



## Carlos "CW" Graham

October 6, 1937 - May 3, 2015

"CW" Graham, 77, of Zolfo Springs, FL, passed away peacefully at home with his loving wife by his side, on Sunday, May 3, 2015, after a brief battle with lung cancer.

One of seven children, CW was born to the late James and Mattie (Haymon) Graham in Ailey, GA on October 6, 1937. After attending Pasco High School in Dade City, FL, CW joined the Florida National Guard in 1954 and enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps in 1956 where he attained the rank of Sergeant.

CW married the love of his life and partner in mischief, Sandra Cooper Graham on January 10, 1961. They enjoyed 54 years of marriage and were devoted parents to three biological children and lots of "adopted" children of whom filled their lives with chaos, laughter and love.

CW retired from the Pinellas County School Board where he was Maintenance Supervisor for 24 years. He was renowned for his famous smoked mullet and homemade onion rings that brought family and friends together on the weekends. He enjoyed fast cars, pulling pranks, telling jokes, fishing, gun slinging, casino slots, karaoke, camping, and was known to cheat at cards (or any game for that matter).

CW was preceded in death by son, Richard Dale Graham and brother Wilbur

Graham. Survivors include his wife, Sandra Graham, of Zolfo Springs; daughter, Tessa Graham Jeffery of Zolfo Springs; son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Myriee' Graham of Canton, GA; grandchildren, Lucas and Jacob Graham of Canton, GA; brothers and sisters-in-law, Gerald and Ernestine Graham of Ocala; James Malcom and Diane Graham of Bushnell; and Richard and Judy Graham of Frostproof; sisters and brothers-in-law, Shirley and Curt Jackson of Avon Park, and Carolyn Sholler of Saint Cloud; numerous nieces and nephews, and other family and friends.

A Life Celebration Service will be held on Saturday May 9, 2015 at 11:00 AM with a viewing from 10:00-11:00 AM at Robarts Garden Chapel. Military Honors will be provided by the American Legion Post #2.

In lieu of flowers, the family humbly asks for memorial donations to help with funeral expenses. Donations may be made at any Wauchula State Bank branch to the Carlos Graham Memorial Fund or online at [www.gofundme.com/carlosgraham](http://www.gofundme.com/carlosgraham).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Robarts Garden Chapel  
529 West Main Street  
Wauchula, FL 33873  
(863) 773-9773  
robartsfuneralhome@gmail.com  
<http://www.robartsfuneralhome.com>

## Celebration of Life

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# Tribute Wall

JS

“ Tessa and Sandy ,first I want to extend my deepest condolences, I Worked many years with C.W. at Pinellas CO. Schools ,and remember all the good times. Jerry Schenck

Jerry Schenck - May 11, 2015 at 05:18 PM

RC

“ So blessed to be apart of this family for over 30 years. Love and miss you dad. Prayers mom, Tessa and bobby. Love you guys much

Rebecca rohroff Cantu - May 06, 2015 at 03:06 PM

 Sharon Gibbs

“ Tessa, On behalf of the entire DTR family, Don, Thomas and myself extend our condolences to you and your family at the loss of your father. Sending thoughts and prayers your way.

Sharon Gibbs - May 06, 2015 at 10:10 AM

SJ

“ You will SO be missed. Your permanent smile, tender heart, fabulous sense of humor, unfailing love, devotion to your family and friends, pride in your family, and your relaxed nature. God didn't make many like you for sure. You were a fabulous example of a TRUE MAN ! Jeremy and I love ya Pops ! RIP and say Hi to our Dads for us !



Suzi and Jeremy - May 05, 2015 at 09:10 PM

DH

“ *I was so sorry to hear about Carlos. I will miss him and his smiling face. I will be praying for you Sandra and Tessa. May God grant you the strength to get through this trying time.*

*Love,  
Doc Helveston*

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**Dr. Robert D. Helveston** - May 05, 2015 at 01:38 PM