



## Burton Frank "Burt" Graham

March 19, 1956 - August 27, 2021

"No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave." – Calvin Coolidge.

Burton Frank Graham, 65, unexpectedly passed away after a short illness August 27th, 2021, in the Maury Regional Medical Center in Columbia, Tennessee. He was born fourth of five sons March 19th, 1956 in Cameron, Texas to Archie Newton Graham and Martha Belle Graham. He was a beloved son and brother. Burt graduated as valedictorian from Milano High School in 1974. He later received his Bachelor's degree in history from Baylor University and continued his education at Dallas Theological Seminary, graduating in 1983 with a Masters of Theology. Burt was easily recognized as a wonderful musician. He first began singing in church at a young age. His first song was "Christian Cowboy", and his grandfather told him "Remember who you are singing for". From singing on trail rides to performing with his brothers in their family band and eventually leading worship for many churches and gatherings; Burt's life was engulfed in music. He was also a gifted songwriter. Burt met the love of his life Terri, the woman he had been waiting many years for, in 1991 and July 11th, 1992, they were married. During their 29 years together the Lord's faithfulness was the overarching theme of their lived. God blessed them with three amazing children. Burt was passionate about the Word of God, sharing his love of pianos with others, good BBQ and honey. He was known and loved by so many for his humor, kindness, generosity,

compassion towards others and most notably his selflessness. Burt will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Berry Archie Graham on May 23, 2005 and Robert Lafayette "Bob" Graham on May 14, 2012; nephews, Robert Reagan Graham on December 1, 1980 and Ben N. Graham on April 1, 1991; his father, Archie Newton Graham on May 13, 1998 and his mother, Martha Belle Graham on August 21st, 2017.

Surviving is his wife, Terri Hartmann Graham of Columbia, TN; daughter, Emma Belle Graham of Fishers, IN; two sons, Grayson James Graham of Waco, TX and Samuel Joseph Graham of Columbia, TN; brothers, William N. "Bill" Graham and wife Nan of Milano, TX and Benjamin D. "Ben" Graham of Milano, TX; sister-in-law, Renda Graham of Rockdale, TX; niece and nephew, Brooke Graham of Milano, TX and Boone Graham of Austin, TX.

Graveside services are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Sunday, September 5th, 2021 in the Graham-Hurt Cemetery near Milano, Texas with Pastor Roy Dillard officiating. Burt's celebration of life will be held 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 8th, 2021 at the Bridge Christian Church, 380 Compton Road, Crawford, Texas 76638.

In honor of Burt's legacy, gifts are being received to cover costs of medical and funeral expenses, and for Samuel's college fund. Checks can be made out to Terri Graham and addressed to 1868 Providence Ct., Columbia, TN 38401. Your support is greatly appreciated.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

SEP 5. 1:30 PM (CT)

Graham-Hurt Cemetery  
Highway 36 and CR 328  
Milano, TX 76556

## Celebration of Life

SEP 8. 2:00 PM (CT)

Bridge Christian Church  
380 Compton Road  
Crawford, TX 76638

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ I was so sorry to hear about Burt’s homegoing. He was best friends with my brother Steven Boyd at Dallas Seminary and subsequently became like part of our family, visiting us frequently at our home in Philadelphia. We visited him and his family in Texas, and he was the very special soloist at my wedding to my husband Tom in 1991. My mother attended his wedding in Tennessee. We all loved Burt. He was a very, very special person. My prayers are with your family at this time.

*Carole Boyd Speakman*

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**carole speakman** - October 11, 2022 at 01:18 PM

LS

“ I’m so so shocked and saddened to hear this news today. I worked for many years with Burt at standard’s home health. He would go around to the assisted living homes and nursing homes. Doing sing a longs. He had many roles at standard’s. He was a true jack of all trades. He loved his momma. And his beautiful wife and family. He Loved to spread the word of the gospel. And sing those old gospel songs. Such a gifted man. My heart hurts for his sweet family. I was blessed to work with and know him. ❤️🧘❤️🧘❤️ Prayers for y’all love lynne schlaud Turkiewicz.

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**lynne schlaud** - September 13, 2021 at 09:02 PM

JH

“ It’s Sept 10th and I only just received a call from a friend to tell me of Burt’s homegoing. I’m stunned and flooded, of course, with Burt memories. They aren’t recent but hey! love is forever! Burt and my husband Tommy were brothers in Christ and brothers of music. “Back in the day”, when Sherman Bible Church was still the “church in the trees”, Burt led worship with his mellow voice and gentle guitar paired with my Tommy on the piano. They were both such natural musicians that later when they formed a Christian band together with some talented friends, you would often hear them say “get in G and follow me.” No one who was there will ever forget Burt and Terri’s wedding. Best wedding ever! Thought I would actually die laughing when Elvis showed up to the party the night before. That night was the first time I got to hear Terri sing with her sister “How Beautiful”. I knew that Burt had found his helpmate. Every 7/11 I think of them and give thanks to God for leading them into each others arms. In 1999, my Tommy died after a lengthy illness. Burt and the guys (Bobby Bergeron, Rim Nall, and Woody Berlin) led worship at Tommy’s memorial. The last song they played that day was “I’ll Fly Away”. Can’t you just hear Burt singing it? And his laugh, like a sudden but frequent explosion. Can’t you just hear it? I had so hoped to cross paths with Burt and Terri this side of heaven. I know they have co-labored for Jesus in many places and settings since I’ve seen them last. Terri, may God continue to water the seeds you’ve sown together throughout your ministry. Water them ‘til there’s a hundred-fold harvest!! God bless and keep you, Terri and the kids, with the comfort only He can give. Much love to you...and shalom, Joan

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**Joan Hubbell Henry** - September 10, 2021 at 10:09 PM

KG

“ I have so many memories of Burt. He was the first full time pastor at Sherman Bible Church. He hired me part-time for 2 years which included purchasing and setting up the first computer! I was hired full time in 1986 and spent quite a few years working with Burt. He was single then and everyone knew he needed a special kind of wife with a lot of patience (lol). That's where Terri came in. Everyone agreed that he married a woman that was "way out of his league." I remember tattling to Terri when Burt wouldn't turn in his receipts. He was definitely a hand full.

*He was also a man of many talents and loved by everyone. He had tons of personality and made everyone laugh. He taught me so much about working for the church. I really appreciated him for that.*

*Lots of love and prayers are going out for Terri and the kids... for comfort and peace.*

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**Kathy Grove** - September 07, 2021 at 04:32 PM

BM

“ Burt was a blessing to so many people. His winsome personality, his ready laugh, his talent on the piano and with his voice drew all of us to the love of Jesus in his heart. We're thankful for the wonderful days at Liberty Community Church where Burt and his family served, after our dad's homegoing in 2003.

*Our love and prayers are with the precious Graham family in this irreplaceable loss.*

*The family of Joe Weldon & Marjorie Bailey*

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**Bud & Mary Jane (Bailey) Morgan** - September 05, 2021 at 12:00 PM

MP

“ Our prayers go out to the Family on losing such a special person.

*Roger & Marlene Pack*

Marlene Pack - September 04, 2021 at 04:09 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Burton Frank "Burt" Graham.

September 02, 2021 at 07:38 PM



CH

“ So sorry for your loss!  
Burt was an awesome friend 💙

Charlotte(Morgan)Christian - September 01, 2021 at 07:10 PM



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“ Charlotte(Morgan)Christian lit a candle in memory of Burton Frank "Burt" Graham

Charlotte(Morgan)Christian - September 01, 2021 at 07:07 PM



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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Prayers*

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**Samye Turner** - September 01, 2021 at 04:55 PM



“ *Peach, Orange & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Burton Frank "Burt" Graham.*



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August 31, 2021 at 03:57 PM