



## Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.

October 31, 1935 - October 28, 2021

GRAHAM, Mr. Norman Sr. - Age 85, passed away Thursday, October 28, 2021 at Hurley Medical Center. Family hour 10:00 AM Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church, 3502 Lapeer Rd., with funeral service commencing at 11:00 AM Dr. Rabon Turner Host Officiating. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, G-4200 Belford Rd. Friends and pallbearers will assemble at the church 10:00 AM Wednesday. Mr. Graham will lie in state in the Chapel of Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, 906 W. Flint Park Blvd., and may be viewed from 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM Tuesday. Mr. Norman J. Graham Sr. "Gump" was born October 31, 1935 in Ethel, Arkansas, the son of Masteur and Josephine (Fitzpatrick) Graham. Norman was a resident of Flint, Michigan for more than 80 years. He accepted Christ at an early age. Norman was a Member and Hospitality Leader at Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church. He graduated from Flint Central High School. Norman was employed at A.C. Spark Plug, a division of General Motors Corporation where he retired after 40 years of exemplary service. He served 2 years in the United States Army and received Good Conduct, Sharp Shooter and Expert Carbine Medals and an Upstanding Uniformed Service Member. He served as Treasurer, By-Laws Chairperson and Parliamentarian for the Greater Flint African American Sports Hall of Fame. Norman played on the 70's Senior Softball League. He loved the Detroit Lions, Detroit Tigers, Detroit Piston's and the Detroit Red Wings teams.

Mr. Norman J. Graham Sr. leaves to cherish his memory: wife of 62 years,

Vivian J. Graham of Flint; 2 sons, Norman J. (Mary) Graham Jr. of Bowie, MD and Derrick A. (Shawn) Graham of Atlanta, GA; grandchildren, Charree' N. Graham of Tampa, FL, Tristan J. Graham of Coral Springs, FL, Arande' M. Christon, Bryan A. Graham and Olyvia N. Graham, both of Atlanta, GA; step-grandchildren, Brindon Bell of Bowie, MD and Derik Bell of Durham, NC; great-granddaughter, Gianna Graham of Coral Springs, FL; step-great-grandchildren, Jayla Brown of Woodbridge, VA, Malaya, Nicholas and Zander Bell, all of Bowie, MD and Maxwell Palmer of Durham, NC; sister, Geraldine (Billie) Chatmon; 5 nieces; 6 nephews; 6 aunts, Ivy, Flayvia, Alonza, Myrtle, Johnella and Iola; 3 uncles, Kelly, Joe Louis and Jasper; 2 sisters-in-law, Sharon and Lynette; a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Graham was preceded in death by his parents, Masteur and Josephine Graham.

Pastor Rabon Turner, to our lifelong friendships, special cousin, Lennie Straham, Lula & Sherwood Pea, Drucilla Hartfield, Lorene Randall an Cohen Washington for helping make our lives wonderful. Brennan Community Center for helping to extend meaningful life after retirement and the Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church for spiritual guidance and opportunities to serve and Hurley Medical Center CICU.

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

NOV 2. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Lawrence E. Moon Funeral Home, Inc., Flint  
906 W. Flint Park Blvd.  
Flint, MI 48505  
(810) 789-6666  
lemoonfhflint@gmail.com  
<https://lawrenceemoonfuneralhome.com>

## Family hour

NOV 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church  
3502 Lapeer Rd.  
Flint, MI

## Service

NOV 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Grace Emmanuel Baptist Church  
3502 Lapeer Rd.  
Flint, MI

## Graveside Service

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery  
G-4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*

October 09, 2023 at 07:02 AM



“ *Raynetta Speed lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



**Raynetta Speed** - November 04, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ *Yolanda Johnson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



**Yolanda Johnson** - November 03, 2021 at 11:07 PM



“ *Our condolences and prayers. He will be missed.*



**Dwayne & Sonyita Clemons** - November 03, 2021 at 09:24 PM

KS

“ *Kellie W. Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



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**Kellie W. Smith** - November 03, 2021 at 09:25 AM

KS

“ *Kellie W. Smith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



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**Kellie W. Smith** - November 03, 2021 at 09:21 AM

DK

“ *Doris Keels lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



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**Doris Keels** - November 03, 2021 at 06:50 AM

BM

“ *His Greetings in the morning made my day . He will be missed. Condolences to the family.*



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**Beverly Moran** - November 03, 2021 at 02:08 AM

MS

“ Vivian so sorry to hear of Norman passing.  
Our sincere condolences to you and the  
Graham  
family. Continue to pray for you and the  
family.  
God Bless.

*Benny & Mae Vern Spence*

*Marietta Ga.*



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**Mae Vern Spence** - November 03, 2021 at 01:55 AM

MR

“ Mr. & Mrs. Kenny (Carla) Reynolds sent a  
virtual gift in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump"  
Graham Sr.



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**Mr. & Mrs. Kenny (Carla) Reynolds** - November 03, 2021 at 12:58 AM

JW

“ Jeri A . Washington lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



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**Jeri A . Washington** - November 02, 2021 at 11:05 PM

MS

“ Marilyn Sams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



Marilyn Sams - November 02, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr..



November 02, 2021 at 06:02 PM

MM

“ Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Graham for helping to give a young family a good start in life. Sometimes a drop turns into a big ripple in someone's life. Mr. Graham was a man of integrity in business and in the community. His presence is going to be missed in Elm Park.



Mrs. Tracey D. Cavette-Palmer, MA - November 02, 2021 at 05:25 PM

LC

“ Lois Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



Lois Cunningham - November 02, 2021 at 05:04 PM

DF

“ *Deborah Whitehead And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



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**Deborah Whitehead and family** - November 02, 2021 at 03:21 PM

JS

“ *To the Graham Family,*

*I am at a loss for words, Norm was a dear friend and a great man. We spoke frequently on the phone. He was a family man and a man who loved his community. Vivian, we know he is resting. My prayers to all of the Graham Family and Flint South Side Community.*

*Love James M. Stevens*

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**James Stevens** - November 02, 2021 at 02:18 PM

CL

“ *Colleen Lyons lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



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**Colleen Lyons** - November 02, 2021 at 01:01 PM

RM

“ Rosa Mitchell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



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**Rosa Mitchell** - November 02, 2021 at 12:58 PM

SW

“ To the Graham, Sr. family...Our deep sympathy to you. Our prayers from Moses and Sadie Williams. Also from First Class Travel club, our condolences.



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**Sadie williams** - November 02, 2021 at 12:10 PM

LR

“ Lewonn Ryan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



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**Lewonn Ryan** - November 02, 2021 at 11:26 AM

EJ

“ To my brother-in-law Norm jr...we are you and your family and we know that God is a very present help in times like these. "The Lord is good a stronghold in the day of trouble and he knows them who trust in him." Nah 1:7 Ed & Rebecca

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**ed jacks** - November 02, 2021 at 10:30 AM

MF

“ *Marvin And Lynnette Bourne Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



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**Marvin and Lynnette Bourne Family** - November 02, 2021 at 01:30 AM

HL

*Sending prayers for light, peace, and healing to the Graham family & a virtual Full of love bouquet in memory of Norman. Huberta & Bill*

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**Huberta & Bill Lowman** - November 03, 2021 at 10:49 AM

CC

“ *Clifford Carter*



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**Clifford Carter** - November 01, 2021 at 10:58 PM

CC

“ *Sorry for your loss, praying for the family*



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**Clifford Carter** - November 01, 2021 at 10:56 PM

VW

“ *Velma Williams sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



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**Velma Williams** - November 01, 2021 at 08:46 PM

SH

“ *You are an awesome man of God and I am so glad to call you dad! I love you and miss you! Shawn Graham*

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**Shawn** - November 01, 2021 at 08:29 PM

SF

“ *Sandra Epps And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



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**Sandra Epps and Family** - November 01, 2021 at 07:04 PM

SF

“ *Sandra Epps And Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



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**Sandra Epps and Family** - November 01, 2021 at 07:01 PM

VK

“ Vivian Kelley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



Vivian Kelley - November 01, 2021 at 06:44 PM

JF

“ To the family of Mr. Norman Graham, you have my sincere condolences and prayers.



Jeanette AnthonyWiley and Family - November 01, 2021 at 05:53 PM

DB

“ David & Dana Bush lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



David & Dana Bush - November 01, 2021 at 03:01 PM

LG

“ Lippert/Curt Group purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr..



Lippert/Curt Group - November 01, 2021 at 02:53 PM

CB

“ deepest sympathy to the graham family praying for you Carmon and Faye Billings



carmon Billings - November 01, 2021 at 12:47 PM

RP

“ Deepest condolences to the Graham family, Norm will truly be missed as a faithful member of The Greater Flint African American Sports Hall of Fame..rest well dear friend



Ron & Alesia Peaks - November 01, 2021 at 12:45 PM

BF

“ Norman Graham will be missed very much by the Brennan Senior Family. We send our condolences to the Graham family.



Brennan Senior Family - November 01, 2021 at 11:58 AM

LM

“ Lanita Murray Marion lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



Lanita Murray Marion - November 01, 2021 at 09:04 AM

NB

“ *Nellie Bacon lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



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**Nellie Bacon** - October 31, 2021 at 10:33 PM

CH

“ *Cynthia Higgins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



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**Cynthia Higgins** - October 31, 2021 at 09:49 PM

MR

“ *Mary Randle lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Grump" Graham Sr.*



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**Mary Randle** - October 31, 2021 at 08:57 PM

LP

“ *Vivian and the Graham family please accept our sincere condolences you are in our prayers.*



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**Louis and Dee Perry** - October 31, 2021 at 08:56 PM

RY

“ R Y lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



R y - October 31, 2021 at 07:37 PM

J&

“ James&Gwen Richardson &Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



James&Gwen Richardson &Family - October 31, 2021 at 06:26 PM

LO

“ It seems as though I've known Norman and Vivian most of my adult life. We have shared social gatherings. I was really pleased when they joined Grace Emmanuel. It was such a pleasure to be greeted by Norman at the church door. He was a faithful member of the hospitality ministry. He will be missed. Condolences to you Vivian and your family. You are loved.

LolaWatkins - October 31, 2021 at 06:22 PM



“ Shirley Milton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



Shirley Milton - October 31, 2021 at 05:22 PM



“ *Sending my love and prayers to Vivian and family during this difficult time of bereavement. Norman was a good soldier and faithful servant to the Lord and community as well. He will be missed at the Brennan Senior Center and neighborhood at large. Rest well Norm.* ”

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**Shirley Milton** - October 31, 2021 at 05:21 PM

CB

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the Graham family. Norm was a good respectful man. Sleep in paradise.* ”



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**Cassandra Burks** - October 31, 2021 at 05:14 PM

JR

“ *John And Tujunana Reaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.* ”



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**John and Tujunana Reaves** - October 31, 2021 at 04:45 PM

VW

“ Prayers and heartfelt condolences to the entire Graham family and friends. Norm was such a joy to be around. I had the pleasure of working with Norm at AC/ Delphi, and he always made coming to work a joy. Cherish all the wonderful memories of his life. For Our earthly house has dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. Rest on in Jesus arms Norm.  
Mrs. Valerie J Williams



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**Valerie Williams** - October 31, 2021 at 01:33 PM

YT

“ Yvonne Tidwell sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



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**Yvonne Tidwell** - October 31, 2021 at 01:31 PM

MW

“ Prayers for the family of Norman, he was a great man and he will be missed!



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**Michael Winchester** - October 31, 2021 at 09:26 AM

BK

“ Sending prayers..



Brenda Kimble - October 31, 2021 at 09:08 AM

LR

“ We Will Always Remember The Great Times  
We Shared As Friends And Family



Lorene & Family

lorene randall - October 31, 2021 at 08:59 AM

AP

“ SENDING OUR PRAYERS TO VIVIAN AND THE ENTIRE  
GRAHAM FAMILY. MR. GRAHAM'S BIG SMILE WILL VE MISSED.  
SHELTON & ANNA PINNIX

Anna Pinnix - October 31, 2021 at 01:04 AM

WM

“ Warren & Annette Marks lit a candle in  
memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



Warren & Annette Marks - October 30, 2021 at 09:36 PM

JK

“ *Jesse Kirksey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



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**Jesse Kirksey** - October 30, 2021 at 08:52 PM

KM

“ *Kimit Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



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**Kimit Murphy** - October 30, 2021 at 08:37 PM

LJ

“ *Love, Abraham and Patty Jackson purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr..*



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**Love, Abraham and Patty Jackson** - October 30, 2021 at 07:59 PM

LA

“ Bro. Graham will always be remembered for being joyful and kind to everyone. He love to laugh and was competing for the first one to arrive for Bible Study on Wednesday mornings. He loved the Lord and the gift of life.

*May the family find comfort in knowing that he is another soldier that has gone to his celestial home in glory.*

*Min. Leon &Patricia Adams*

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**Leon Adams** - October 30, 2021 at 06:54 PM

DG

“ Dr Raymond Gist lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



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**Dr Raymond Gist** - October 30, 2021 at 06:13 PM

DG

“ Dr Raymond And Jill Gist lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



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**Dr Raymond and Jill Gist** - October 30, 2021 at 06:11 PM

DG

“ *Dr Raymond And Jill Gist lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



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**Dr Raymond and Jill Gist** - October 30, 2021 at 06:07 PM

DM

“ *Vivian and the Graham Family: It is with deep regret to learn of Norm's passing. Norm and I go back from Clark, Whittier and Central High School. We remained friends for over 60 years- even when we volunteered at Brennan Senior Center the past few years. He will be missed very much. May the Lord be with you and all your family. Dolores McGowan*

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**Dolores McGowan** - October 30, 2021 at 05:45 PM

CW

“ *Charles Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



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**Charles Williams** - October 30, 2021 at 05:22 PM

VB

“ *My sincerest condolences and prayers to the Vivian Graham and family. May God comfort you in your time of loss. ❤️🙏💕*



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**Vickie Broome** - October 30, 2021 at 05:10 PM



“ *Praying for the family*



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**Terry Gates** - October 30, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ *My condolences with prayers for the Graham family 🙏*



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**Kathy Cleveland** - October 30, 2021 at 04:42 PM



“ *RIP Mr. Gump! I loved the good ole days when He and Vivian would come over our house during the holidays! Such Good People! Condolences from The Lee Family! Much Love*



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**Gail Lee Henry** - October 30, 2021 at 03:37 PM



“ *Sincerest condolences to Vivian and the Graham family.*



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**Bobie Douglas** - October 30, 2021 at 01:28 AM

BF

“ *SENDING OUR PRAYERS AND LOVE TO  
THE GRAHAM FAMILY  
CARMON AND FAYE BILLINGS*



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**Billings Family** - October 29, 2021 at 09:01 PM

KJ

“ *It is a privilege to have spent time with Mr. Graham mostly at Track Meets in the early 1960's with my Uncle Cohen Washington Jr. I still remember hearing his voice telling me to sprint that 1st 100 in The 4,x400 Relay. Brother Graham is A Christian Gentleman... That is what matters most. May The Lord continually Blest The Graham Family. Keith Jones ...Spokane, Wa.*

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**Keith Jones** - October 29, 2021 at 06:02 PM

BF

“ *Betts Family lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.*



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**Betts Family** - October 29, 2021 at 05:28 PM

LC

“ He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”



*The Good News: You may feel alone during your time of heartbreak, but God’s loving hand is always near. Rely on Him and your path to healing will be made clear. Prayers for the entire Graham family.*

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**Loria Corder** - October 29, 2021 at 04:47 PM

AS

“ Aileen Spence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



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**Aileen Spence** - October 29, 2021 at 02:58 PM

DA

“ Denise Arthur sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



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**Denise Arthur** - October 29, 2021 at 11:37 AM

PC

“ Pamela Coles lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



Pamela Coles - October 29, 2021 at 10:27 AM



“ Pandoretta Jackson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



Pandoretta Jackson - October 29, 2021 at 07:48 AM

IG

“ Ira Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



Ira Gilbert - October 29, 2021 at 04:32 AM

KB

“ Norm was my father figure, co-leader, therapist, and advisor. A man of character, integrity, and knowledge. I will truly miss him. Rest in peace.



Kim Buckner - October 28, 2021 at 11:27 PM

KB

“ GRACE EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
HOSPITALITY MINISTRY



Kim Buckner - October 28, 2021 at 11:05 PM

CH

“ Thank you Mr Graham for being a real lovely  
friend to the Hartfield family. We will miss the  
nice smile bless words come from u Hartfield  
family Thank u Graham family for 60 years of  
friendship all the parties and family dinner's.  
Mrs Graham we will pray for u. Be bless



cheryl Hartfield - October 28, 2021 at 07:57 PM



“ Jimmye Maxwell lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Norman J. "Gump" Graham Sr.



Jimmye Maxwell - October 28, 2021 at 06:15 PM

RD

“ Lit a candle for Mr. Norman Graham. My  
condolences to the family.



Rudolph Wheaton DDS,MPA - October 28, 2021 at 05:48 PM