



David Franklin Graham

August 11, 1947 - October 18, 2025

David Franklin “Franklin” Graham, 78, of Piedmont, Alabama, passed away on October 18,

2025, surrounded by his loved ones. Born on August 11, 1947, Franklin lived a life full of faith, family, and a spirit of perseverance. Over the years, he enjoyed many successful careers, including owning Franklin’s Jeans in Piedmont, where his motto, “You can do it in Franklin’s Jeans,” inspired countless customers serving as sales manager at Everitt-Buelow Company in Houston, working in cellular phone sales, and owning Schultz’ General Store in New Ulm, Texas. He also shared his voice and encouragement as a radio DJ at WPID. Franklin’s love of music came alive as the leader of Franklin’s Kazoo Band and a long time member of the church choir. A devoted member of his church, most recently Piedmont First United Methodist Church, Franklin’s faith was central to his life. He had a lifelong love of horses, particularly miniature horses, and took joy in sharing that passion with friends and family. Franklin’s heart shone brightest during the holidays, when he celebrated big family Christmases with his children and grandchildren, complete with Santa Claus delivering gifts and laughter filling the room. Franklin loved all things Piedmont, Judge Judy and The University of Alabama. He graduated from Piedmont High Class of 1965 and remained a loyal Bulldog fan. He also enjoyed his time volunteering at the Piedmont Welcome Center. Franklin was a friend to everyone he met. He is survived by his sons, Jason Graham and Ryan Graham; his grandchildren, Garrett

Graham, Sarah Graham, Adam Graham, and Avarie Cauthen; his loving companion, Diane Ray Graham; his siblings, Yvonne Martin (Larry), Carol Studdard (Hugh), Diane Studdard, and Tommy Graham (Peggy); and several nieces and nephews, who, along with his extended family, brought him immense pride and joy. Franklin was preceded in death by his parents, James Thomas Graham, Sr. and Johnnie Bell Graham; and his beloved fur baby, Lily. Funeral services will be held at Piedmont First United Methodist on Thursday, October 23, at 6:00 PM. Friends and family are invited to gather and share memories beginning at 4:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Piedmont First United Methodist Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

First United Methodist Church of Piedmont
300 North Main Street
Piedmont, Alabama 36272

Service

OCT **23**. 6:00 PM.

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300 North Main Street
Piedmont, AL

Tribute Wall

KB

“ Frank and I worked together at LG for 25 years and I could tell quite a few stories about the those days and the good times we had. Always the center of conversation, Frank was well liked and usually had a funny story to keep our team laughing. Customers loved him. It's hard to think about those days at LG and not think about Frank Graham.
He will be genuinely missed.

Ken Bagwell - November 02, 2025 at 01:03 PM

LB

“ It's Linda who adopted your two ponies and black cat. I think of you every time I don't stack my dishes correctly to wash (which is every time 🤪). Thanks for all you gave to New Ulm. Thanks for all your lightness and laughter.

Linda Behrend - October 28, 2025 at 03:33 PM

TS

“ My condolences to Franklin's loved ones. Franklin was my first boss (Piedmont store) in the late 70's. Franklin set the standard—kind, considerate, and empowering. And always with a smiling, happy face. God bless you Franklin.



Theresa Surrett - October 23, 2025 at 05:53 PM

CB

“ I am very sorry to hear about Franklin. My heart and prayers with all of the family during this difficult time. RIP. You are free of pain! Chris Epps Bashinsky

Chris Epps Bashinsky - October 23, 2025 at 03:19 PM

TF

“ *The Hilton Family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of David Franklin Graham.*



The Hilton Family - October 21, 2025 at 02:29 PM

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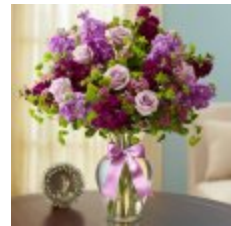
“ *Nate Breed purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of David Franklin Graham.*



Nate Breed - October 20, 2025 at 08:03 PM

KW

“ *Karen amd Thomas Williamson purchased the S hades of Purple for the family of David Franklin Graham.*



Karen amd Thomas Williamson - October 20, 2025 at 07:47 PM

SH

“ *Susan Hoskins lit a candle in memory of David Franklin Graham*



Susan Hoskins - October 20, 2025 at 07:02 PM

CF

“ *Connie Frost lit a candle in memory of David Franklin Graham*



Connie Frost - October 20, 2025 at 05:25 AM