



Lawrence Harry Graham

July 4, 1938 - June 27, 2023

Lawrence Harry Graham, age 84, of Wilmington, DE passed away on June 27, 2023 just eight days prior to his 85th birthday. He was born in West Chester, PA on July 4, 1938, son of the late Harry P. And Eva Mae (Chambers) Graham. Larry graduated from Wilmington High School in 1957 and Goldey Beacom School of Business in 1959.

Larry was very active in scouting for 60 years, starting in Cub Scouts in 1947 (earning the Webelos Award) to Boy Scout Troop 19 (earning the God and Country Award, Eagle Award, and the Three Palms – Bronze, Gold, and Silver). He served as Assistant Scoutmaster for Troops 19 and 56, and later Troop 603, moving on to become Scoutmaster for Troop 603 for 15 years, earning the Scouters Key. He was Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 527, becoming a Unit Commissioner, and later earned the Award of Merit.

Larry retired from ICI/AstraZeneca in 1991 after 23 years of dedicated service. He was later employed by Pitney Bowes Management Systems (5 years), The State of Delaware (10 years), and Boscov's Security.

Larry was a member of Chester Bethel United Methodist Church and actively volunteered for many years in the Thrift Shop. He served on many committees and also as Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Larry was preceded in death by his wife of 31 years in 2011, Ruth Ann Pyle Opalach Graham, the love of his life. Upon marriage, he lovingly and graciously accepted to help raise her three children: Richard J. Opalach (Sue) of Newark, DE, Diana L. Nagel (Dave) of Waldorf, MD, and Susan D. Reedy (Todd) of Brandywine, MD. Larry is also survived by four grandchildren: Karianne Opalach, Sarah Opalach, Andrew (Cat) Nagel, and Jacob Nagel; his nephew, Harry P. Graham; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Patrick J. and Carolyn Burke, and Robert E. III and Linda Pyle; and brother-in-law Donald A. Pyle. In addition to his wife and parents, Larry was also preceded in death by his brother and sister-in-law, George E. and Mary Jane Peoples Graham.

Family and friends are invited to attend a visitation on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, from 10 to 11 AM at Chester Bethel United Methodist Church, 2619 Foulk Rd., Wilmington, DE 19810. A service in celebration of Larry's life, will follow at 11 AM. Interment will be private at Gracelawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations be made to Chester Bethel United Methodist Church for the Preschool Building Fund. For directions or to send an online condolence please visit www.stranofeeley.com

Strano & Feeley
Family Funeral Home
302-731-5459

Cemetery Details

Gracelawn Memorial Park

2220 N. DuPont Highway
New Castle, DE

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chester Bethel United Methodist Church
2619 Foulk Road
Wilmington, DE 19810

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *I remember Larry as we shared lunch together with brother George at WHS. Always a happy person. It was a Good ZTime!* ”

Paul Eldridge - July 09, 2023 at 10:43 AM