



Stephen T. Graham

October 22, 1947 - March 22, 2019

Stephen Tony Graham, affectionately called “Steve” by all who knew him, was born to parents Jesse Graham and Rosa Lee Graham on October 22, 1947, in Barberville, Florida. At the age of 7, his family moved to DeLand, where he spent all of his childhood and youth.

Steve received his early education in Volusia County Schools and graduated from Euclid Junior Senior High with the Class of 1964, Euclid’s last graduating class.

Steve was passionate about learning, an explorer, and extremely inquisitive. At the age of 20, Steve moved to Brooklyn, New York. In 1968, he started working at the Corporate Office of JC Penney. Steve was a “techie” before technology was popular. He started in IBM systems and moved on to Information Technology. Always seeking new ventures, Steve relocated to Fort Washington, Maryland in the 1986. He worked at the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) as an IT specialist.

Steve loved music and in 2003 he pursued his career as a deejay. Considered the “Master of Music,” Steve was known professionally as DJ Swaami, working with many local and national musicians. In addition to playing at weddings, birthday and dinner parties, cabarets, etc., Steve played regularly at Tradewinds (Camp Springs, MD), Bay Street Nightclub (Lanham, MD), and

the VFW (Suitland, MD).

Steve was an honorable man and a gentle giant. A committed Christian, he loved the Lord and his family. He joined the Worldwide Church of God and later became a long-time member of Faith Outreach Community Church in Fort Washington, MD. Steve was an enthusiastic Bible scholar, witnessing whenever and wherever he found the opportunity.

On Friday, March 22, 2019, the Lord gently closed Steve's eyes and called him to rest at 11:51 a.m.

Steve was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Rosa Lee Graham; 3 brothers: Jesse James, Ellsworth and Ronald Graham; 2 sisters: Elouise Graham Johnson and A. Sandra Graham Anthony.

Cherishing Steve's precious memories are 2 daughters: Stephanie Bunn of Plano, TX and Tanja DePaul (Derek) of Mechanicsville, MD; 2 sisters: Rozena G. Crawford of Deltona, FL and Lynn Ash of Heathrow, FL; 2 grandchildren: Taliah Autumn DePaul and Olivia Grace DePaul, both of Mechanicsville, MD; a devoted nephew, Gene O. Crawford, Jr. of Bowie, MD; 13 nieces and nephews, a great number of cousins, other relatives and friends; long-time friends and Bible study partners: Mr. "T" & Mrs. Mattie Tisdale and Joan Smith.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church
412 E. Kennedy Blvd.
Eatonville, FL 32751

Service

APR 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Stephen T. Graham*

October 22, 2023 at 05:49 PM



“ *Though we only met Stephen on one occasion (a visit to our church in Greenville), his love of the Lord was evident. It was an honor to have known and met brother Stephen. A very sincere heart that showed in his actions and care for others.*

I will always remember a short ride with brother Stephen to an event here in Greenville and how we shared a mutual desire to see our family members come to a better love of our mutual Savior the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the Lord comfort each of his friends and family members at the loss of this Gentle Giant.

David and Jodi Taylor

David Taylor - April 08, 2019 at 10:18 AM

JS

“ A dearly beloved brother, child of God, and friend is sorely missed. Praying for the family for comfort and peace. Steve was very humble servant of The Most High God who esteemed the Word of God above everything and anything else.

Thank the Lord for his leadership, grace during 8 years of Bible study and also thankful for 15 years of fellowship and friendship.

Our brother accepted the Lord's plan for his entire earthly life. Am honored to have known a humble and gracious servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. -Joan C. Smith.

Joan C. Smith - April 07, 2019 at 04:34 PM

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“ Our sincere condolences to Stephen's loved-ones. May Jesus dry your tears and whisper peace to your heavy hearts. Our family was gifted with his friendship several years ago over our mutual love of the Lord Jesus Christ. His joy inspired us. His love for Jesus convicted us. And his zeal provoked us. We love him. We had not seen Stephen in a few years, but stayed in touch by email. We loved the description “gentle giant”.

May your hearts all be comforted knowing he is with his Savior at sweet rest. May you know the same hope, peace and joy that Stephen knew in Jesus Christ. We will miss him. He won the battle with heart disease. His disease is dead and Stephen is alive and well for ever with his Lord and Savior.

Stephen & Debbie, Victoria, Adam Eastland

Stephen Eastland - April 06, 2019 at 07:53 PM

MI

“*Brother Stephen Graham's zeal for Christ has been unsurpassed by anyone else that I have yet to meet in the state of Maryland. It was a great blessing to have known him. He drove to my home some years ago to personally deliver a KJV Bible to me, after the one I had several pages destroyed. I am humbled at his passing, but I know we will meet again.*

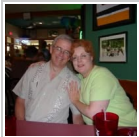
Madeleine Ivy - April 06, 2019 at 01:38 PM

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“*For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*
Romans 8:38-39

Thankful that Brother Graham is now safe in the arms of Jesus

sue eastland - April 06, 2019 at 11:00 AM



“*Stephen was a precious soul that loved the Lord Jesus Christ and encouraged the hearts of those who loved Him as he did. He was dearly loved by brethren in Greenville for his warmth and cheerful demeanor, even when he was suffering. Our loss is heaven's gain.*

Newell Eastland - April 06, 2019 at 10:26 AM

JC

“ May Almighty God bless Stephen's sisters, daughters, nephew, and extended family by His Spirit and His word at this time of remembering Stephen's life and his recent departure to heaven. I first met Stephen by way of the Internet in January, 2006, and we have been friends in Christ Jesus ever since. I first met him face to face at preaching services in Woodbridge, VA in July, 2006. He was one of the gentlest, most gracious, kindest men I have ever met. He was exceptionally humble and warm in his demeanor and relationships. He loved the Lord Jesus Christ second to none. I was able to pray with Stephen over the phone a week before his departure, and he had perfect peace in being with the Lord of glory shortly. His greatest desire expressed that day was for each member of his family to know the Lord Jesus Christ as He did and to worship in spirit and truth, which was very important to him all the way to the end of his earthly pilgrimage. I am honored and privileged to have known Stephen, and I look forward to seeing him soon in a far better place without pain, sickness, or sorrow - glorified forever with the Lord Jesus Christ. Jonathan Crosby, pastor of the Church of Greenville in South Carolina.

Jonathan R. Crosby - April 06, 2019 at 09:33 AM