



## Dr. Albert D. Graham Jr.

July 28, 1948 - July 4, 2020

Dr. Albert Darlington Graham, Jr., 71, son of the late Albert and Betty (nee Belancin) Graham, passed away on July 4, 2020 after an unexpected battle with cancer. Albert is survived by his wife of 26 years, Susan Graham (Tomarchio); step-children, Jason Lloyd (Julie) and Jayme Lloyd; and step-grandchildren, Mackenzie, Harrison, and Hunter. He is preceded in death by his brother Gary Graham; sister Betty Lou Graham; and his parents.

His devotion to his family and his firm belief in God supported him in his struggle and ultimately gave him peace. He had great love for his wife, family and friends (including his two precious dogs). He lived his life based on the importance of God, education, and community service.

Albert was a life-long learner. He graduated with a bachelor degree in science and a minor in political science from Union University in 1970. He furthered his love for education with a Masters of Education from The John Hopkins University and a Masters of Art from Rowan University. Albert became a Doctor in Education from the California Western University and a Doctor in Philosophy in Public Administration from LaSalle University, which ultimately led to him becoming an adjunct law professor at LaSalle University. Albert received many awards throughout his life based on outstanding achievement and worthy character including: Gamma Beta Phi Society, Sampson Political award, Political Science Blackwell Memorial, Governor James D. Black Senior Award, John Hopkins Phi Delta Kappa society, member of MENSA, and the Outstanding Man in America for outstanding leadership, superior leadership

ability, and exceptional service to the community.

He dedicated his life to service, his town, and the nation he loved. Albert was a local board member of the Selective Service System, a Freeholder of Salem County, President and member of the Salem County Association of Local Governments, Salem Community College Trustee, and held multiple positions in Carneys Point including: Township Committeeman, Deputy Mayor, Mayor, and member of the Sewerage Authority. He was recognized by the Republican Club for his many years of dedicated service to the residents of Carneys Point. Albert also served his community by volunteering his time as a board member and President of the Village Arms Senior Apartments for 35 years. Albert was an educator at heart. He was kind, dedicated, knowledgeable, and a professional with remarkable work ethics. His educational career began in 1970 as a History teacher in Penns Grove-Carneys Point Regional School District. From 1983 to 1993 he was the Penns Grove High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director. Albert was promoted to Director of Early Childhood and Federal/State Programs in 1993, and continued in this position until his passing. He respected people and loved his colleagues, the district, and his community.

He will be dearly missed by his loved ones, close friends and people who knew him. We celebrate the fact that he is at peace and with his Creator. Due to the pandemic, there will be no viewing or reception. A mass for family and close friends will be held on Friday, July 10th at 10 am at Corpus Christi Church, 369 Georgetown Road, Carneys Point. Interment will follow in the Lawnside Cemetery in Woodstown. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the Wounded Warrior Project, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and St. Gabriel Archangel Parish in Carneys Point, NJ. Prayers, condolences and memories are gladly accepted at <https://www.ashcraftfuneralhomes.com>.

# Cemetery Details

## Lawnside Cemetery

1017 Route 40  
Pilesgrove, NJ 08098  
(856) 769-2626

# Previous Events

## Mass

JUL 10. 10:00 AM (ET)

Ashcraft Funeral Homes (PG)  
47 State St.  
Penns Grove, NJ 08069  
(856) 299-3366  
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<https://ashcraftfuneralhomes.com>

# Tribute Wall

TC

“ Our condolences Susan and family. Albert was a life long friend and neighbor and will be sorely missed. The memories he helped to create will live forever.  
Tom Cannavo and family.

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**Tom Cannavo** - July 07, 2020 at 10:51 AM

WH

“ I am deeply saddened with the passing of Albert. I am the oldest grandson of Earl Graham and there was a time growing up when I was a tad bit of trouble. Straight A student but still. I remember once I had in school suspension and he gave me eighth grade homework when I was in the sixth grade to teach me a lesson. It worked. I also remember that he helped me when I needed credits to graduate from high school at Penns Grove high. I thought he was the coolest. I still think of him often.  
Dot Graham Antisdell's oldest son  
Bill Hissam

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**William M Hissam** - July 06, 2020 at 11:37 PM

SC

“ Susan & family, So sorry to hear of Albert's passing. My thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Sheryl & Joe Curiale  
(Ruth Ann's daughter)

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**sheyrl curiale** - July 06, 2020 at 09:22 PM

LS

“ I had the pleasure of meeting And working with Dr. Graham in 1987 when I was providing prevention and education services through the Salem County Health Department grant. Through the years he was always so supportive for the services provided by the grant for his district's students and staff. I will always appreciate knowing him and his loss will be felt by many. My deepest condolences to his wife and family. A grateful colleague, Lori Tedesco Singley

Lori Tedesco Singley - July 06, 2020 at 04:50 PM

PM

“ Dearest Sue and family, Joe and I are beyond grief stricken. Al was Joe's right hand man and friend for many years. I pray he is at peace. All our love always, Joe and Pat Massare

Patricia Massare - July 06, 2020 at 04:30 PM

DH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Al's passing. He was a fellow parishioner, an educational colleague and a fine person. May he find peace in God's arms.

Diane Hartman - July 06, 2020 at 03:41 PM

DM

“ Dear Susan and family, You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Al was a fine friend and a really great guy! I only regret I will be out-of-state on Friday and will be unable to attend the services.

Dan McCoy  
Formerly from PGHS,

Dan McCoy - July 06, 2020 at 03:31 PM

KD

“ Susan, prayers are with you and your family at this sad time. karen

Karen Ingersoll Dingley - July 06, 2020 at 02:45 PM

FM

“ I graduated from high school with Al. He was a nice guy. Kind of quiet but very friendly. I am saddened to hear of his passing. My condolences to his wife and children. May he Rest In Peace. Signed Fran Marandola 🙏🙏🙏🙏

fran Marandola - July 06, 2020 at 02:05 PM

PF

“ Dear Susan and family,  
Please except our deepest sympathy on the loss of Albert. He will be greatly missed. It was our pleasure to know him. Our prayers will be with you and the family. Love, John and Marlyce Pietrantonio

Pietrantonio Family - July 06, 2020 at 01:43 PM

DC

I'm so sorry to hear of Albert's passing--he and I had many years together at PGHS, and a great friendship as well as working relationship. Neither of us took the other too seriously, and I think that is what made the relationship work. I will sorely miss seeing him and our "old farts" dinners, and will always remember working with Jason and Jayme as their guidance counselor.

Dave Corby - July 06, 2020 at 04:28 PM

DF

Sue, so sorry to hear of Albert's passing. Our prayers and thoughts go out to you! 🙏🙏🙏

Debbie Fredo - July 06, 2020 at 05:46 PM

DB

*So sorry to hear of Dr. Graham's passing. I worked many years with him in PGCP school district. Prayers to his family. Diane Brake*

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**Diane Brake** - July 06, 2020 at 08:14 PM

DA

*Sue, so sorry to hear of Al's passing. Al would come over to my office at Lafayette Pershing and talk about everything. I learned a great deal from him which he shared very openly. He was an extremely great man who did exceptional work for the school district and community. Penns Grove Carney's Point will miss his presence and knowledge as he truly kept the school district running with all of his good work. Prayers for you and your family.*

*Dr. Eveline Armstrong*

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**Dr. Eveline Armstrong** - July 06, 2020 at 09:43 PM

RB

*Susan- I am so sorry and shocked to learn of Al's passing. He was a good man who loved you and the family. He gave so much to the PG/CP School District as a teacher and administrator and to his community in his many roles. He was an honest and trustworthy man who always had the best interest for his school and community. May he rest in peace !*

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**Robert Bender** - July 07, 2020 at 01:58 PM