



## Edward Albert Graham

January 25, 1926 - January 19, 2018

Edward A. Graham, 91, a much loved father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend died at his home in Bluefield, VA, surrounded by family on January 19, 2018. Ed was born on November 25, 1926 to Florence (Bergeron) and Albert Graham in Bluefield, Virginia. Ed is lovingly remembered by his four children; Michael H. Graham, Patrick E. Graham and wife Debi, Kelly F. Graham and wife Rosellis, and Teri McKee; his five grandchildren Angela Graham Johnson and husband Scott, Adrienne Graham, Graham McKee, Max McKee, and Lily McKee; three great-grandchildren, Anna Scott, Wade, and Nash Johnson; brother-in-law Ralph Kiser and wife Shirley, sister-in-laws Queteen Bowling and Betty Kiser. Ed was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Frances (Kiser) Graham, his parents, and his siblings Esther, Max, George, and Richard.

Ed graduated from Graham High School and left before his prom and graduation ceremony to join the U.S. Army where he served in the Pacific theater during World War II. Upon returning to Bluefield he met and married his wife, Frances, in 1948. They were married for 61 years until Frances' death in 2009. He continued his government service after the war as a postal railway clerk in Washington DC. His career brought them back to Bluefield where Ed worked in the USPS for many years eventually serving as postmaster of Falls Mills, VA, where he retired in 1988. Ed was one of the last surviving railway mail clerks and he contributed to the Smithsonian National Postal Museum railway car replica by relaying his experiences. Many people

will remember Ed as a staple in town through his Dairy Queen. Ed and Frances opened the Bluefield, VA, Dairy Queen in 1968. It has remained a family run business for 50 years. Ed was always hands on with the business and many of his family and extended family had their first jobs at the Dairy Queen. A hot dog with chili and a DQ treat will always bring a memory of Ed. In addition to owning a local business, Ed served on town council. His contributions were many but most notably was his help in creating the Westgate Park and advocating for clean drinking water. As a lifelong member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Ed served on the vestry as Junior and Senior Warden, and represented St. Mary's at the Annual Diocesan Council. He was a self taught stained glass artist and made beautiful stained glass pieces from window catchers to lampshades and windows. Ed's knowledge of stained glass helped preserve the windows at St. Mary's, two of which were made by Tiffany and Company. Anyone who received one of Ed's creations knew how much time and love was given.

A memorial service and reception immediately following will be held at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Bluefield, VA, with the Reverend Dr. Tom Day officiating on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 1:00 pm. One of Ed's contributions to St. Mary's was the creation of the columbarium where he will rest eternal. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the Children's Miracle Network or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home of Bluefield is serving the Edward Graham family.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Episcopal Church Columbarium

Bluefield, VA 24605

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

FEB 17. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Bluefield, VA 24605

# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Albert Graham*

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edward Albert Graham.*



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February 16, 2018 at 09:07 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Remember your family well. They were neighbors in West Graham. May God bring you comfort and peace.*



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**Doug and Malinda Melvin Cannaday** - February 02, 2018 at 12:34 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,  
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,  
  
May your memories of Edward Albert Graham, give you peace, comfort and strength...  
  
Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten..  
My thoughts  
and prayers to the family of ....  
  
US Army Veteran, Edward Albert Graham, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†  
  
† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †*

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**Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum** - February 02, 2018 at 07:34 AM

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“ *Pat, we are sorry about the death of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family.  
Graham High School Class of 1972*

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**Graham High Class of 1972** - February 01, 2018 at 01:15 PM

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*Teri, Graham, Max, and Lily, I pray that in the midst of your sorrow you find comfort in all the joyful memories shared.*

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**Cathy Laughna** - February 28, 2018 at 09:42 AM