



## Randal 'Randy' Graham

November 21, 1956 - November 21, 2015

Rev. Randal "Randy" Graham - July 26, 1956 - November 21, 2015 Rev. Randy Graham, age 59, of Peachtree City passed away peacefully at home after a short battle with cancer on November 21, 2015. At the time of his death, Randy was a chaplain with Cancer Treatment Centers of America and the pastor of Carmel United Methodist Church in Alvaton, GA. Prior to entering the ministry, Randy worked in manufacturing management for more than 25 years. Having earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at The Ohio State University in 1978, he held numerous top positions, including Vice President of Operations with a large manufacturer of plastics and polymers in Fairburn, GA. After leaving the manufacturing field, Randy decided to redirect his career into ministry which became his passion. He spent a year as a volunteer Chaplain Assistant at Piedmont Fayette Community Hospital Auxiliary and also served as a Stephen Minister. In 2008 he entered Gammon Theological Seminary, a constituent seminary of the Interdenominational Theological Center, in Atlanta, GA. He completed his Master of Divinity Degree in 2011 with training that included a Chaplain internship and residency at the Atlanta VA Medical Center. In 2009, while in seminary, Randy was appointed as Pastor in Charge at Carmel United Methodist Church. He joined Cancer Treatment Centers of America in 2012 as a chaplain. He found true joy serving the church and the patients and staff at CTCA. Besides his passion for the ministry, Randy enjoyed running. He began running at the age of 47 and was proud that he completed three

marathons in his running career - the Chicago Marathon, the Boston Marathon, and the Marine Corps Marathon. He was a proud graduate of The Ohio State University and an avid Ohio State football fan. He married Debra Jarrell on May 24, 1980 in Shelby, Ohio. Foremost in his life was his wife and children, which showed in his actions as a wonderful husband and father. He is survived by his wife of 35 years Debra Graham of Peachtree City, GA; one son Bradley (Christi) Graham of Newnan, GA; one daughter Bethany Graham of Chesapeake, VA; three brothers Richard (Elaine) Graham, of Monroeville, OH, Michael Graham of Shelby, OH, and Robert Graham of Shelby, OH. He was preceded in death by his parents Vernon and Carol Graham, of Shelby, OH. Visitation will be held Friday, December 4 from 5PM to 8PM at Parrott Funeral Home, 8355 Senoia Rd., Fairburn, GA. A celebration of Randy's life will be the following day December 5 at 11 AM at Peachtree City United Methodist Church, 225 Robinson Rd., Peachtree City, Ga with Rev. Chip Gordon and Rev. Sean Robinson officiating. Private inurnment will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: Southeastern Assistance in Health Care, C/O Cancer Treatment Centers of America, 600 Celebrate Life Parkway, Newnan, GA 30265. A special thanks to the staff of Gentiva Hospice – Newnan for their loving care. Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements 770-964-4800.

# Tribute Wall

DH

“Randy was an awesome guy and brother in Christ! I'll forever cherish the many times we spent together in our Emmaus Reunion Group at PTCUMC on Saturday mornings. It was a joy to watch and listen to how God was transforming Randy through Disciple-1 Bible study, following Tom Roan around Piedmont-Fayette Hospital, meeting in our small group on Saturdays, and engaging in study and prayer together. What a blessing it was to worship at Carmel UMC and see how Randy involved the children in taking the offering. Although our paths crossed a lot less as Randy became much more busy with seminary, and serving at Carmel UMC and CTCA, I thought of him often and every time my Hoosiers competed with Randy's Buckeyes. For Randy, one last time, "OH---IO!" Graham family, please know that you are in thoughts and prayers, and we love you with the love of the Lord!

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**Doug Harper** - December 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“Brad, Christi, and family, please accept my heartfelt sympathies. Im sure your father touched many lives during his ministry service..what a legacy to leave. I pray you all are comforted by your faith and good memories.

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**Cynthia Cannon** - December 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“Dear Deb and family,  
Praying so much for you all during this difficult time. May Gods grace, love and mercy carry you each day now and always. Love,  
Nancy

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**Nancy Abbott** - December 03, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Debra & Family,

*My prayers go out to you all during this difficult time. Know as Randy surely does he is at peace in the arms of his maker. God bless.*

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**Lori (OESCH) McCartney** - November 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ A great man - obit that any one of us would be please to call our own

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**Keith Schekelhoff** - November 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM