



## William Rubin Graff Sr.

November 23, 1929 - March 12, 2015

William Rubin Graff, Sr., age 85, of Henderson, KY, passed away at 2:10 AM, Thursday, March 12, 2015, at his home under the care of St. Anthony's Hospice surrounded by his family. He went peacefully to be with the Lord.

William was a veteran of the United States Army. He attended classes at David Lipscomb University as a seminary student for two years. A very scholarly man, William was an avid reader of the classics, as well as Greek literature. He worked at the United States Post Office as a postal clerk for many years. His family remembers him as a very hard working man. William enjoyed an active membership at Zion Baptist Church in Henderson for more than 40 years. He enjoyed raising a garden and cooking.

In addition to his parents, Ernest and Myrtle Francis Overstreet Graff, William was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Graff, a son, Pride Anthony Graff, and a sister, Ray Jones.

Survivors include:

2 Sons: William "Bill" Graff, Jr. and wife Hilda Matthews, NC

Charles Graff Henderson, KY

1 Daughter: Mary Martha Hill and husband Kelly Henderson, KY

1 Brother: Ernest Graff, Jr. Mt. Pleasant, TN

1 Sister: Martha May Vaughn Columbia, TN

2 Foster sons he raised from infancy: Doff Simpson 18 yrs old Zion, Kentucky  
Michael Simpson 19 yrs old Henderson, KY

9 Grandchildren

23 Great Grandchildren

Relatives and friends are invited to William's Life Celebration from 12:00 until the service time on Monday at Benton-Glunt Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 2:00pm on Monday, March 16, 2015 at the funeral home with Reverend Doug Hamblin officiating. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Henderson, KY. Military honors will be rendered by the American Legion Worsham Post #40.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to Zion Baptist Church <http://www.zionbaptist.org/> and/or St. Anthony's Hospice, [www.stanthonyshospice.org](http://www.stanthonyshospice.org).

# Previous Events

## Life Celebration

MAR 16. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Benton-Glunt & Tapp Funeral Home  
629 S. Green St.  
Henderson, KY 42420  
(270) 827-3535  
email@bentonglunttapp.com  
<https://www.bentongluntandtappfuneralhome.com/>

## 2:00 P.M. Tuesday May 8, 2018 Funeral Service

MAR 16. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *William Rubin Graff Sr.*

November 29, 2022 at 08:01 AM



“ *One of his favorite songs was 'Hot Child in the City'. Or it used to be when I was young. He was like a second father to me. Helen was like a second mother. I spent almost as much time at their house as I did my own.*

**Beth Gibson Ramburger** - March 18, 2015 at 01:30 PM



“ *Kiki Wood sent a virtual gift in memory of William Rubin Graff Sr.*



**Kiki Wood** - March 17, 2015 at 12:04 PM



“ *Papa was a amazing guy he loved everyone the same he was kid generous loveable he would call me his little girl I'm his great granddaughter*

**Kiki Wood** - March 17, 2015 at 11:54 AM

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“ *My daddy was a wonderful man. I remember when I was a little girl I would watch him get ready for work and the smell of his old spice. I would cry when he left for work. I miss him so much. I love you daddy.*

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**Mary Graff Hill** - March 15, 2015 at 03:15 PM



Charles  
Graff

“ *My father lived a full life. When mom died he was ready to join her. He was the boss in the family until mom would set him straight. When one of us kids got in trouble all of us got the punishment. Mom would say after she spanked us "I spanked you because I love you". We would say "Can't you love us a little less." Dad did not see a person as black or white, he saw a human being that might need a kind word or even a hand shake. He believed in the BIBLE and knew when he died he would go to heaven and be with mom once more.*

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**Charles Graff** - March 14, 2015 at 09:46 PM



Charles  
Graff

“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Charles Graff** - March 14, 2015 at 09:01 AM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of William Rubin Graff Sr..*



March 13, 2015 at 02:10 PM



“ *Jack and Donna Carter purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of William Rubin Graff Sr..*



**Jack and Donna Carter** - March 13, 2015 at 02:04 PM



“ *Your friends Jigs, Terri, Mark, Keith, Kyle and Brent, purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of William Rubin Graff Sr..*



**Your friends Jigs, Terri, Mark, Keith, Kyle and Brent,** - March 13, 2015 at 12:47 PM



“ *Blooming Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Rubin Graff Sr..*



March 13, 2015 at 10:13 AM



Bill  
Graff

“ He taught me many things, my father. Be proud of what you do for a living and be willing to work hard no matter the pay. That Honesty is a requisite to become a man. To show kindness and gentleness was not a sign of weakness, however a sign of strength. Dad taught me to harbor no prejudice and to approach every person as if they were a clean slate. No matter how I was treated to always respond with respect. He taught me how knowledge was a vehicle to a better life. However simply having knowledge didn't make you better than anyone. He showed by his life and examples that devotion was a very tangible thing. He never spared the rod, however I always felt his love. He was a scholar and a kind and loving soul. Dad, we will miss you and so glad you are without pain now. Thank you for all you sacrificed to give your family a better life. Thank you for teaching us there is strength in a mans tears. You taught me many things, i love you Dad.....

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**Bill Graff** - March 13, 2015 at 10:01 AM