



Earl D. Graham

December 3, 2022

Earl Dietrich Graham, age 99, of Carneys Point, NJ passed away on December 3, 2022. Born in Upper Penns Neck to the late William and Carrie (Dietrich) Graham, Earl was a lifelong resident of Salem County, growing up on his family's farm in Pedricktown. Earl was working for DuPont Chambers Works when he enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II from 1943 to 1945. He was stationed as a helmsman and a Steering Aft Coxswain on the USS Pensacola where he was awarded the American Campaign medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign metal with 6 bronze stars, WWII Victory metal, Philippine Liberation Ribbon-Foreign and The Honorable service lapel button. After his service in the Navy, Earl took advantage of the GI Bill and earned his Associates Degree from Salem Community College in Agricultural Sciences and returned to work at DuPont in the Tetra Ethyl Lead Department from which he retired in 1981.

Earl was a member of the VFW and the American Legion in Penns Grove, the Woodstown Moose Lodge, the Servicemen's Club and the Sportsmen's Club in Carneys Point, was a facilitator for the Fraternal Order of Odd Fellows and served on the board of the Salem County Transportation Advisory Council for Casino Revenues. He served for two terms as mayor and was a committeeman for Oldmans Township. Earl was very proud to be involved with the supervision and design of the Oldmans Township Middle School, was instrumental with OSHA and the EPA in the Superfund Cleanup of Oldmans

Township as well as the creation of their recycling center. Earl enjoyed fishing and hunting and was a member of the Hudson United Methodist Church in Pedricktown.

Earl is survived by his daughter Dottie Antisdell and her husband Timothy; his siblings Walter Graham and his wife Judy and Billy Graham and his wife Jackie; his grandchildren Sheryl Curiale and her husband Joe, Bill Hissam, John Dietrich McMonigal, Sherri Lynn Palackdharry and her husband Mike, Robert Earl Hissam, Edith Diane Luper and her husband Ken and Timothy Antisdell, Jr.; 13 great grandchildren; 15 great great grandchildren with one on the way; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Edith Sparks Graham, his daughter Ruth Ann McMonigal, his son in law Sherman McMonigal, his siblings Harold, Howard, Joseph, Albert, Jackson, William Graham and Donna Whitlock.

Services will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2022 at Adams Funeral Home, 64 Broad Street, Woodstown, NJ 08098. There will be a visitation starting at 10 AM leading to the funeral service at 11 AM. Interment will take place on Friday, December 9, 2022 at 1 PM at the Salem County Veterans Cemetery, 719 Route 45, Pilesgrove, NJ 08098. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in Earl's memory to the American Cancer Society by going to www.cancer.org.

Cemetery Details

Salem County Veterans

125 Cemetery Rd.
Mannington, NJ

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Adams Funeral Home
64 Broad St.
Woodstown, NJ 08098
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Service

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Graveside

DEC 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

K.

“ I met Mr. Graham in the year 2000 when I worked for an environmental remediation company that was doing the clean-up work at the old NL Industries Superfund Site in Pedricktown. He would come by the construction trailer every morning on his way to have coffee at the diner in Carney's Point to check on our progress. I worked there on several phases of the project up through 2003. I always looked forward to seeing Mr. Graham and share stories with him. When I left Pedricktown in 2003 to go to another project, I gave Mr. Graham my home address and phone number. In December of 2004, I received a Christmas card from Mr. Graham and he wanted to know where I was and what I was doing. I always returned a Christmas card to him with a little story of what town I was working in and what I had been doing the past year. Year after year I would receive a card from him and I would always return a card with an update of what I was doing. I'm not sure why, but I started saving his cards in 2016 and put them in a box. Each December rolled around and I hoped I'd get another card from him to put in the box and be able to send a card back to him. I always thought if he spent the time to send a card to someone that he barely knew, he must be an amazing family man. When I stopped receiving Christmas cards, I told myself that I would take the time each day to be a better person to others in memory of Mr. Graham. Rest in Peace my Friend.

K.G. - October 31, 2023 at 05:46 PM

SC

“ Hi Sue Carducci sorry for your loss! I knew Earl from our 75th Anniversary from our Squadron AMCTES at McGuire AFB NJ he was our guess speaker. He was a nice man we kept in contact for awhile. Knew something happened when I did not hear from him lately and did not get a Christmas card from him. I will always cherish our friendship. Till I see you again rest in peace!

Sue Carducci - December 14, 2022 at 10:56 AM

DJ

“ *Sorry I meant his birthday in April*

Donald Graham Jr - December 11, 2022 at 08:36 PM

DJ

“ *Hi, my name is Donald Graham Jr.I got to know Uncle Earl better the last 12 years. My son was doing a school project about WWII and we visited he and Uncle Albert from Virginia where we live. Since that time I kept in touch with him. I called him on his birthday in May. Told him we'd make it to his next one.😞 He always sent us a Christmas card and we didn't get one this year so I knew something was wrong. My love and prayers are with all the family. Looking forward to seeing Uncle Earl and the rest one day. God bless*

Donald Graham Jr - December 11, 2022 at 08:32 PM

AM

“ *Sending love and healing. We are so lucky to have known him. Love, Southgate's 300 unit.*

Amanda - December 07, 2022 at 03:08 PM



“ *Carol Molinari Monks lit a candle in memory of Earl Graham*



Carol Molinari Monks - December 06, 2022 at 11:57 AM