



## Jimmy Lee Graham

January 15, 1955 - July 3, 2023

Jimmy Lee Graham was born in Guilford County, North Carolina, on January 15, 1955, to Clarence Graham and Leola Bartelle (Graham). Jimmy earned his wings on Monday July 3, 2023. Jimmy grew up in Richmond's Northside Community and attended John Marshall High School. Jimmy was employed at MCV prior to obtaining a job at Owens and Minor Distribution Center where he retired in 2014 after 25 years of service. He received numerous awards for perfect attendance and appeared in the newspaper.

Jimmy accepted Christ at an early age and joined Trinity Baptist Church in Richmond, under the leadership of Rev. W.D. Adkins. In 1983 Jimmy married Debra Cook. He has two sons, Cory and Roderick Cook who they affectionately call him Pop. He was a doting father, friend and confidante. He had a special bond with his nephew Antwon Graham.

Jimmy loved sports, his favorite football team was the Miami Dolphins and basket team was the Golden State Warriors. Jimmy swears the NBA missed out when they did not choose him to play. Jimmy never met a stranger. He could talk to a brick. He was a great listener and was very playful. He loved to tease and joke with everyone. He loves his grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. He was known for his contagious smile. He loved making people smile.

Jimmy was preceded in death by his parents; Clarence Graham and Leola Bartelle. Siblings Freddie and Charlie Graham, James and Barry Bartelle. Jimmy was the fifth of ten children. He leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife, Debra Graham, sons Corey and Roderick Cook, five grandchildren, Jalen, Alyssa, Sebastian, Jasper and Phoenix, two aunts; Rosa Crump, Doris Glenn, two brothers; Calvin (Pamela) and Stanley Bartelle (Courtney), three sisters; Vanessa Walker, Yvonne and Deborah Graham. Lifelong friend Michael Thomas, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Jimmy enjoyed the simple things in life, like walking in freshly fallen snow, star gazing while lying in the bed of his pickup truck, peaceful drives down a quiet country road, looking at the shapes in the clouds and driving Ms. Daisy. Jimmy lived by Ephesians 4:2. Be completely humble and gentle, be patient bearing one another in love.

## Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### **Memorial Service**

JUL 15. 2:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home -Laburnum Chapel  
2110 E. Laburnum Ave.  
Richmond, VA 23222

# Tribute Wall



“ *March Funeral Homes created a To View the Webcast of the Funeral for Jimmy Lee Graham, Please Click the Link below. in memory of Jimmy Lee Graham*



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**March Funeral Homes** - July 07, 2023 at 10:46 AM

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“ *Audrey Johnson lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Lee Graham*



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**Audrey Johnson** - July 14, 2023 at 06:42 AM

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“ Dear God,  
I humbly come before You with a heavy heart for my friend Debra and the Family and Friends of Jimmy Lee Graham. I pray that as they go through this season of sorrow that You would show them Your love, comfort, and grace. Help them to find peace and strength in Your presence. Wipe away their tears, Lord, and carry them through this season of mourning and deep sadness. Help them to trust in Your unfailing love and to fix their eyes on You, Jesus. As they lift their worries and cares to You, I humbly ask that You lift up their hearts from this grief that overwhelms them. May Your presence bring them joy and comfort as they embark on this journey of healing with You. In Your Most Holy Name, I pray. Amen. ❤️🙏

Debbie E Peppers - July 07, 2023 at 03:47 PM

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“ Debbie E Peppers lit a candle in memory of Jimmy Lee Graham



Debbie E Peppers - July 07, 2023 at 03:27 PM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - July 07, 2023 at 09:44 AM