



Mr. Walter Odell Graham

October 21, 1927 - September 21, 2009

Walter Odell Graham, 81 of China Grove died Monday, September 21, 2009 at Carolinas Medical Center, Northeast, in Concord.

Born October 21, 1927 in Rowan County, he was the son of the late Council Franklin and Emma Benson Graham. He was educated in the Rowan County schools and was a veteran US Coast Guard.

Mr. Graham played professional baseball for the Philadelphia Phillies and the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1945-1949. He was employed by the W.G. Hefner VA Medical Center for 30 years before retiring in 1988.

He was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church of Salisbury.

Mr. Graham was preceded in death by his brother, Tommy R. Graham and his sister, Thelma G. Barringer.

Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Ruth Jones Graham, whom he married December 25, 1945; son, Barry Dale Graham and wife Melody of Conover and granddaughter, Laura Ann Stone and husband Jason of Raleigh.

A memorial service will be conducted 11:00 AM Friday at Summersett Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Dr. Roger C. Mackey, minister of the Second

Presbyterian Church officiating.

The family will speak to friends following the memorial service.

Mr. Graham suffered with Myasthenia Gravis and memorials may be made to the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America, Inc., 355 Lexington Ave., 15th Floor, New York, NY 10017

Tribute Wall



“ *Barry and Family,*

We enjoyed meeting and talking to Mr. Graham at the wedding. We especially enjoyed his baseball stories. He will be missed but not forgotten. We will continue to keep your family in our prayers.##imported-begin##Barry and Nan Stone##imported-end##

September 24, 2009 at 09:29 PM



“ *To Ruth and The Graham Family*

My deepest sympathy on your loss. I worked with him at the VA for many years and I most recently was his nurse at Avante Nursing Center.

He was a kind and thoughtful man and we had many talks about people, places and life in general. I had the utmost respect for this wonderful man.

Without a doubt, he loved you (his family).

Your loss is Heaven's gain.##imported-begin##Shirley Wilks##imported-end##

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“ Please accept my heart felt sympathies on the loss of your beloved husband, father and grandfather.

May the Lord comfort you in this time of sorrow as only He can and may the memories of Mr. Graham's life bring you joy and encouragement.

In Christian Love,

Carol Ebert###imported-begin##Carol Ebert###imported-end##

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“ My husband and I go to Church with Melody and Barry and we are so sorry about your family loss. However, your loss is God gain, as another child has went home. May God heal all of your hearts and may you feel his ever presence.###imported-begin##Debbie Hollar###imported-end##

September 23, 2009 at 09:10 AM



“ May God's strength, comfort and peace be your consolation during this difficult loss.###imported-begin##Sherry Ward###imported-end##

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“ Barry, Melody and Family,
I am so sorry to hear of the death of Walter. You have been constantly in my prayers.

Tommy###imported-begin##Tommy Stine###imported-end##

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“ *Barry & family,*

May the wonderful memories bring peace to you during this difficult time.

Lynn Baker##imported-begin##Lynn Baker##imported-end##

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