



Leon Eugene "Bunky" Graham Jr.

January 16, 1960 - June 24, 2018

Leon Eugene Graham, Jr. was born to Patricia and Leon Graham, Sr. on January 16, 1960, in Searcy, Arkansas.

Leon attended school in Bald Knob, Arkansas. After graduating he attended Arkansas State University in Beebe and Searcy and the University of Central Arkansas in Conway. For many years he worked as a manager at Wal-Mart in Jackson, Mississippi. After returning home he was employed by ITW Paslode in Augusta, Arkansas, and Lowe's in Searcy, Arkansas, as a manager. He loved all sports and was an avid fan and supporter. He coached his son and many area youth in baseball, softball, and football. Leon spent many years umpiring around the state. He served his community in various capacities, including but not limited to, the Chamber of Commerce for three years and held the office of presidency for one year, the Booster Club for eight years, and the Bald Knob School Board from 2009-2013. He was an enthusiast of his alma mater.

He accepted Christ at an early age. He was a member and Associate Minister of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and served in the Men's Ministry. His passion for singing was overt and permeated through his singing in the choir. Leon was preceded in death by his father, Leon Graham, Sr. His mother, Patricia Graham, gained her heavenly wings on Wednesday, June 27, 2018. He was also preceded in death by his sister: Tina Graham; his maternal grandparents: Carolyn Rycraw and William Rycraw, Sr.; his paternal

grandparents: Onilee Graham and Earnest Lee Graham; and his aunts: Gloria Hoyle, Carol Jackson, Carolyn Rycraw, and Viola Moore-Smith.

He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Melissa Graham; three sons: Kamron Graham, DiAndre Woods both of Bald Knob, AR, and Terrell Woods of Searcy, AR; three daughters: Shavon Graham of Colton, California, Felicia Graham of Fayetteville, AR, and Brenda Graham of Bald Knob, AR; three brothers: Kenneth Graham, Sr. (Tonya) of Little Rock, AR, James Graham (Pamela) of Searcy, AR, and George Smith (Tammy) of Phoenix, AZ; two sisters: Kammi Shannon (Kenneth) of Springdale, AR, and Tammy Starks of Tulsa, OK; one aunt: Juanita Carmen Wilson (Dewight) of Little Rock, AR; two uncles: William Rycraw of Searcy, AR, and Rev. Roderick Smith of Bald Knob, AR; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Visitation will be held Saturday, June 30 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church in Bald Knob with services starting immediately at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow in the Union Grove Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Powell Funeral Home Bald Knob-Judsonia. www.powellfuneralhome.net

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 30. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Central Baptist Church
1507 West Center Street
Bald Knob, AR 72010

Service

JUN 30. 12:00 PM (CT)

Central Baptist Church
1507 West Center Street
Bald Knob, AR 72010

Interment

JUN 30 (CT)

Union Grove Cemetery
Cody Street
Bald Knob, AR

Tribute Wall



“ *Was a great man.worked with him at Lowe's. Was always a great man to man and was cheerful person*

Johnny Cox - July 07, 2018 at 11:45 PM



“ *Sincere sympathy to the family.*



Rose A Whitelow - July 06, 2018 at 09:09 PM



“ *Condolences and prayers for the family*

Kevin Isham

kevin isham - July 03, 2018 at 08:23 PM



“ *I'm so sorry this has happened and sorry for your loss. I've always loved Leon like a brother, and so has my brother, Loy. We used to hang out at Leon's house and he came to ours. He was always very positive and nice to everyone. I remember being at your house and your mom always wanted to make sure we weren't hungry. She always had something good to eat for all her boys. I'm going to miss hearing his voice calling out from across a parking lot or store and we always visit for a bit. I'm so glad he knew Jesus very well and is now having a big time in his new heavenly home! We'll all be there soon and it'll never end!*

Phillip Moore - June 29, 2018 at 10:19 PM

WE

“ *Many years of knowing Leon at the ballfields. Such a good spirited person. Love, Scott & Wendy Ellis, Mac Ellis (umpires)*

Wendy Ellis - June 29, 2018 at 06:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Leon Eugene "Bunky" Graham Jr..*



June 29, 2018 at 11:17 AM

ZM

“ *Zenobia Mcgee lit a candle in memory of Leon Eugene "Bunky" Graham Jr.*



Zenobia Mcgee - June 28, 2018 at 08:03 AM

MB

“ *What a great guy Leon was to all who knew him. Leon always had a big smile on his face which seemed to radiate his great personality! I always enjoyed playing varsity football with "Bunky" in high school! Most of all I enjoyed his great friendship and sense of humor. My sincerest condolences to his family! Michael J. Bowden*

Michael J. Bowden - June 28, 2018 at 07:09 AM

MD

“ Michelle Davis sent a virtual gift in memory of Leon Eugene "Bunky" Graham Jr.



Michelle Davis - June 27, 2018 at 07:13 PM

DM

“ HE WAS A GREAT MAN AND HE WILL BE MISSED ,I NEVER SAW HIM WHEN HE DIDNT HAVE A SMILE AND A KIND WORD TO SAY, IT WAS AN HONOR KNOWING HIM AND ALL THE GRAHAM FAMILY

DAVID MILLER - June 27, 2018 at 03:19 PM

JB

“ James Baker lit a candle in memory of Leon Eugene "Bunky" Graham Jr.



James Baker - June 27, 2018 at 01:36 PM

MI

“ Sending our support and heartfelt condolences to the Graham Family. Tanya and Kenny, I know that your family is going through a difficult time right now, but please know that your friends and church family continues to lift you and your family in prayer, knowing that God has His hand of protection around you to comfort you at this time. Bunky fought the good fight of faith, and God showed Himself mightily in his life. Be encouraged!

Sincerely,
Michelle Ward & Family

Michelle - June 27, 2018 at 09:00 AM

DR

“ Deidre Robinson lit a candle in memory of Leon Eugene "Bunky" Graham Jr.



Deidre Robinson - June 27, 2018 at 06:53 AM

DE

“ I love the Graham family!! I grew up around the corner from them. I remember so many days at the court playing basketball! I love you guys and am praying for you.

Delainia - June 27, 2018 at 12:02 AM

CT

“ Going to miss my friend. Been knowing him a long time. A very sweet and kind young man. He will really be miss. God Bless. Carrie and Fred Taylor.

carrie and Fred Taylor. - June 26, 2018 at 09:59 PM

Jd
Hood

“ I was blessed to work with Leon at Lowe's in Searcy. We would rag on each other a lot. He was such a happy man. Always talking kindly about his family. I gave him a hard time. We had many laughs over the years. He was always helping others and a big supporter of Bald Knob Schools. He was such a great man to know and to have been in my life. I can hear his laugh now. Thank you Leon for all the great conversation we had over just random stuff. A true joy to know. Its not Goodbye but see ya later my friend

Jd Hood - June 26, 2018 at 09:08 PM

KS

“ KATINA SHELTON lit a candle in memory of Leon Eugene "Bunky" Graham Jr.



KATINA SHELTON - June 26, 2018 at 03:04 PM

BE

“ Bobbie Evans lit a candle in memory of Leon Eugene "Bunky" Graham Jr.



Bobbie Evans - June 26, 2018 at 02:29 PM

LM

“ I feel so sad reading of Leon's death. Please accept my sincere sympathy and prayer for this enormous loss in your lives. I remember Leon very fondly. He was so upbeat, genuinely nice and truly a good person. What a tribute to the man he was - we should all strive for that.

Leta Moore

Leta Moore - June 26, 2018 at 09:59 AM

AB

“ Addie Banks lit a candle in memory of Leon Eugene "Bunky" Graham Jr.



addie banks - June 26, 2018 at 09:39 AM

KS

“ My deep condolences to Leon's family, went to school with him and played football with him. He was the nicest young man and took me under his wing when we first moved here. He will be missed dearly with love and Gods grace Kevin Rice Sr.

Kevin Rice sr. - June 26, 2018 at 05:13 AM

TP

“ Leon was a dear friend of mine and will be missed. I have known your family for many years and you all are a great, strong, Christian family. Ms.Pat being sick and the passing of Leon your faith will be tested, but I know you all will make it through. Prayers for you all.

Terri Pate - June 25, 2018 at 10:31 PM

TG

“ I was blessed to know and be able to call Leon my friend from way back. My prayers go out for the family. He will be missed.

Terry Garrison - June 25, 2018 at 09:03 PM

JM

“ Great guy from a great family . Good times playing ball with Leon and just hanging out and talking. You will be miss my friend.

Jeff Mason - June 25, 2018 at 08:33 PM

JK

“ Leon was a good friend and brother played a lot of softball together going to miss you brother rip prayers for the family

jimmy dale king - June 25, 2018 at 07:02 PM

JK

“ Jimmy Dale King lit a candle in memory of Leon Eugene "Bunky" Graham Jr.



jimmy dale king - June 25, 2018 at 06:59 PM

JF

“ Bunky was a junior when I was a senior, such a joy to be around, always a positive attitude and laughing and carrying on...wish I could be at the visitation/service...RIP Bunky, proud to know you and call you a friend back in the days of BKHS

Jay Fox - June 25, 2018 at 05:30 PM

TW

Rip my friend prayers for the family . Terry D. Watson God bless u all

Terry D. Watson - June 25, 2018 at 05:39 PM

JG

*My years in Bald Knob were special. Students like Leon made it that way. My sincere condolences to the Graham family.
Jerry Gatling*

Jerry Gatling - June 26, 2018 at 04:00 PM

CC

“ I graduated with Leon in 1978- He will be greatly missed. My prayers are with his family. Charolette Davidson Counts

Charolette Counts - June 25, 2018 at 04:33 PM

KJ

“ My heart is sad to hear of the passing of Leon! He was a dear classmate and I know he will be deeply missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, his children and his friends!!! RIP dear friend!!



Kim (Moody) Jackson - June 25, 2018 at 03:31 PM

GH

“ May God bless you with peace and the comfort of happy memories.

Glenda Horton - June 25, 2018 at 03:25 PM

LB

“ *My sincere condolences go out to the entire family.*



Leah Brooks - June 25, 2018 at 02:52 PM