



James Owen Graham

December 6, 1942 - April 2, 2025

James Owen Graham was born December 6, 1942 in Pryor, Oklahoma to Harley Owen and Anona Hedges Graham. He passed from this life on April 2, 2025 at Windridge Nursing Center while holding the hand of his daughter, Sarah.

When Jim was one, the Graham family moved to Grove, Oklahoma where his parents opened Graham Brother's Grocery. Jim graduated from Grove High School and the University of Arkansas with a degree in business. While at the U of A, Jim was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and later he served on their alumni board for many years.

Jim was one of the fortunate people who found a career that he loved and it spanned over 50 years. His work in the land title industry began as part owner in Grand River Abstract in Jay, Oklahoma. Next, he moved to Idabel and purchased Southern Abstract. After selling Southern, he moved to Oklahoma City where he was an underwriter for American First Title. In 1980, Jim and Sean moved to Miami where he established Ottawa County Abstract & Title Co. (OCAT). Sharon joined Jim at OCAT in 2003 where they continued to work together until retiring in 2019. He was a member of both the Oklahoma Land Title Association and the American Land Title Association. Jim loved the work he did, the people he met and those he was able to help with their home and land purchases.

Jim was active in the Miami First United Methodist Church where he served on many committees including Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He served

many years on the board of the Friends of the Coleman including a term as President and was named Volunteer of the Year in 2016. He was a booster for both the NEO Football and Basketball programs as well as Miami High School athletics for many years.

Jim's favorite times were spent making memories with family. As a longtime booster, he was passionate about calling the HOGS at Arkansas football and basketball games. He was proud when his son, daughter and son-in-law all graduated from the University of Arkansas. Being on his boat on Grand Lake, traveling to Russia and Italy as well as skiing in Colorado, all with his family, were among his favorite memories.

Jim is survived by his wife of forty-one years, Sharon (Kinsey), his son, Sean Andrew Graham, of Miami and daughter, Sarah Bea Foster and husband, Chase of Centerton, Arkansas. He has three grandchildren, Mercedes Laine Myers, Independence, Missouri; Allison Rae Graham, Owasso and Charles Owen Graham, Miami and one sister and brother-in-law, Sheila and John DeWitt, Idabel, Oklahoma. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Joyce Hughes.

Memorials may be made in Jim's name to the First United Methodist Church of Miami or the Friends of the Coleman Theatre.

The family would like to thank Jim's nurse and aide from Integris Hospice, Leeanna Olsen and Tina Boswell, as well as the caring supportive staff of Windridge Nursing Center.

Visitation for Mr. Graham is 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 6, 2025 at Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Services will be 11:00 AM, Monday, April 7, 2025 at the First United Methodist Church in Miami with Reverend Robert Rose officiating. The family is asking that anyone who can please wear your Razorback Red. Interment will follow at the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery in Miami under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Jim's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street
Miami, OK 74354

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service
5 B Street NW
Miami, OK 74354
(918) 542-3311
info@brown-winters.com
<https://www.brown-winters.com>

Celebration of Life

APR 7. 11:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church - Miami
200 B NW
Miami, OK 74354
<http://www.fumcmiami.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of James Owen Graham*



Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - April 04, 2025 at 04:51 PM



“ *Love, hugs and prayers. Jim was a wonderful boss and a great mentor to my son Jon. He and Sharon provided opportunities for Jon that helped shape him into the man that he has become. Rest easy Jim.*

Lois - April 08, 2025 at 03:13 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of James Owen Graham.*



April 07, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of James Owen Graham.*



April 05, 2025 at 12:33 PM



“ *Doug & Diana Baker purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of James Owen Graham.*



Doug & Diana Baker - April 04, 2025 at 11:20 PM

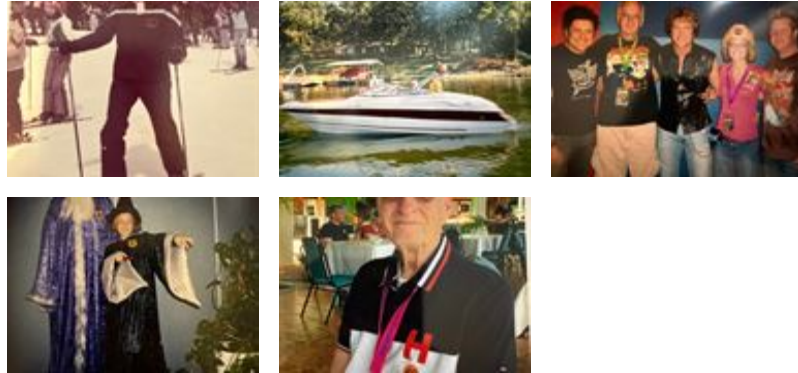


“ *I worked for Jim for several years. He was the smartest land person I've ever worked with. I enjoyed knowing him and his wonderful family. I've moved away and unfortunately lost touch but I have fallen back on what I learned at OCAT many times in my career. Jim will be missed Tami James Buckles*

Tamara Buckles - April 04, 2025 at 06:06 PM



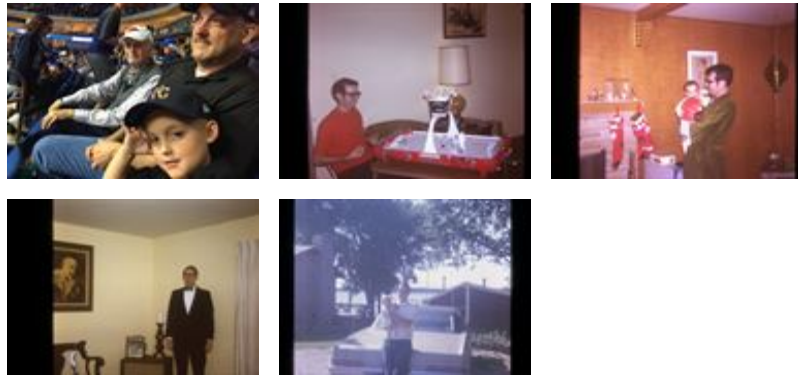
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Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - April 04, 2025 at 04:48 PM



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Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service - April 04, 2025 at 02:49 PM



“ Dewayne M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Owen Graham.

Dewayne M. - April 04, 2025 at 11:40 AM

JA

“ *Jan lit a candle in memory of James Owen Graham*



Jan - April 04, 2025 at 11:38 AM

BC

“ *This memory is for Jim son. He and my daughter Jennifer were close friends through school and we got to know him as a parent. We appreciated everything that he did to help our children grow and prosper and that he will be greatly missed Barbara Kyser Collier.*

Barbara Kyser Collier - April 04, 2025 at 09:13 AM

TF

“ *The Bearskin Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of James Owen Graham.*

The Bearskin Family - April 03, 2025 at 07:44 PM

TF

“ *The Bearskin Family purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of James Owen Graham.*



The Bearskin Family - April 03, 2025 at 07:44 PM

LM

“ Love, Sue and Sterling Moore purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of James Owen Graham.



Love, Sue and Sterling Moore - April 03, 2025 at 06:03 PM

JC

“ Sharon, I'm so sorry for your loss. I always enjoyed working with you and Jim. My thoughts and prayers are with you & your family.
Jamie Cantwell

Jamie Cantwell - April 03, 2025 at 05:39 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of James Owen Graham.



April 03, 2025 at 05:24 PM