



Dr. C. Samuel Graham Jr.

August 1, 1945 - August 12, 2014

Dr. C. Samuel Graham Jr., loved and respected by many, left us to go to heaven on August 12, 2014, to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A funeral service will be held August 15, 2014 at 7 PM in the Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home, Lawrenceville, Georgia with Pastor Dustin Pennington officiating. Funeral Mass will be held 10 AM Saturday August 16, 2014 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with Father Monsignor Albert W. Jowdy serving as Celebrant. Interment to follow at East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens. Known by many in the community as the local dentist, "Sami" was known for so much more in his incredible life. Sami was a devoted son, brother, father, dentist, farmer and friend. He was born to Carl Samuel and Annie Mae Graham in New Harbor, North Carolina on August 1st, 1945 and became a Gwinnett Resident in the early 50s. He graduated Gordon High School in 1963 and was the class president. Following High School Sami attended the University of Georgia and Emory University and held degrees in chemistry, physics and dentistry. Upon graduating college he held various positions including custodian, hospital orderly, CDC Researcher and Forensic Dentist. Sami loved to play soccer (especially with his kids), hunt, farm and sail during his free time. Sami accomplished many extraordinary things during his time here, but his greatest love and joy was his family. He will greatly be missed by his wife and best friend Jean Marie, Brother Jim Graham, and his seven children; Michelle Pennington (Dustin), Carl Samuel Graham III (Dawn), Samantha Graham, Dylan Graham (Kahlin), Liliya Calvin (Shawn), Seamas Graham and

Ian Graham. Sami was also a proud grandfather to Matthew Pennington, Michael Pennington, Mark Pennington, Madeline Graham, Sadie Graham, Stella Graham, Abigail Graham, Sophia Graham, Hayden Calvin and Carl Samuel Graham IV. Sami will be remembered for his loving heart, generous spirit and unconditional devotion to his family. In lieu of flowers memorials to The United Methodist Children's Home at 500 S Columbia Dr, Decatur, GA 30030. The family will receive friends Friday, August 15, 2014 from 4-7 PM at Tim Stewart Funeral Home: 300 Simonton Road, SW, Lawrenceville, GA 30046. 770-962-3100. Please sign the online guest book at www.stewartfh.com

Cemetery Details

East Shadowlawn Memorial Gardens

87 Scenic Highway
Lawrenceville, GA

Previous Events

Service

AUG 15. 7:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville
300 Simonton Road, S.W.
Lawrenceville, GA

Visitation

AUG 15. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Tim Stewart Funeral Home Lawrenceville
300 Simonton Road SW
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
(770) 962-3100

Funeral Mass

AUG 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church
Lawrenceville, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Tim Stewart Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. C. Samuel Graham Jr.*



Tim Stewart Funeral Home - August 16, 2014 at 07:59 AM



“ *Dr. C. Samuel Graham Jr.*

October 08, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *I was looking through some old pictures and I saw one of the soccer team I played on 23 years ago when I was 28. A very special man who played our center forward was then 46 year old Sami Graham. He was the "Class" on our team in that he had fun with all of us while keeping the integrity of being a Southern gentleman. Once he showed up to a team event wearing a kilt! He hosted road rally's which were talked about for years, and when some of us "younger players" were a little hard up for cash, he helped us out when needed. I will miss the occasional card games as well. Thanks for everything Sami! You will be missed! ~~Steve Feibish*

Stephen P. Feibish - October 21, 2014 at 09:55 PM



He is very, very missed!

jean marie - October 28, 2014 at 11:47 PM

JM

“ 7 files added to the album Love



jmrg - August 24, 2014 at 09:06 PM

SM

“ I had the honor of working with Sami as one of his associate dentists in 2002-2005. Little did I know I was in for such a treat of working alongside him. He was always so kind to all and a lot of fun to work with. He will always be remembered as one of my favorite colleagues. Thinking and praying for all of the family. Shelly Mixson

Shelly Mixson - August 18, 2014 at 07:45 PM

JB

“ Sami was dearist sweet man I have ever met he was my friend I will always remember him and wonderful family

joyce bolton - August 16, 2014 at 06:34 PM

DI

“ Dr. Graham will always have a special place in my heart! He taught me so much about dentistry but more important he taught me how to take care of others! He truly cared about people. He came to the hospital when both of my children were born as well as listened to the ups and downs that goes along with life. He invited us (his staff and our family) to his farm for cookouts and hay rides and even took all of his staff to the beach!! One of the the funniest things I remember are the many phone calls we got about the cows getting out! He was a farmer first then a dentist! I will miss him but will carry his wisdom and knowledge with me forever. Until we meet again....
Donna Brannan Izer RDH

donna izer - August 15, 2014 at 08:37 PM

KW

“ Kevin, Louvene, Lillian & Meghan William lit a candle in memory of Dr. C. Samuel Graham Jr.



Kevin, Louvene, Lillian & Meghan William - August 15, 2014 at 06:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dr. C. Samuel Graham Jr..



August 15, 2014 at 05:01 PM

HP

“ *Mrs. Graham and family,
On behalf of the Harbins' PTA, please accept our deepest
condolences over the loss of your husband, father and friend. May
the love of family and friends comfort and strengthen you in the
days ahead. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Harbins PTA - August 15, 2014 at 02:39 PM

SR

“ *Thank you Dr. Graham for the many years you took care of my
family's dental needs. Because of your gentle care, I don't fear
going to the Dentist like I did when I first came to your office many
years ago. My husband and I enjoyed your quick wit after the dental
visit was over and were able to talk about things in general with you.
We missed you when you retired, but kept in touch with what you
were doing through your staff members. We'll always be grateful to
you and think of you as our Family Dentist.*

Sincerely,

Jeff, Sara, Heather and Kelly Rawlins

Lawrenceville, Ga.

Sara Rawlins - August 15, 2014 at 01:42 PM

BW

“ *Barbara Wade lit a candle in memory of Dr. C.
Samuel Graham Jr.*



Barbara Wade - August 14, 2014 at 10:27 PM

DD

“ *Darlene. Dalton lit a candle in memory of Dr. C. Samuel Graham Jr.*



darlene. dalton - August 14, 2014 at 08:57 PM

DT

“ *I knew Sami first as my dentist and later became a good friend. Such a kind caring man.*

Dale (Bolton) Timms - August 14, 2014 at 05:51 PM

MA

“ *I am a 1963 Gordon High School classmate of Sami. I am sadden to hear of his passing. May the Peace of the Lord be with all of his family.*

*Marie Riggins Arnold
Gordon High School Classmate*

Marie Arnold - August 14, 2014 at 03:57 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. C. Samuel Graham Jr..*



August 14, 2014 at 10:13 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dr. C. Samuel Graham Jr..*



August 14, 2014 at 07:15 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes to each of you who knew and loved Sami like I did. He was one of the most influential people in my career and best friend and boss a person could have. He was by far one of the most generous people I've ever know. God must have needed another Lead Angel.... Love to all his family. He so cherished each of you !! Joellen*

Joellen Cooper-Pyles - August 13, 2014 at 09:45 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. C. Samuel Graham Jr..*



August 13, 2014 at 09:31 PM



“ *What can't I say about Sami Graham. I worked with him for thirty years and he was the most kind and generous person I have ever met. I will always remember him as a wonderful boss and best friend. His passing will leave a huge hole in many hearts.*

Brenda Mastrodonato - August 13, 2014 at 08:13 PM

J'

“ *Jim Proctor, Fellow Classmate, GHS '63 lit a candle in memory of Dr. C. Samuel Graham Jr.*



Jim Proctor, Fellow Classmate, GHS '63 - August 13, 2014 at 08:10 PM

PS

“ *I met Sami in 1959 when I transferred to Gordon High School. We played football in the 9th and 10th grade and shared many classes until we graduated in 1963. I saw him during our 50th Class reunion for the first time since we graduated. He was always competitive in sports and a friend that you could count on. It is quite sad to lose a friend. My condolences to his family, friends and classmates.*

Pete Sims, Class of 1963

Pete Sims - August 13, 2014 at 07:03 PM

DD

“ *During the 25 years I practiced medicine at Dove Clinic, Dr. Graham was a most respected and admired dental colleague to me, my staff, and family. He developed an interest in Forensic Dentistry and attended many autopsies with me to further his study in forensic dentistry. I admired most, his skill with the needle!! HE DID NOT HURT ME !!*

During the many years I knew him, He was NEVER "Sami", Always Dr. Graham and to him, I was always Dr. Dove- we respected each other .

Donald V. Dove, MD (retired)

Dr. Donald Dove - August 13, 2014 at 03:40 PM

SW

“ Sami hired me as an associate dentist in his practice when I had been out of dental school for only a year. Now, after 27 years in the profession, I have never met another dentist as kind, generous, friendly, and humble as Sami. Anyone who worked for Sami has funny stories about him and many good memories. I am grateful for what I learned from Sami and for his friendship.

Shawn Walls

Shawn Walls - August 13, 2014 at 12:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Dr. C. Samuel Graham Jr..



August 13, 2014 at 09:31 AM

VP

“*Dr. Graham was truly a unique individual. I met him many years ago when he bought the dental practice in Lawrenceville that I was working in. The patients liked him right away and many became life long friends. Many of those same patients and their families are still in the practice today. Many will shed tears over his passing. The office staff always enjoyed listening to him tell of some of his early adventures (some may have been a little exaggerated!), and he was always willing to listen to ours. We all shared many laughs, and tears as well, over the years. He was always helping those in need, never expecting recognition. Dr. Graham was a great dentist, a respected boss, a wonderful humanitarian and I considered him a true friend. I have lost that friend today and I will remember him always.*

Veneta Pruitt

Veneta Pruitt - August 12, 2014 at 04:36 PM