



Delbert L. Graves

November 27, 1932 - February 22, 2022

Delbert Leroy Graves was born November 27, 1932 and, surrounded by loving family, peacefully went home to be with his Lord on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. He was reunited with the love of his life, his wife Flora Mae "June", who preceded him in death in 2009. "Deb" and "June" were married after his return from service in the Korean War, and enjoyed being madly in love in their traditional marriage for 58 years. Delbert is survived by children Karen Graves, Delbert Steven Graves (Monica Keel Hendrix), and Tammy (Scott) Corbin, Grandchildren Brandy (Josh) Mrofka, Steven Michael "Buddy" Graves, Sarah (Lee) Damron, Katie Helton, and Molly (David) Jobe. Great-grandchildren Wyatt and Sawyer Damron, Eli, Ethan and Eva Helton, June and Marianne Mrofka, Emmalee Cooper, Kimberly and Maddison Graves, and Steven Stricklin. He is also survived by brother John Graves and sister Patty (Dick) Hoke and many nieces and nephews. He will be lovingly missed by all. Following several years of owning and piloting light general aviation aircraft, Delbert was a successful breeder and competitor of Melody Acres Morgan show horses, and loved his babies most of all. He rode in parades all over the country with the Aladdin Temple Morgan Horse Patrol who also sponsored the Morgan Gold Cup Horse Show for several years. He supported the Aladdin Temple Shrine Circus and was a member of the Capital City Lodge No 656 of Columbus, Ohio since 1966. He owned Frank DiPietro Plumbing Company, whose work was presented in the Columbus Parade of Homes for several years. He and his son Steve (DLG Enterprises, Inc.) put in a multitude of

water mains for Del-Co water in its formative years opening Delaware County to thriving development. He finished out his earning years with his brother-in-law Dick Hoke at Economy Petroleum where he worked until age 70. The hallmark of this man was that he lived to make people laugh, anywhere and everywhere. And he did. Family will receive friends on Monday, February 28, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL 450 W. Olentangy Street Powell, Ohio 43065. A funeral service will follow at the funeral home at 1:00 PM with interment at Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Hilliard, Ohio. To send an online condolence, please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Wesley Chapel Cemetery

3225 Dublin Road
Hilliard, OH 43026
(614) 876-2236

Previous Events

Calling Hours

FEB 28. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
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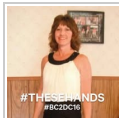
Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Delbert L. Graves*

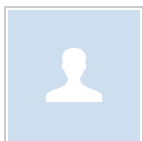


Rutherford Funeral Homes - February 24, 2022 at 06:19 PM



I couldn't have shown a summary of dad's wonderful life any better. What an excellent job! Thank you to Rutherford Funeral Home.

Tammy Corbin - February 25, 2022 at 11:51 AM



“ *Delbert L. Graves*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *One of the kindest souls I have ever had the pleasure to meet. My deepest condolences to the family.*

Lindsay Cooper - March 25, 2022 at 04:31 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Delbert's passing. As an engineer at Del-Co Water I always enjoyed working and laughing with Delbert and son Steve. May the family remember the good times and find peace.*
P.K. Tudor

P.K. Tudor - February 27, 2022 at 07:40 PM

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“ *The Hendrix Family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Delbert L. Graves.*



The Hendrix Family - February 25, 2022 at 05:25 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Delbert L. Graves.*



February 25, 2022 at 07:43 AM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Delbert L. Graves.*



February 25, 2022 at 07:38 AM

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“ *My condolences to you all. Delbert was such a loyal friend to all. I can still hear his voice and have fond memories of him such as touring the horse barn w/ Karen in Bellville. He was always there for his friends. Now he's w/ them in heaven. 🙏 Rest in peace with your friends up there.*

Nancy L. Ruda - February 24, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Delbert L. Graves.*



February 24, 2022 at 12:50 PM



“ *Mike, Stacy, Andrea, & Nate purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Delbert L. Graves.*



Mike, Stacy, Andrea, & Nate - February 24, 2022 at 08:16 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Delbert L. Graves.*



February 24, 2022 at 07:11 AM



“ *I was fortunate enough to be a caregiver and a friend. Delbert was a very sweet guy, always laughing and never let me leave his home without a hug and peek on my cheek. Enjoyed our talks over dinner at Bob Evans.*



Kat Denney - February 23, 2022 at 11:10 PM