



## Max Wayne Graham

October 11, 1940 - October 11, 2020

Coach Graham passed peacefully into his eternal rest at his home on October 11, 2020 – his birthday. Max Wayne Graham was a kind-hearted, patient man who loved God, cherished his family, and was well respected by all who knew him. Max was born on October 11, 1940 in Memphis, Texas to Clarence and Martha Agnes Edwards Graham. The family moved to Magnolia, Texas and lived on the J3 Ranch where his father was the horse trainer for Lester Goodson. Max excelled in Athletics at Magnolia High School, earning a scholarship to play football at the University of Arizona. He later transferred to Howard Payne University, where he continued playing football and made lifelong friends. Max began his coaching career in Tomball. He continued teaching and coaching in high schools for 37 years in Alice, Killeen, Bellville, Cameron, Lufkin, Caldwell, Frankston, and Whitehouse. He retired from Montgomery High School and then worked for ESC Region 6 in Drivers Education. Athletes and students as well as coworkers testify of his positive influence on their lives.

Max and Gail (Skelton) were married on August 7, 1970 in Plano, TX and recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Their marriage was blessed with a son Greg and a daughter Stephanie. As life took them to different places to teach and coach, they always found a church family. They have been members of First Baptist Church in Conroe for 24 years where Max served as deacon, taught the Bible in his Life Group on Sunday mornings, and enjoyed being a greeter.

Max is survived by his wife Gail, son Greg Graham, daughter Stephanie Chatfield and son-in-law Scott Chatfield; grandchildren Nicole Pina, Donovan Pina, and Devin Pina; sister Martha Kay Thompson and her husband Patrick. Other family members include Dotsie and Arden Blaylock, Rita and Richard Tucker, and Rod and Nancy Skelton. He is also survived by Celeste Graves of Magnolia, fondly known as his "Second Mom," as well as several other family members and close friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to First Baptist Church Conroe, Ladies' Friendship Organization Scholarship Fund.

A Memorial Service will be held at First Baptist Church, Conroe, Texas on Thursday, October 15th at 2:00 p.m. (Social distancing will be observed)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT **15**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Conroe  
600 N Main  
Conroe, TX 77301

# Tribute Wall



“ *Max Wayne Graham*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Rod and Nancy purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Max Wayne Graham.*



**Rod and Nancy** - October 15, 2020 at 09:41 AM



“ *Gail, Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family. Trusting the Lord to fill you with overwhelming peace and comfort. We thank God for allowing our lives to intersect at Navigators. Love in Christ Jesus. Larry & Jeanne Zaugg (Wycliffe & TechServe)*

**Jeanne Zaugg** - October 14, 2020 at 08:55 PM



“ *Hugs and prayers to Gail and her family.*

**Judy Hollas Cummings** - October 13, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ *I have known Max since he was little boy living on the J3 ranch. He is a wonderful friend and will be missed by many. May god bless Gail and family as they mourn his passing.*

**shirley mcollum** - October 13, 2020 at 10:08 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Max Wayne Graham.*



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October 13, 2020 at 12:27 AM



“ *I had Coach Graham as my drivers ed teacher and we had wonderful times a great teacher. RIP Coach*

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**Renee Krenek Mueck** - October 12, 2020 at 09:11 PM



“ *My strongest memories are of Max teaching our Sunday School. He had a wonderful way of making the Bible apply to our lives in the here and now.  
Max and Gail have been true friends.*

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**betty dozier** - October 12, 2020 at 08:34 PM