



Wilford "Willy" Henry Graham

June 17, 1937 - December 22, 2012

Wilford "Willy" Henry Graham, 75, of Kalkaska, passed away on December 22, 2012 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He was born on June 17, 1937 on Drummond Island, to the late James Wilford and Florence (Bennet) Graham. He worked as an iron worker for over 30 years, a member of Local 25. Willie could fix anything and if he couldn't, then he could make it. He had a passion for Nascar and watched every chance he could. He was well known for his pig roasting and grilling skills, his grandkids and their friends often requested his "beer butt chicken". Willy loved camping with his family, cookouts with family and friends, most of all he loved his grandchildren and spent all the time he could with his granddaughters Britany and Zoey. Willy is survived by his loving wife Jackie Graham; daughters Dianna Goodale, Becky Graham, and Vicki Elliott all of Kalkaska; son John Hillock of Washington; grandchildren: Justin Marsh of Bellaire, Britany Marsh of Lansing, Zoey Marsh of Kalkaska, Ryan, Ashley, Chad, and Jon Elliott all of Washington; and great granddaughter Kensley Sean of Washington He was preceded in death by his son Dan Hillock and his parents. A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date. The family is being served by Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Tribute Wall

LW

“ Kevin & I were so sad to hear you are gone. You & Jackie were so kind to us & my daughter Angela adored you. Our thoughts & prayers are with you Jackie & the rest of your family. All our love - Kevin & Laura Walkenhorst

Laura Walkenhorst - January 21, 2013 at 11:13 AM

LW

“ Laura Walkenhorst lit a candle in memory of Wilford "Willy" Henry Graham



Laura Walkenhorst - January 21, 2013 at 11:10 AM

DG

“ Dad, I haven't been able to write on here yet, as I just can't get past you not being here! The tears won't stop and I can hear you saying "what good is that gonna do you"? I will miss you everyday for the rest of my life and I am keeping so many memories close to my heart. No person could have taught me so much and made me so strong. Your laugh, your bark, your tender words when I needed them and your firmness when necessary are embedded in me more than you ever knew! I called your phone the other day out of habit, I wonder how many times I will do that? Your words on the other end whether I wanted to hear them or not are going to be so missed! I am hanging on to knowing how much you were suffering that you are now at comfort. I will see you again dad, I will look forward to wrapping my arms around you again. Rest In Peace you dear sweet man! I LOVE YOU!

Dianna Goodale - January 19, 2013 at 12:06 PM

BM

“ I am so grateful to have had you in my life Gramps. I have learned so much from you and have so many great memories. You were the best grandpa I could have ever asked for. There will not be a day that goes by that I won't think of you and miss you. I love you so much Gramps.

Britany Marsh - January 06, 2013 at 04:06 PM

CN

“ It has been an honor to be a part of such a special persons life. Memories of hang outs in the garage, cookouts, camping, pig roasts, and of course, beer butt chicken:), I will hold dear in my heart. One of my favorite things about Willy was that I always could expect a big warm hug every single time I saw him. Willy always had a kind word and helping hand in a time of need. I will always remember Willy having the girls and I hop in the back of the truck full of inner tubes and telling us to "get down" for the short ride to the beach. He would hang out in the truck while we swam and take us back for a hot meal and game to play. He treated friends as family and my family as his own. Willy has touched many lives and will be missed dearly. Love you all

Carrie Norman - December 30, 2012 at 10:44 AM

RF

“ I'm going to miss those omelets, Willy, and you introduced me to "beer butt" chicken, still one of my favorites. Glad I got to meet you and visit with you. You will be missed by so many but I want you to say hi to Dale now that you and he share the same space...May your last journey be your best....

Robert "Bob" Fulton

Robert "Bob" Fulton - December 30, 2012 at 09:58 AM

SH

“ Sandy Hillock lit a candle in memory of Wilford "Willy" Henry Graham



Sandy Hillock - December 29, 2012 at 03:36 PM



“ 9 files added to the album Graham Family, from Susan Walter



Kalkaska Funeral Home - December 29, 2012 at 01:18 PM

SW

“ Willie, I am so glad you and Jackie and Bob and I had all the winters we had in AZ. We had so much fun and so many laughs and so much FOOD! Bob and I and John and Rhonda went on a 'Willie memorial' desert trip. We plan to take that trip every year. Thank you for being you, Willie. You will be missed.

Susan Walter - December 29, 2012 at 12:07 PM

SW

“ Jackie and Vicki my Sincere Condolences to you all the family. Sorry for the loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Steven Wojnaroski - December 29, 2012 at 11:27 AM

AE

“ There will never be anyone that can compare to Grandpa Willie. I will forever treasure my squirrel. Every time I saw him we put a puzzle together :) I love you Granny and wish I was there with you. Grandpa, I will love you forever and never forget our times together. I am so glad I made that last trip to Michigan.

Ashley Elliott - December 28, 2012 at 02:42 PM

SW

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Susan Walter - December 28, 2012 at 01:19 PM

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Susan Walter - December 28, 2012 at 01:15 PM

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Susan Walter - December 28, 2012 at 01:14 PM

SW

Willie and Zoey in the shop on Bear Lake Road.

Susan Walter - December 28, 2012 at 09:23 PM

JH

“ So many memories of Willie from my childhood to now. I learned alot from him through the years and enjoyed his friendship so much. I can still hear him laugh and I smile. AS we all know my fondest memory is our "dummy" story. There are many more that I will always treasure. I am so sorry for your loss, Willie was one of a kind and will be reatly missed by many. I love you guys!!!

Julie Hunt - December 28, 2012 at 09:29 AM

KJ

“ Jackie, Tom and I want you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Kathy Jensen - December 28, 2012 at 07:26 AM

JF

“ Joe Fulton lit a candle in memory of Wilford "Willy" Henry Graham



Joe Fulton - December 27, 2012 at 10:23 PM

JF

Dear Cousin Jackie,

I remember your father speaking fondly of his son-in-law. I am only sorry that I never had the chance to meet him. Please know that I am thinking of you and hoping that your heart will heal soon.

Regards,
Joe Fulton

Joe Fulton - December 27, 2012 at 10:25 PM

TE

“ Jackie, Diana, and Becky: Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Traci Eckhardt - December 27, 2012 at 09:20 PM

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“ Traci Eckhardt lit a candle in memory of Wilford "Willy" Henry Graham



Traci Eckhardt - December 27, 2012 at 09:15 PM

SH

“ Sharonhillock lit a candle in memory of Wilford "Willy" Henry Graham



sharonhillock - December 27, 2012 at 07:18 PM

 Bonnie Gierke

“ The best Uncle I could ever have I so greatful the time I got to spend with you especially the last few years I will treasure them always. Love and miss you dearly

Bonnie Gierke - December 27, 2012 at 03:18 PM

BG

“ The best uncle I could ever have, I'm so greatful for the time I got to spend with you especailly the last few years I will treasure those memories I love you very much and will miss you dearly.

Bonnie Graham Gierke - December 27, 2012 at 03:10 PM



“ *To the best uncle I could ever have. I'm so thankful the time I got to spend with you, especially the last few years I will treasure those memories. I love you very much and will miss you dearly.*

b - December 27, 2012 at 03:05 PM



“ *Many prayers and thoughts are sent your way. Thinking of you in this hard time; although he is physically gone, his memories will be with you forever. May God Bless all of you and let the Lord's presence be near.*

Chad and Aimee Bissonette - December 27, 2012 at 02:07 PM



“ *Jackie, Becky, and Family. I am so very sorry for the loss of Wilford. I have gotten to know your family in some small ways this past year. May God's peace surround you, knowing that Willy is no longer in pain. Please be comforted with good memories, good friends, and a good God who provides all of our needs. You know how to reach me if you need anything. *huggs* Susan*

Susan DePeel - December 27, 2012 at 08:35 AM



“ *Susan DePeel lit a candle in memory of Wilford "Willy" Henry Graham*



Susan DePeel - December 27, 2012 at 08:25 AM

DG

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Dianna Goodale - December 26, 2012 at 06:22 PM

BG

“ *Best Dad in the world. I miss you so much. I treasure every moment with you. I love you I love you I love you!*

Becky Graham - December 23, 2012 at 04:32 PM

WA

We are saddened for your loss as we will keep you all in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Willy was a great man and always a joy to visit with around any cook out or family outing. RIP. Brian & Patti Wagner

wags - December 27, 2012 at 02:10 PM

JG

I will Love and miss you forever....You fought such a battle and are now at peace and not hurting any more...I love you

Jackie Graham - December 28, 2012 at 08:20 AM