



## Dail Allen Graham

August 9, 1934 - August 24, 2012

Dail Allen Graham, 78, of Pittsburg, Missouri passed away Friday, August 24, 2012. He was born in Wichita, Kansas, the son of Kenneth Justin and Evelyn Esther Lowe Graham. Dail was a veteran of the U.S. Army, retiring from service as a Major, serving a total of 30 years in the Army, National Guard, and Army Reserves. He was a metallurgical engineer working in the Wichita aviation industry for Boeing and Cessna before co-founding the company, Paragon NDT & Finishes. Dail and his family began coming to this area many years ago and moved permanently to the Pittsburg area in 1992. He and wife Mary founded, own and operate Eagle's Nest Resort at Lake Pomme de Terre and Eagle's Nest Log Home Community. Dail was past President of the Pomme de Terre Lake Area Chamber of Commerce. While in Wichita, Dail was past President of both the American Society of Metals, and the Sunflower Model A's. He loved the outdoors, enjoying fishing, bird hunting, both upland and waterfow, and upon moving to the area, became an avid fly fisherman. He was a member of Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers of Bolivar and the Fly Fishing Federation of America. He learned the art of tying flies and gave fly-tying demonstrations at the Southern Council Conclave in Mountain Home, Arkansas each fall, Sowbug Roundup in the spring, and Smallmouth Rendezvous in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. He also taught fly-tying at the Good Samaritan Boys Ranch, Brighton, Missouri with the Tri-Lakes Fly Fishers. A real passion for Dail became Project Healing Waters, which allowed him to combine his love for fly fishing and helping disabled U.S. veterans. Dail and

son Jeff also were active as fishing guides at Lake Pomme de Terre. Dail was preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter, Natalie Rateliff. He is survived by his wife Mary of the home; daughter Jennifer Graham-Rateliff and husband Joseph of Wichita, son Jeff Graham and Susan Coffman of Springfield, daughter Melanie Parker and husband Frank of Derby, Kansas; grandchildren Blake and Celia Rateliff; Margaret Anne Dugan; Isabella, Graham, Luke, Elaina and Seth Parker; sisters Judie Castrisos of Wichita, Kansas and Rosanne DeFilippo and husband Richard of Murietta, California. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Tuesday, August 28 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Bolivar with Father Pat Wissman as Celebrant. Visitation will be held from 5-7 PM Monday, August 27 at Murray Funeral Home in Bolivar with a prayer service at 7 PM. A memorial service will take place at 10:00 AM September 8, 2012 at St. Jude Catholic Church, Wichita, Kansas, with interment following at White Chapel Memorial Gardens in Wichita. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Sacred Heart Church Building Fund or Project Healing Waters/Springfield Chapter/ Heartland Region in care of Tri-Lakes Fly-Fishers. Online condolences may be submitted to <http://www.murrayfuneralhomes.com/>.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Dail Allen Graham*

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ *Dail Allen Graham*

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *Mary & family, Thank you for sharing Dail with us. His generosity & humor will be missed by our families as well as ourselves. He made their visits to Pomme de Terre very special. Please know that all of you are in our prayers. May they comfort your hearts during this time. Howard, Beth & Natalie*

**Howard & Beth Bernard** - September 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary, I am so sorry to learn of Dail's passing. If there is anything you need please call. I am out of town till Tuesday. Fly back into KCI at 5:30 p.m. be back to lake Thursday. Again my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Sincerely, Keith 417-733-2439*

**keith darnell** - August 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary sorry for your loss. keith & nancy mccann*

**keith mccann** - August 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Mary Verna & I are so saddened to hear of Dales passing. Dale was always a very good friend. We had many good times working together on chamber projects and our fish fries. Dales was always a perfect gentleman and hard worker and his word was his bond. He will be sorly missed. David & Verna Baird

David and Verna Baird - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Aunt Mary, Jenny, Melanie and Jeff: My heart broke Friday when Mom called me to tell me about Uncle Dail. He was a great man; one of the best I have ever known. I learned many things from him over the years. He will always be a part of all of us who love him. May God bless you and give you strength.

John Wells - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ Mary, We are so sorry to hear about Dail, he will be truly missed and you and your family are in our prayers. Ben and Linn Vaughn

Ben and Linn Vaughn - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Mary, I am so sorry. I knew nothing about this until today. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Nancy

Nancy Funderburk - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Mary I am sorry to hear about your husband's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, Sharon Cordes

Sharon Cordes - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ *Mary, sorry to hear the sad news you and Dail have been like family to me over the years. May God bless and keep you strong in the coming days Ben*

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**Ben Vaughn** - August 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM