



Rick

September 11, 1952 - January 24, 2012

RICHARD WAYNE GRAHAM

Richard “Rick” Wayne Graham, 59, resident of Dewey, died Tuesday January 24, 2012

Richard Wayne “Rick” Graham was born on September 11, 1952 in Bartlesville, OK to Phillip Wayne and Bobbie Lou (Miller) Graham. He was raised in Dewey Ok where he received his early education later moving to Bartlesville and graduated from Sooner High School in 1970. Rick attended NEO A&M Junior College in Miami, OK where he graduated with an Associates Degree in Mechanical Engineering. While at Miami he was employed with Westco. Rick then attended college at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater studying Architectural Design and working at REDA Pump Company in the summers and weekends with his father. On December 18, 1973 Rick was disabled in an automobile accident. At that time he returned to the family farm in Dewey where he was lovingly cared for by his parents until his death.

Rick played a major role in his family especially for his nieces and nephews rather it be with their homework or just teaching them how to play. He enjoyed life to the fullest setting an example for everyone that no matter what the circumstances are to never allow your abilities to limit what you can do for yourself or others.

He had a great love for dogs especially his German Shepherds and Basset Hounds. He enjoyed spending his evenings on the computer talking to family and friends around the world.

He is survived by his parents Wayne and Bobbie Graham of the family home in Dewey, three sisters Janet Johnson of Orange, California, Deborah (Debbie) Bradley of Sperry, Oklahoma and Christy and her husband Bill Brown of Dewey. He has several nieces and nephews and two great nieces and six great nephews. Two uncles, two aunts and several cousins.

He had several wonderful life long friends including Mona Fischer, Terry & Margie McCoy, Kris Selman and his dear friend and caregiver Frances Black.

He was preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, three aunts and two uncles.

Private services will be held at a later date. Cremation arrangements were directed by the Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory.

A memorial has been established and those who wish to make a contribution in memory of Rick may do so to Rose Hill Community Baptist Church 1259 N 4000 Rd Dewey, OK 74029

Rick we love you and will miss you..

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Tribute Wall



“ Rick

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ Rick

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ Miss you today and every day!

Meredith - May 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I cant believe its been a year since you traded in your chair for a set of Shiny new wings. I miss you so much and Love you dearly!

Meredith - January 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ With my recent loss of my husband Rick was the first on email to give me updates on the reunion and made me feel aprt of it even though I could not attend. You are missed my friend.
Char

Charlene (Watters) Bagwell - February 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ dear graham family, i was very young since i have seen rick but through family have known him my whole life. thinking of you during this time

valerieatteberrymccoy - February 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ Rick will be missed dearly. He had a great sense of humor. He always knew what to say to make you laugh and cheer up your day. You hold a special place in my heart. I love you Rick and always will. Edie Kane

Edith Kane - January 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ I always loved it when Rick came over to see my older sister Mona. He was always so sweet and funny. He filled up the house with an energy that made everyone feel good. We Love you Rick. Peace be with you, my friend.

Lisa Atteberry Parks - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PA

“ Farewell my friend. It's difficult to put into words the affect that Rick has had in my life. I first met Rick when I was four years old and he was my oldest sisters' teenage boyfriend. I'll always remember him as the tall guy in cowboy boots. Mona and Rick were lifelong friends and because of that I was able to keep in touch throughout the years. The way he embraced life after his accident has always been an inspiration to me. He is and will always be my motivation to enjoy the things in life that we all seem to take for granted. Even though it's tough to let go of the physical being, I pray the Graham family finds comfort in knowing Rick is free of his physical limitations and embraces all of you in his loving arms for the years of love, care and comfort you provided to him. Farewell my friend – I'll miss you ol' buddy...

Paul Atteberry - January 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ Wayne, Bobbi, Christy, Janet and Debbie and all who had the privilege of knowing such a remarkable man,

I cannot imagine the loss each of you must be feeling. It's not often in life we are given the opportunity to know such a unique individual who embraces the life they have been given. One who does not give up or sees no reason to go on, but instead accepts the challenge and journey with great dignity and courage

What an amazing testimony Rick's life has been. What the world saw as such a tragedy, God used for His glory to reach out and affect so many lives in a positive manner. "Well done thy good and faithful servant"!

Wayne and Bobbi,

When asked who I have deep respect or high regards for, you are the ones that always come to mind. That respect is beyond words. You have demonstrated to countless people what it means to love unconditionally which is what God asks of us. Few of us have experienced such a difficult journey in life, but of those that were given such an extraordinary journey, few stayed the course. I cannot imagine a greater pain than that of losing a child. My heart weeps for you at the loss of your precious son. But rejoices knowing that he is with Jesus. Rick has received his crown

*for a job well done, and be assured
that there will be a crown for the two of you someday! "Well done
thy good and faithful servants"!*

Praying for all of you.

Susie (Stanberry) Willis - January 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Wayne, Bobbie, and family,

We love this poem and thought it was fitting. So many memories of Rick before and after his injury. He made us all better people because of the way he dealt with his circumstances. Because of his parents and family (Frances included) he was able to have the best quality of life on this Earth. We will miss our visits with him. You all are the best family that we know. You have set a Godly example of what it means to care for family. May God Bless each one of you and Bobbie and Wayne still keep the porchlight on cause we will drop in.

Love you all,

Terry & Marge

TOUCHING SHOULDERS

*There's a comforting thought at the close of the day,
When I'm weary and lonely and sad
That sort of grips hold of this crusty old heart
And bids it be merry and glad.
It gets in my soul, and drives out the blues
And finally thrills through and through.
It is just a sweet memory that chants the refrain
I'm glad I touched shoulders with you.*

*Or you know you were brave, did you know you were strong?
Did you know there was one leaning hard?
Did you know that I waited and listened and prayed?
And was cheered by your simplest word?
Did you know that I longed for that smile on your face?
For the sound of your voice ringing true?
Did you know I grew stronger, and better because,
WE HAD MERELY RUBBED SHOULDERS WITH YOU?*

Terry & Margie McCoy - January 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ So sorry to hear of our loss of Rick. We first met when Rick and family moved in on Meadowlark? in Bartlesville. We ran together in high school days and were roomies at NEO with the only German shepherd living in the dorms. We shared a house in Stillwater at OSU until I got married and we drifted apart. We recently reconnected before our 40 th. High School reunion and had talked and e-mailed some since. Seems like we just talked on the phone the other day but it is probably longer than it seems. I will always remember our adventures together. I'll see ya later man and don't forget you still get "shotgun".

Dudley Jones - January 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ We have only fond memories of Rick, who has felt like part of our extended family for the past 40 years. Still remember the first time we met--when those fond memories began.

Glenn and Marge Atteberry - January 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ My dear baby brother, I remember the day you were born; when mama brought you home and you promptly burped all over my new red checked shirt. I remember how dad called you "Jelly Bean" when you were all cleaned up, hair slicked down with Vaseline Hair Tonic and your face full of freckles. I remember your episodes with your new bow and arrow, your first motor scooter and your first car... you were a tough act to follow. You gave us great pride in your accomplishments in architectural designs, but we are most proud of the exemplary life you lead under the most arduous, grueling of circumstances. Your quick smile, your calling out, your wit will be missed. My prayer for you, baby brother, is the prayer of our great, great, great, great grandfather Young Deer, "Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hand respect the thing you have made, my ears sharp to hear your voice. Make me wise, so that I may know the things you have taught my people, the lessons you have hidden in every rock and leaf." Peace be with you as you continue your watch over us with your new wings to glide you easily, quickly, swiftly. I love you, janet

Janet - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Janet and family
I'm sorry for you losing Rick. I ask that God give you peace through this time.

Ken Duncan - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Rick, you were a shining example of taking what was handed to you and making the most out of it. You rose above such challenging circumstances and mastered the art of living, loving, producing, and communicating. Your loving family was always there for you, and they are all extraordinary, especially your parent, who sacrificed their daily routines to make you their primary focus. May all of the Graham family be comforted in knowing that Rick knew how much he was loved and cherished.

Terry Reed - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ Amanda and Christie you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love, Kerry

Kerry Derrick - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NC

“ Sorry for your loss ,but remember Rick can take care of his self now. His body is hole.

Nancy Chaney - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Our love and prayers are with you, Rick.

Steve & Rosemary Graham - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PD

“ A sadness in my heart but also such joy and comfort knowing he is so much happier and free of all constraints that he dealt with for so many years! "Ricky" I know you best as that little kid that we had so much fun with. Just thinking of you now I have a smile on my face with the memories that you left me! God Bless those family vacations! Thank you for those memories and may you rest in peace. Your cousin, Pam

Pam & Rick Dietz - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Wayne and Bobbie, Christy and rest of the family, My thought and prayers are with you all, your love and dedication to Rick was amazing he was truly blessed, i will never forget how he made me smile when he came for his routine Drs. visits may the comfort of our heavenly father giude you all at tis time, Rick is flying high with his golden wings. Donna

Donna Scott - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I'm thinking about you all - and so sorry for you loss. Rick was a special person - and so fortunate to have such a loving and caring family. He will be missed.

Dianne Martinez - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ My thoughts and streams of memories have been constant since Monday, and they're still coming...giving me the best and richest of my own life's memories. He was the best man I've ever known, and though I didn't see him everyday, I miss him already.

Mona - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“Debbie and Kelly...Sorry for the loss of your brother and uncle!!!! I remember meeting Rick, when I was a kid. He was so nice and such a great guy!!!!

Brian Breeden - January 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ME

“Uncle Rick

I love you so much, and thank you for being the best uncle a girl could ask for! You taught us the most important life lesson "Anything can be done with a little try".. I will miss that cheesy grin and your quick wit the most and of course the constant quotes from Lonesome Dove.. So Uncle Rick as Augustus McCrae said "It ain't dying I'm talking about, it's living. I doubt it matters where you die, but it matters where you live."

And you showed us how to live the best!

I will miss you dearly, and I only image what it looks like to see you run with those wonderful four legged friends of yours!

LOVE YOU SO MUCH

-Raccoon

Meredith - January 26, 2012 at 12:00 AM