

Todd Lewis Graham

October 31, 1945 - October 27, 2023

Todd was born on October 31, 1945 to John and Betty Graham. He grew up in North Omaha with two younger siblings, a brother John with whom he had many nefarious escapades, and a sister Judy who is seven years younger.

Todd's early years were spent playing softball daily from age 8 or 9. He continued playing softball, mainly as the pitcher or occasional short stop, until his late 30's. He also enjoyed hunting, basketball, volleyball, and flag football. In his later years he played tennis and golf.

At age 15 he met Ginger Carlson who was 14 at the time. Their first "date" was riding their bikes to an ice cream place. He bought two cones. While trying to make conversation he got distracted and spilled his ice cream. The look on his face was embarrassment and surprise.

Ginger was absolutely smitten by his sheepish look. Thus began a relationship that endured from 1960 until his passing on October 27, 2023 just two months before their

59th anniversary.

Todd and Ginger were married in 1964 right after graduating high school. They started their family quickly, eventually adding four children to the household. Rodd, Russ, Randy and much later a daughter, Rebecca. The family life revolved around church, school, piano, sports and building a new home three times in the Elkhorn area with the help of his wife, sons and son-in-law. Later the family was blessed to add Rodd's wife, Lynn, along with their three children Rachel, Rebecca, Ryan; Russ' wife Debbie; Randy's wife, Chantel and daughter, Kai; Rebecca's husband, Jens, and their children Eve, Ivan and Ellen.

In 2004 Rebecca and her family purchased and now reside in the home of her childhood. Todd and the family built that home in 1984. Todd and Ginger happily make many extended stays in their former home with Rebecca, Jens and the kids.

Todd was gifted to be able to make lifelong friends whom he really loved. He was a quiet, humble man but firmly stood for his convictions. Always more of a listener than talker. He has been able to visit many of his friends in the past two and half months he and Ginger have been in Nebraska. That was a real joy and blessing for him.

Todd was a very hard worker. Todd built many houses while working in

construction and later went to work for Boone Brothers Roofing, where he worked 40 years securing business for the company. He loved the company, the people, the work and the competition of the industry.

Todd retired in 2018 and they moved to Arizona. He was seeking a warm environment and wanted to play golf. He met many men who became close friends and joined a Friday morning Bible study with some of them. They found a church home in Christ's Church of the Valley, CCV.

Todd and Ginger enjoyed travel all over the USA, Europe and more. Their trip to beautiful New Zealand in 2019 was a life highlight. Todd drove 2,000 miles on the wrong side of the road without any problems apart from misguidance from Ginger now and then. That same year they enjoyed a 3,000 mile road trip including visiting The Creation Museum, The Ark, Vanderbilt Castle, The Billy Graham Library, The Great Smoky Mountains, Graceland, a high school friend, some roofing friends and his sister and family.

Last week Todd and Ginger took a five hour drive around Omaha visiting every place they ever lived, all the places they enjoyed going over the years as well as their schools and where they were married. Ice cream was very important in their lives so stopping at Zestos was a must! It

was so much fun and a wonderful trip down memory lane! And now a blessed memory.

Todd contracted Covid in February 2022. He very nearly died but God was merciful and brought him through. While he worked hard to get stronger he no longer could live the life he loved. In spite of it he kept a really good attitude and a sense of humor. He was very easy to care for. He passed away peacefully and quite unexpectedly at home in Elkhorn. He is and always will be greatly missed!

Todd's life verse is Philippians 2:4-5 "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. He truly embodied this verse.

His favorite verse is Philippians 1:6 "being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Todd attended a Billy Graham crusade in 1964 in Omaha where he heard the gospel that Jesus died for our sins but that he needed to act on that knowledge and ask Jesus to be his Lord and Savior.

He was excited to meet Billy Graham and thank him for preaching the gospel and helping him secure eternal life in heaven with Jesus. Praise God! He is there now with Rodd; Rodd's wife,

Lynn; sister in law, Nancy; brother in law, Butch; and a host of friends but best of all he is fully healed and with Jesus!

Todd was preceded in death by their son Rodd (2022) and his wife Lynn (2020) as well as his parents. He is survived by his beloved wife of over 58 years, Ginger, his children; Russ (Debbie), Randy (Chantel), Rebecca (Jens) Gregory and grandchildren Rachel, Rebecca, and Ryan Graham, Kai Graham, and Eve, Ivan and Ellen Gregory, brother John Graham, sister; Judy Huffman and extended family.

If you are unable to attend the service, the service will be webcasted on the link under the tribute wall tab or the photos & video tab on our website beginning at 11:00am Thursday.

Previous Events

Visitation with family

NOV 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

NOV 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Todd Lewis Graham*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - October 31, 2023 at 12:53 PM

JK

Beautiful flowers. Beautiful service. Beautiful tribute.

Potato chips, Dairy Chef, and chocolate. These are all the things and more that he would bring to the daycare. Well, not Dairy Chef. But ice cream. Spoiling the kids was definitely a favorite pastime. Of course he had to share in the goodies. I am blessed to have known such a great man. And a wonderful family. Many blessings.

Joan Krontorad - November 02, 2023 at 05:17 PM

FJ

*.... I only met Todd once, at his son RODD's memorial service. I sensed his deep and gentle of reality. To listen and watch again this 'graduation' of MR.GRAHAM to heaven is profound. Waves of thoughts, emotions, insights and revelations are stirring deep in my mind and spirit. The obituary, Bible verses, testimonies, tears, and message from the pastor - now make Todd a powerful influence in my life. Feels completely unworthy of his influence... But it is just more of God's love and grace that is totally unmerited. May God Himself Comfort and encourage Ginger and all the family in these days. Don't forget his favorite him... And SING it now and then....
UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE!*



Fred Kornis Jr - November 12, 2023 at 09:07 PM

CB

“Ginger & Family,
My Dad and Todd worked together for many years at BBR. I got to know Todd when I was old enough to start work summers there also. Through the years I usually would find myself reflecting on his kindness and faith. Loved being able to know Todd for so many years. I learned a lot from him at work as well as in life! My sincere condolences! Chris Bahm

Chris Bahm - December 16, 2023 at 09:48 AM

JO

“Ginger and Family, what a touching tribute to Todd today. The service was beautiful and the exclamations of love for him were so heartfelt as many reminiscenced about their times with Todd. He was quite a guy. We wish we could have had more time with him in our small group here in Arizona, but he was truly loved by everyone and will be sorely missed. It's so wonderful to know we will all meet again one glorious day! Hugs and prayers! Jim and Jayne Oslin

Jayne Oslin - November 02, 2023 at 05:09 PM

JK

“As we fondly reminisce on the cherished memories we had the privilege of sharing with Todd, we are deeply grateful for his unwavering warmth and love during the precious moments he spent with Eve, Ivan, and Ellen (and all the cuddle bugs). His presence at our heartwarming holiday gatherings in our home left an indelible mark on their young lives, and his peaceful passing fills our hearts with both sorrow and gratitude for the beautiful moments we enjoyed together. With love and genuine kindness, the Kruntorad family—Jerry, Joan, Josh, Calvin, and Jerrod—honors his memory.

Joni Kruntorad - November 02, 2023 at 01:10 PM

RB

“ I met Todd on the golf courses of Sun City West, AZ where we played in a league together. I always laughed at this crazy guy from NE who showed up in shorts, a light golf shirt and "Golf-Sandals" with no socks, no matter if it was 102 degrees or 39 degrees during an early morning frost delay in January. It wasn't long before we became friends, sharing our love for golf, family and the Lord. Todd joined our Friday morning Bible group with other golfers, where we continued to strengthen our fellowship and I was blessed by his unwavering LOVE and knowledge of Lord. As we all know, Todd was a quiet man, but as I quickly learned, when he spoke you wanted to listen. Todd was truly a man deep in the wisdom of the Lord. A man who strongly displayed the power found in true meekness. My time with Todd was too short on this earth, but I look forward with great anticipation an eternity together. I assume he will be wearing his sockless Golf Sandals. Rob Balzarini

Rob Balzarini - November 02, 2023 at 12:06 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.



November 01, 2023 at 04:23 PM

ES

“ From Sanders Family in Alabama. With fond memories shared with Todd and Ginger in America and Europe. We are deeply saddened to hear of Todd's passing. Please accept our sincerest condolences. Our prayers are with you.

Eva and John Sanders - November 01, 2023 at 03:53 PM

EL

“ *Ginger,*

God bless you and your family during this time of sadness, and may he keep you in his love and grace during your journey forward.

Elbie Lamb and family.

Elbie Lamb - November 01, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.*



November 01, 2023 at 03:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Todd Lewis Graham.

November 01, 2023 at 03:35 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.*



November 01, 2023 at 08:39 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.*



October 31, 2023 at 11:59 PM



“ *Joseph & Patricia Holzapfel purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.*



Joseph & Patricia Holzapfel - October 31, 2023 at 06:28 PM



“ *Joseph & Patricia Holzapfel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Todd Lewis Graham.*

Joseph & Patricia Holzapfel - October 31, 2023 at 06:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.*



October 31, 2023 at 05:32 PM

RM

“ Roberta M. purchased the *Basket Full of Wishes* for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.



Roberta M. - October 31, 2023 at 04:09 PM

LW

“ Love, Roxanne Wiebe purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.



Love, Roxanne Wiebe - October 31, 2023 at 01:15 PM

LW

“ Love, Roxanne Wiebe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Todd Lewis Graham.

Love, Roxanne Wiebe - October 31, 2023 at 01:15 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.



October 31, 2023 at 10:44 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.*



October 31, 2023 at 07:07 AM



“ *Ginger - I can only imagine the sadness you are feeling. I did not know Todd real well but I loved that man. He was the sweetest person. I will always remember that smile, ponytail and the rooster we all hoped would be celebrated when he finally beat the Long Covid. Take care of you my friend and know that God has him in the palm of His Hand. Let God HOLD you also. Thinking of you, Paulette*

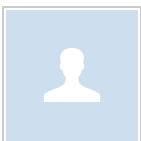
Paulette Palmer - October 30, 2023 at 11:38 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.*



October 30, 2023 at 11:33 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.*



October 30, 2023 at 11:03 PM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.*



October 30, 2023 at 07:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.*



October 30, 2023 at 07:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.*



October 30, 2023 at 06:54 PM



“ *Todd and ginger were the best neighbors on North 68th Street. We resumed this even after they moved. Todd helped me with home improvement projects especially when he and I drywalled and carpeted our basement. He was so funny and we laughed a lot. He was one of the kindest men I ever knew. So glad I got to spend time with them when I visited recently. They were truly my forever friends and I love them both. He will always be a part of my heart. Thank you Todd for being you 🥰*

Donna wells - October 30, 2023 at 06:11 PM

BR

“ Boone Brothers Roofing purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.



Boone Brothers Roofing - October 30, 2023 at 05:48 PM

BR

“ Boone Brothers Roofing planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Todd Lewis Graham.

Boone Brothers Roofing - October 30, 2023 at 05:48 PM

AM

“ Agnes M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Todd Lewis Graham.

Agnes M. - October 30, 2023 at 05:32 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.



October 30, 2023 at 05:30 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.*



October 30, 2023 at 04:58 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.*



October 30, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Todd Lewis Graham.*

October 30, 2023 at 03:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Todd Lewis Graham.*



October 30, 2023 at 03:10 PM