



Louis E. "Bob" Graham

February 1, 1922 - August 17, 2014

Services will be at 10 A.M. Tuesday at the Evangelical Free Church in Grand Island. Reverend Gary Schulte will officiate. Burial will be in Hastings at Parkview Cemetery with military honors provided by the United States Army and the Grand Island Veterans Honor Guard.

Visitation will be from 9:00 A.M. until service time at the church. All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Bob was born February 1, 1922 in Sabetha, Kansas, to Norman and Louise (Trees) Graham.

Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Virginia; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce (Del) Tattershall of Blaine, WA and Karen Graham (Brian Harrington) of Plymouth, MN; three stepdaughters, Judi (Bernie) Raiter of Grand Island, Connie McClure of York and Deb Schrunk of Lincoln; eleven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Anna.

Bob grew up with his grandparents, Edgar and May Graham and his aunts, Irma and Mildred Graham, since he lost his mother in childbirth. He attended grade school in the Broken Bow area, later moving to Sabetha, KS, with his grandparents. He graduated from Sabetha High School 1939.

He attended Kearney State College, obtaining an elementary teacher's certificate. He taught rural elementary school for a year and attended Peru State College. During that year, 1941, World War II was declared. Bob enlisted in the Army Signal Corp and was sent to Radio and Code School in

Colorado as a Reservist. It was there that he met and married Anna B. Castle. Bob was inducted into the U.S. Army on September 6, 1943. He was sent overseas with the 965 Heavy Automotive Maintenance. He spent time in France and Germany, where his unit served in the Army of Occupation of Germany. Shortly thereafter, the 965th HAM unit was sent by ship through the Panama Canal to the Philippine Islands to prepare for the invasion of Japan. Just as they arrived, the 'bomb' was dropped on Japan and the war was soon over. Bob was honorably discharged April of 1946. He was a member of American Legion Post #53.

Upon his return home, he used his GI Bill to attend Peru State College and earned his Bachelor's Degree. He taught High School chemistry, physics, physical science and mathematics at West Point, NE for 15 years, while obtaining his Master's Degree at Colorado State College. He then moved to Hastings and taught the same subjects at Hastings High School for 23 years; retiring in 1986.

He and his wife, Anna Graham, were married for 46 years and had two daughters, Joyce and Karen. Mrs. Graham died in 1989. Later, he met a fellow retired teacher, Virginia Prickett. They married and she brought with her a large family of brothers, sisters, three daughters and their families. They graciously included him as a brother-in-law, step-parent, grandparent and great-grandparent.

A kind man, Bob was concerned about everyone and interested in everything. He loved to travel and had been to every state in the Union and Canada. He will be remembered as the BEST father and step-father a girl could have, and the best grandfather ever.

Memorials are suggested to The Parkinson's Foundation or SMILE Train.

Cemetery Details

Parkview Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **19**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical Free Church

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Uncle Bob looked and sounded so much like my dad, Garry Graham, that it blew me away as a kid. They were just over a year apart but seemed like identical twins, my dad being the stronger, Bob the more intellectual, although he was highly skilled and talented, sort of a jack of all trades.

I remember being about 13 yoa, 1973 or so, and Uncle Bob, Anne, Joyce, and Karen came to Emporia, KS to visit our family. My dad talked him into installing a 240V circuit for our inherited air conditioner, since the tight Scot that he was, he didn't want to pay a licensed electrician. My mom was annoyed, I remember, objecting, putting Bob to work like that, but he tackled the job with uncanny vigor and efficiency, done in record time, and we had ourselves air conditioning in the main house for the first time!

I saw him so little as a kid, we were too far apart to visit often, but I knew him as a brilliant, soft spoken man. He was my uncle: Uncle Bob.

John E Graham

John Graham - July 25, 2025 at 06:00 AM



“ *Louis E. "Bob" Graham*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM

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“ *My father, Garry, was his brother. Paul T. Graham*

Paul T. Graham - February 01, 2015 at 03:23 PM

JB

“ Mr. Graham was a great teacher. I had him for physics in 1968 and he worked us very hard. He was very patient with some very difficult material and we all learned a great deal from him. He was one of a handful of teachers in my life that had a meaningful and long term impact on my future and career. I still tell stories about him to my son and grandson like the time and entire test was based on a pool table shot. I know there are others that feel the same way about his teaching that I do. His contribution was great.

Jack Boyle

Jack Boyle - August 27, 2014 at 06:56 PM

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“ Teresa S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Louis E. "Bob" Graham.



Teresa S. - August 18, 2014 at 10:02 PM