



## Doyne E. Graham

December 10, 1933 - February 7, 2011

Doyne E. Graham, age 77, of Murfreesboro, passed away on February 7, 2011 at Middle Tennessee Medical Center. He was raised in Stamps, Arkansas but currently resided in Murfreesboro. He was a member of the Holston United Methodist Conference and attended First United Methodist Church in Murfreesboro. Doyne attended Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas and Emory University's Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia. He retired in 1998 after pastoring for 42 years in Arkansas and East Tennessee.

Doyne was preceded in death by his parents, Nathan E. Graham and Regina Sutherland Graham. He is survived by his wife of 51 ½ years, Betty Ruth Peek Graham of Murfreesboro; two sons, Ronald Doyne (Virginia) Graham of Murfreesboro and Terrell Alan Graham of Murfreesboro; one daughter, Rebecca Graham (Mike) Rock of Hermitage, TN; two sisters, Veta Graham (Carroll) Blewster of Arkansas and Lou Dean Graham (Bob) Howard of North Carolina; and four grandchildren, Andrea Rock, Nathan Graham, Ethan Rock and Zachary Graham.

Church service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Michael O'Bannon and Rev. Thad Austin officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Franklin, TN with family and friends serving as active pallbearers. Challenger Sunday School Class will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Visitation with the family will be from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at Jennings & Ayers Funeral Home; 820 South Church St., Murfreesboro, TN 37130. 615-893-2422. Please leave condolences at [www.jenningsandayers.com](http://www.jenningsandayers.com)

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to First United Methodist Church Building Fund; 265 West Thomas Lane, Murfreesboro, TN 37129

Book Travel to Services

# Events

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**FEB**   **Visitation**                      04:00PM - 08:00PM  
**9**

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Jennings & Ayers Funeral Home  
820 South Church Street, Murfreesboro, TN, US, 37130

**FEB**   **Interment**  
**10**

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Mt. Hope Cemetery  
Franklin, US

**FEB**   **Funeral Service**    10:00AM  
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First United Methodist Church  
265 W. Thompson Lane, Murfreesboro, TN, US, 37129

# Comments

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Thank you for your life which you led fully and faithfully. As a minister, your words of truth, support, and comfort in the pulpit and in private blessed your congregations and parishioners. As a parent, you bestowed love and guidance to your children so they might share it with their own. As a sibling to my mom and aunt and son to your parents, you added spice, spirit (ok gleeful “torture”) and humor in many forms to daily life. As my uncle, you confirmed for me that a great sense of humor with proper proportions of sarcasm, punning and prankishness (complete with the impish expressions, stuck-out tongue, and belly-jiggling laughter), an undying curiosity and interest in knowledge and wisdom, a deeply loving and abiding faith, a probing fascination of music, and a devotion to family and humanity can and should coexist harmoniously. We are richer for your presence, and it is forever a part of us. The colors on the canvas of your life upon which you painted for a little over 77 years have now dried – the result is a distinctive masterpiece.

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“ sorry for the loss of your family.

mr. jackie priest - murfreesboro, TN - friend of son ron graham - February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ When I think of Uncle Doyne...I mostly remember his laughing and joking side. He was always teasing and poking fun.  
My Mom and Aunt Lou would tell lots and Lots of stories about him when they were all children growing up together. He was the Biggest prankster....and the two sisters had so many funny tales of his silly stunts. The "prankster" side of Uncle Doyne's personality carried on with his two sons , Ron and Terrell. When sons and dad were together....you didn't stand a chance. They were going to stir something up.  
Fortunately, dear Rebecca was the quiet, serene.....ladylike child. How that poor girl put up with the "boys".....I'll Never know. It must have been with the help of her mom. Betty Ruth is such a positive..uplifting element in the family unit. Always smiling and good hearted.  
I'm just so sorry now that she has to be in pain with the loss of Uncle Doyne.  
Thankfully she has three wonderful , caring children to help her through the days to come.

**gwyn blewster - el dorado, AR - niece** - February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ We would like to be with you today, but were afraid to challenge the snow and ice. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you. We are glad that Doyne does not have to suffer any longer.

**Kib and George Huddleston - Murfreesboro, TN - friend** - February 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ Just received word this am. Irregardless of our faith and hope in Jesus Christ, the loss of a loved one still brings pain (and sometimes relief for the deceased) but always leaves a hole in our lives. Betty Ruth, please know that our prayers are with you and your family. As you well know, Doyne was a very unique and fine person.....I remember him showing me the ropes at Candler and getting me around Atlanta. Also being a part of your wedding in Knoxville. Our love and prayers! Ernie

**Ernie & Marianna McGaughey - Tulia, TX - friend, former room mate, Emory** - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ to rebecca and her family,  
so sorry for your loss. i will keep you guys in my prayers.

**kelly carr - coworker of rebecca rock** - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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Dear Brother,

As the only person subjected to your very first sermon - I was 5, you were 7 - you sat me in the living room floor, held something for a microphone, and exhorted for at least thirty minutes – it seemed like hours. You assured me over and again that if I did not change my sinful ways, I was going to hell in a hand basket.

I was convinced that if hell was like sitting still on that hard floor so long, I wanted none of that.

When you completed one year of college and decided you would change your major to theology and become a Methodist minister, we went to tell Bessie. Bessie, a devout Baptist, just could not seem to believe it. She said, “You are going to be Methodist preacher?”

“Yes, Bessie,” you answered.

Bessie lowered her head and replied, “I’m going to pray for that Methodist church.” Be sure you thank Bessie for her prayers. I love you, Lou Dean

**Lou Dean Graham Howard - High Point, NC - Sister** - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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Dear Betty Ruth and family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I know you will miss this man of Faith and Integrity. Husband, Father, Grandfather and friend. Praying for strength for you in the coming days and also healing for the days and weeks ahead. Our heart is heavy for you all but we are rejoicing that Doyne is with the Lord and suffering no more.

love & prayers,

Johnny & Evelyn Taylor

**Evelyn Taylor - Friend** - February 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM