



## Robert M. Graham Sr.

November 26, 1936 - December 10, 2019

SHIRLEY: Robert M. Graham, Sr., 83, a Shirley resident for over fifteen years, formerly of Providence, North Providence, RI and Fall River died Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at Nashoba Valley Medical Center, Ayer.

Mr. Graham was born in Providence, RI, November 26, 1936, a son of Harold M. and Catherine R. (Shierson) Graham and grew up in Providence and North Providence, Rhode Island. He was a graduate of LaSalle Academy in Providence and continued his education at Wentworth Institute in Boston and later received his Bachelors and Master Degrees from Providence College.

During the Vietnam War Mr. Graham served his country in the United States Marines as a Medivac Pilot, attaining the rank of Major.

For over thirty years, he taught History and English at Smithfield High School retiring in 2001.

An avid gardener, he enjoyed working in his flower garden. He was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church in Shirley.

He leaves his wife of 24 years, Patricia C. Selleck-Graham; Kevin Graham of Providence; four daughters, Cheryl Deloreto and her husband David; Kelly Franchetti; Kristin Graham all of North Providence, Bonnie Jean Thomas of Fall River; his daughter in law, Jill Graham of Norwalk, CT; his brother and

sister in law, Paul and Linda Graham of West Warwick , RI formerly of Scituate RI; sister Connie Stone of Marshfield, Ma; eight grandchildren, Jackie Garriepy, Kaitlyn Graham, Peter Henry Graham, Coty James Thomas, Robert Franchetti Jr., Justin Franchetti, Aidan Graham, Kiley Graham and two great grandchildren.

He was the father of the late Robert M. Graham, Jr. of Norwalk, CT

A funeral Mass will be celebrated 10 AM Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at St. Anthony's Church, 14 Phoenix Street, Shirley. Burial will be private. There are no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

The Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd, Ayer is assisting the family with arrangements. For additional information or to leave an on line condolence please visit their website at [www.andersonfuneral.com](http://www.andersonfuneral.com).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

DEC 18. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony's Church  
14 Phoenix Street  
Shirley, MA

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ Dad.....As 9 months without you nears I have so many moments of silent tears. Memories of our last days together will be forever in my heart. I miss delivering you your favorite pies. My guardian angel now Dad. Keep a close watch. Xxooo Until we meet again. 💜💜💜



Cheryl - September 09, 2020 at 12:22 AM

CH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cheryl - January 07, 2020 at 11:05 PM

CH

“ Miss you so much dad....so blessed with spending time with you on Sundays.  
#ithappenedsosoon  
#Iwillcherishyourbeautiful  
birthday gift. Love you Dad 💜💜💜💜



Cheryl - January 07, 2020 at 11:00 PM

MC

“ Dear Pat.....Wish we had got our two Marines together a lot sooner.....But we always think we have time.....I so enjoyed meeting your Bob...and Richie so admired him..... Your home was always so warm and welcoming.....It was like getting a big hug.....Bob was so witty and smart.....I will always remember our last visit together...and all the fun we had.....Love, Marianne and Richie.....Semper Fidelis Bob.....<3

marianne coalter - December 23, 2019 at 11:36 AM

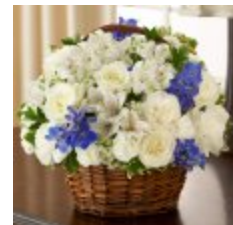
JV

“ Pat  
I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your husband. Prayers for you all.  
Judy Vaz

judy vaz - December 16, 2019 at 02:54 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Robert M. Graham Sr..



December 15, 2019 at 07:40 AM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Robert M. Graham Sr..



December 14, 2019 at 04:16 PM

JB

“ Pat: I am so very sorry to hear of your loss. Knowing you, Bob received nothing but kind, compassionate and loving care. Take comfort in the knowledge that you made his life a better one just by your presence in his life.

*My deepest sympathy to you and his family.*

*Love,*

*Your former colleague from Saint Anne's Hospital,  
Jane Benevides*

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**Jane Benevides** - December 13, 2019 at 12:13 PM

TC

“ Mr Graham was my homeroom teacher in the 10th grade. We had a Christmas room decoration contest that year and he gave me a box of chocolates for my effort-I was the only one that decorated his room-so nice that he appreciated it! Great memory!

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**Theresa a Cavanagh** - December 12, 2019 at 09:04 PM

CT

“ Grandpa, I can't thank you enough for some of the great memories I have of you. As sad as your passing is, I'm relieved you aren't suffering anymore. Please look down on the family and friends grieving and continue to give them strength to persevere. Enjoy being surrounded by the family & friends on the other side, and eat some pie 💙



*Love you, Coty*

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**Coty-James Thomas** - December 12, 2019 at 09:02 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Cheryl Deloreto - December 12, 2019 at 08:15 AM

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Cheryl Deloreto - December 12, 2019 at 08:14 AM

BJ

“ *Dad, to the man I could always count on. You never let me down, I already feel your strength within me. I'll honor you and keep your memory alive. It's so hard to say goodbye, look forward to when we meet again. Rest In Peace now, your suffering is over. If I could have one more day, I'd love to hear your voice. I thank you for that day, that you took me aside spoke how you felt about me. Those words will stay with me forever. You are now my guardian as an angel and I will make you proud. Love you forever, NEVER forgotten.*



*Till I see you again, Bonnie-Jean* 💙

Bonnie Jean - December 11, 2019 at 09:55 PM

NH

*I am so sorry for your loss. My love and prayers are with you and your family.*

**Nilda Harrington** - December 11, 2019 at 10:34 PM

AF

*Bonnie Jean and Family.... I am sending my sympathy and heartfelt prayers for the recent loss of your Dad. May God give you the strength to get through this difficult time of sorrow. Thoughts and prayers.. God Bless*

*Ann Fuscellaro*

**Ann Fuscellaro** - December 12, 2019 at 01:30 AM

DV

*Dear Bonnie Jean, Cheryl, Kelly, Kristen and Kevin, I am so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. May your memories bring you peace and comfort.*

*Dina Fuscellaro Vitalo.*

**Dina Vitalo** - December 13, 2019 at 09:41 AM

KG

“ *Uncle Bob,  
I miss you and I wish I could hug you and tell you I love you one last time. You always made us laugh. I know your at peace and your with Bobby and Grandma Graham. My memories of you are nothing but happy ones that I will cherish forever until we meet again. I was only blessed in my life with one Uncle and I got an amazing one.  
I love you forever.  
-Your Neice Kate.*



**Kaitlin Graham** - December 11, 2019 at 09:03 PM

HP

“ Condolences to the Graham family. Mr Graham was a teacher and mentor to a number of us during our time at SHS. He served as a positive role model. Will always have fond memories of those times.  
*Paul Hardy*

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**Hardy Paul** - December 11, 2019 at 07:33 PM

SE

“ Peace and condolences to the entire Graham family...Mr. Graham was a great teacher at SHS.

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**Susan Esposito** - December 11, 2019 at 07:28 PM

CL

“ Deepest Sympathy to you all. Mr. Graham was my favorite teacher, he will always be remembered!

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**claudette** - December 11, 2019 at 06:19 PM

MF

“ God Bless you Mr. Graham. A true role model and teacher I will never forget.

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**Maria (Riccardi) Fitzgerald** - December 11, 2019 at 04:50 PM

WS

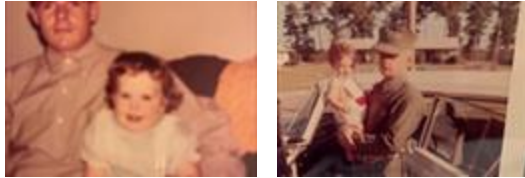
“ On behalf of my Mom, Julie, and all of my siblings as well as our late father, Henry I wish to express our deepest condolences to the entire Graham family. Fond memories of your Dad and the many family outings we shared over the years. Rest In Peace Mr. Graham.  
*Bill Shepard*

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**William Shepard** - December 11, 2019 at 04:14 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**Cheryl Deloreto** - December 11, 2019 at 03:04 PM

CD

“ Love you Dad.



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**Cheryl Deloreto** - December 11, 2019 at 03:00 PM

CC

*To the Graham family I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my sincere condolences. Carol (Fuscellaro)Calise*

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**carol calise** - December 12, 2019 at 07:18 AM

CD

*Dad,  
As much as I prepared myself for one of the saddest days of my life....my heart is broken. I will forever cherish the memories of our last months together when you shared so much with me. I will miss surprising you with your favorite pies, sweet treats, and of course... your Winston cigs. You fought until the end dad...the strongest man I have ever known...in more ways than one.*

*Until we meet again dad, I just know you are watching over David and myself. Rest in love dad.*

*One last Semper Fi..... Love you Dad...*

*You are at peace...no more suffering.*

*In my heart always and will never be forgotten, Cheryl*

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**Cheryl Deloreto** - December 12, 2019 at 07:53 AM

BB

*Dear Graham Family,  
My thoughts and prayers go out to you at this time of need. Bob was not only a great teacher, but a wonderful law enforcement officer while he worked for the Parks Department. Rest in Peace BOB. Brian D. Burke*

*SHS Class of 1968.  
Smithfield Police Department  
Detective Commander Retired*

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**Brian D. Burke** - December 12, 2019 at 10:03 AM

WA

*Dear Pat and the Graham Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Bob making everyone laugh. May God Keep each of you in his hands and comfort you in your time of sorrow, may he rest in piece until you meet again, God Bless the Graham Family  
Wendy Adams*

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**Wendy Adams** - December 12, 2019 at 12:43 PM