being employed by various garages and industries, Dave dedicated his life to his faith. At 34, he enrolled at Ontario Bible College where he completed his Bachelor of Religious Education. He ministered at numerous churches: Baddow Baptist, Cambridge St. Baptist, Park St. Baptist, to name only a few. Dave loved working with young people throughout his ministry, as they in turn loved and trusted him. After meeting his love, Liz, in 1998, Dave joined the St. Paul's Presbyterian

Church family in Peterborough, Ontario, where he remained a faithful member through to his passing.

Dave had a determination to overcome every challenge, to make a difference and be of service to others. He was instrumental in raising funds for a mission trip to Haiti in 2014, which he said, forever changed him. After his cancer diagnosis, he turned his journey to one of positive impact and raised \$11,111.00 for Cancer Care at PRHC, by walking 7000 steps every day from August to December 2021, all while receiving his bi-weekly treatments.

Dave had a perpetual optimism for life and enjoyed it to the fullest. He travelled to many locations and loved going on cruises with his closest friends and his beloved wife. Dave was a regular at the Lindsay auction barns, looking for treasures, special things for his loved ones and “new” additions to his ever-growing toy car and truck collection. He loved to go camping, from Calgary to Burbalac, and moving on to many destinations in his Dodge pickup truck and 5th wheel trailer. From the west to the east, Dave loved to drive and was known to take spontaneous trips to wherever he set his sights.

Our husband, Dad and Grandpa was truly one of the best. His kindness exceeded all expectations and his dedication to the ones he loved, unprecedented. Those who had the opportunity to know him were the recipients of the greatest example of kindness and love. Although he has left broken hearts and endless tears, he has won his race. He is Home, with his Lord and Saviour.

The family would like to extend a very special Thank You to Dr. Mallory & the Palliative care team at PRHC who provided incredible care to Dave. To the team at Hospice who made Dave’s last days beautiful, loving, and filled with support like no other, we Thank You for being the angels that walk with us.

Dave's Celebration of Life will be held at The Mount Community Centre, 1545 Monaghan Rd., Peterborough Ontario, Sunday, February 26th, 2:30 p.m. followed by a reception. The service will be live-streamed at [www.ashburnhamfuneral.ca](http://www.ashburnhamfuneral.ca) and found on David's memorial page under the photos & videos tab. A recording will be made available after the service. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to Hospice Peterborough or St. Paul's Presbyterian Church.

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ Dear Donna, Jean, Bob and Bill. We were saddened to learn of the passing of your dear brother David. My Mom Evelyn Walden was deeply saddened and wanted to make sure that you received her heartfelt condolence. She said she always loved a visit with the Graham kids and recalled her last time seeing some of you including David at Tim Horton's in Lindsay some 8 years or so ago. She is now 93 and I have no clue how she remembers this stuff. Hope the memories of your time with David will help you get through this very sad time and knowing we share our thoughts and prayers in your loss of a dear brother taken too early. Evelyn Walden and Donna Lee Roche.

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**Donna Roche** - February 26, 2023 at 10:41 AM

LF

“ I have so many memories of Dave, whom we met around 1979. One recollection that stands out needs no explanation or embellishment. It simply shows his kind heart and sensitive nature. Dave went with John and me to Mackays funeral home when our 9 month old baby died. On our arrival back at the house, I entered the room to find Dave scooping the Cheerios off the high chair tray and quietly moving the chair to the side of the room. What a friend! We all loved you, Dave. God be with your family and friends who are missing you, as we are.

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**Lillian Foulkes** - February 21, 2023 at 06:03 PM

LG

“ Debbie, Your family was so important to Dad, and again I am so happy we were all able to get together only a few months back. Thank you for all of the perfect ways you have described Dad.

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**Leslie Graham** - February 20, 2023 at 01:55 PM

LG

“ Mary Lou, I am so happy you and Dad had the chance to get together in the not too distant past. Those two boys are back together again. Thank you for your words

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**Leslie Graham** - February 20, 2023 at 01:53 PM

LG

“ Carri, Thank you for the kind words about Dad.

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**Leslie Graham** - February 20, 2023 at 01:51 PM

LG

“ Thank you so much for reaching out. Leslie and Family

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**Leslie Graham** - February 20, 2023 at 01:50 PM

FM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. He was a nice man and I always enjoyed our conversations  
Ron & Faye McGee

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**Faye McGee** - February 18, 2023 at 08:46 AM

CH

“ Dave made a huge impact & was a Godly mentor during my youth. I've often fondly remembered many memories. He introduced me to the Baptist youth "Encounter " weekends which made life-long Godly impressions. My greatest treasure was babysitting Matthew and Leslie. I was proud to have them in our wedding. Thank You Lord for Your servant and my friend!

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**Carri Heaslip** - February 16, 2023 at 10:41 PM

ML

“ How privileged I feel to have know Dave from elementary school onward through our adult lives! His infectious, genuine smile and loving ways, especially his hugs, are treasures that I hold close to my heart. I feel so blessed that Dave was our \u2018Best Man\u2019 and such a great friend to Bob. To Liz and the family, know that my heart aches for and with you and that I do care deeply.

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**Mary Lou** - February 16, 2023 at 08:30 PM

DM

“ I have been extremely blessed to have known Dave for 55+ years, and been the recipient of his many, many, God given gifts. To mention a few..His warm smile, his listening ear, his words of wisdom, his spiritual guidance, his caring, his compassion, his somewhat warped sense of humor, his friendship, his love, and yes...those awesome teddy bear hugs. It was just gift enough to have him in your life. A gift that I will always treasure. "Well done good and faithful servant!" You will be missed, but never forgotten. Thanks for the memories. My prayers n thoughts are with all of those who knew and loved Dave. Fly free my friend.\ud83d\ude4f\ud83d\udc94

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**Debbie Boadway Martin** - February 16, 2023 at 03:10 PM