



# Owen Graham

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**O**wen Graham, 66, of Dresden, Ohio died Monday afternoon, February 25, 2019 at his home with his loving family at his side.

Born February 19, 1953 in Zanesville, Ohio he was a son of the late Dale F. and Margaret L. (Willyard) Graham and was a 1971 graduate of Tri-Valley High School. Owen was currently the maintenance supervisor for Tri-Valley Schools. Owen loved his job with Tri-Valley and was a very devoted and dedicated employee for over 34 years. He was a member of the Dresden United Methodist Church and a 30 year member of the Dresden Volunteer Fire Department. Owen was an assistant coach for Tri-Valley Girls Softball team and he enjoyed following the Tri-Valley boys football and basketball teams. He loved cars and loved attending to and cleaning his own vehicles. He was an avid NASCAR fan and he had a passion for bicycle riding, which he did daily. Above all, his greatest love was his family, his wife, his children and his grandchildren.

Surviving is his loving wife of 43 years, Peggy A. (Freshwater) Graham whom he married January 2, 1976; a son, Todd Graham of Nashport, Ohio; a daughter, Marcy Graham of Conesville, Ohio and four grandchildren, Skye, Wyatt, Summer and Philip. Also surviving is one brother, Fred (Kay) Graham of Nashport; two sisters, Sharon (Mike) Nusbaum of Dresden and Joyce (Bill) Evans of Johnstown, Ohio; several nieces and nephews and his mother in-law, Donna Freshwater of Dresden.

Calling hours will be 3pm to 8pm Monday, March 4, 2019 at the Dresden Chapel of Vensil & Chute Funeral Home, 714 Main Street.

Funeral services will be 11:00am Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the funeral home with Mr. Bruce Kurtz officiating. Burial will be in Covenanter Cemetery near Dresden.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dale "Scoop" Graham Scholarship Fund. Checks should be made to: Tri-Valley Bidy League Boys, c/o Century National Bank, Post Office Box 507, Dresden, Ohio 43821.



## Tribute Wall

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AC

**Amy Cannon** posted:

Im so sorry for your loss. My dad was good friends with Owens father and all his children. Owen was a good fellow and will be missed.

March 10 at 11:54 AM

CH

**Cathy Hinkle** posted:

We send our condolences to the Graham families. As I read the memories about his life, I'm thankful he made a difference in other's lives with his leadership and kindness. We will miss him at our TV '71 class reunions. He made it possible for us to meet at the school. His friendly smile will be remembered.

March 5 at 1:49 PM

BS

**Bob Smeltzer** posted:

The Tri-Valley community has suffered a great loss with Owen's passing. Peggy and family, my condolences to you for your GREAT loss. May he rest in the arms of the Lord for all eternity. He is on my memory not only for his community service, but I'll remember him with his antics in band. He was an upper classman when I came to high school band and I remember him a quite a fun and amusing character. RIP Owen...

March 4 at 7:51 AM

CG

**Carolyn Green** posted:

Dear Peggy and family, We were so sorry to hear of the death of Owen! He was a very caring guy and always doing what he could to help others! You all have our sincere sympathy and prayers! I am out of town so cant come to the funeral home! But you are all definitely close to my heart at this difficult time! Much love and prayers, Carolyn and Bill Green

March 1 at 7:23 PM

TY

**Tim And Cindy Younkins** posted:

My sympathies to the Graham family. My whole time on earth was with Owen, he is imbedded in my life and memories. He was a true friend! We kept each other out of a lot of trouble!

March 1 at 4:17 PM



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LS

**Larry & Jane Scurman** posted:

Our condolences to the whole family . Owen was a good guy. He will be missed.

March 1 at 5:43 AM

RR

**Rick&Adina Roberts** posted:

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow. We are so sorry to hear of your loss.

February 28 at 5:33 PM

CM

**Chuck Miller** posted:

Peggy and the Graham family I am saddened to hear about Owen. Although we worked together for a short time, I will always remember his laugh and his hard work. From everything I read, he was a true Tri Valley fan and his loss will be felt by many. With Sympathy Chuck Miller

February 28 at 3:19 PM



**Anonymous** posted:

Peggy and children we are so sorry to hear of Owens passing. He was a great tribute to the Tri-Valley family. and the community, and he will surely be missed. Sending love and prayers of comfort. Love The Hatfield's, Dianne and Earl.

February 28 at 1:37 PM

RP

**Room 105 Frazeyburg Preschool** posted:

We are sorry for Owens passing. He was a very important player on the Tri Valley team.

February 28 at 9:22 AM

CW

**Cris Watson** posted:

Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of Owen. I haven't seen him since high school but will never forget his kindness and humor. May the Lord comfort you at this difficult time.

February 28 at 4:23 AM



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TP

**Tom And Debbie Prince** posted:

SO SADDEN ABOUT ONE OF OUR CLASSMATES THE CLASS OF 1971. HE WAS THE BIG "O" WHEN HE WAS AROUND HE ALWAYS WANTED TO HELP HIS CLASSMATES, IF IN NEED. HE WAS A GREAT SUPPORTER IN SCHOOL AND OUT. HE LOVED HIS FRIENDS, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY. HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED BY ALL. GOD BLESS Y'ALL !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

February 27 at 8:19 PM

NF

**Nita Reed And Family** posted:

So very sorry for your loss. He was a good man and always eager to help where he could. May God comfort you at this difficult time.

February 27 at 5:42 PM

NM

**Nick And Shirley Madden** posted:

Dear Peggy and Family ,We were so sorry to hear about the death of Owen. He was always such a dedicated person who helped so much when there was so much work to be done. Tri- Valley Schools will surely miss him, as will we all!We are visiting family in Florida and are upset about missing the funeral. God bless and keep you in this very sad time!Much love, Shirley & Nick Madden

February 27 at 3:31 PM

DM

**Daryl Miller** posted:

To the Graham Family. My sincere sympathy to 'all' the family members. I always enjoyed seeing the Big "O" at the Tri-Valley football games, and no matter what Owen was doing he always had time to visit and chat with you. Prayers and thoughts are with and each of the Graham family members.

February 27 at 1:28 PM

DS

**Dean And Tacy Sarbaugh** posted:

To the Graham Family:We were saddened to hear of Owen's passing. I can't say enough about how valuable Owen was to the Tri-Valley School District. He will always be remembered as one of the most dedicated employees the district ever had.

February 27 at 11:39 AM



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SS

**Shirley And Francis Steffee** posted:

Our prayers to the Graham family. May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

February 27 at 10:27 AM

KC

**Karen Reed Crawford** posted:

"Big O" will truly be missed! Carol Mozena Wisecarver and I were talking about how he always made us laugh, and his antics at Church Camp were always a hoot! Prayers for the families of all who loved him. God bless and peace be with you.

February 27 at 10:04 AM

NC

**Nancy Cameron** posted:

Dresden and the Tri-Valley community has lost another good, good man too soon. I have known Owen since we were preschoolers and will miss his quirky sense of humor and seeing him go by the house every day in his Mustang, the El Camino or on his bike. My deepest sympathy to Peggy and family. R.I.P. Odie.

February 27 at 9:25 AM

KH

**Kellie Harris** posted:

Peg and family, we are sorry to hear of your loss. Owen was a good man, always smiling, always happy. Keep your happy memories close to your heart and they will help you get through the heartache you are feeling now. We love you all and are keeping you in our prayers

February 27 at 7:50 AM

AW

**Adam Wilson** posted:

When you reflect on Owen's life, what comes to my mind is "Mr. Tri-Valley". Owen's work ethic and dedication to his job and family is like no other. He was a man that could out work people half his age, including me. I really appreciate his friendship over the last few years and for taking me a ride in his cherished Mustang just a few months ago. His exact words , "I don't take my car out in the rain for just anybody." I really felt privileged that night. Thank you for helping me and showing me the ropes. You will be missed and thought of everyday while walking the halls at Nashport Elementary.

February 27 at 7:30 AM



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PF

**Phil Faulk** posted:

Todd Im so sorry for the loss of your dad. Sending you, your mom and family my thoughts and prayers.

February 27 at 7:25 AM

RL

**Randy And Joyce Lincicome** posted:

To the Graham Family, sorry to read of your loss. Your Family are in our prayers. Scottie Nation lost a good man.

February 27 at 6:56 AM

JR

**Jody Rodgers** posted:

Thinking of all the Graham family at this very sad time.

February 27 at 6:00 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Owen by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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