



Hon. Daniel Robert Graham

November 9, 1936 - April 16, 2024

Former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham will lie in state, attended by military and state law enforcement honor guards, in Florida's Historic Capitol from 11 AM to 1 PM on Friday, April 26, 2024. Following the Historic Capitol ceremony, Governor Graham will be buried in a private, family service. On Saturday, May 11, at 1 PM he will be remembered at a memorial service at the Miami Lakes United Church of Christ in his hometown of Miami Lakes, Florida.

Bob Graham served in the Florida House of Representatives (1966-1970), Florida Senate (1970-1978), as Florida's 38th Governor (1979-1987) and as a United States Senator (1987-2005). In his public service roles, he demonstrated extraordinary leadership through initiatives to protect the Florida Everglades and other natural treasures, invest in public education, diversify the Florida economy, and oversee the U.S. intelligence services. He stayed connected to his constituents through more than 400 workdays in jobs held by everyday Floridians. Following his time in elected office, Governor Graham dedicated himself to the cause of effective citizenship. That dedication led him to establish the Bob Graham Center for Public Service at the University of Florida, which helps students learn the skills of civic engagement, public leadership, and public service.

Governor Graham is survived by his wife of 65 years, former First Lady Adele

Graham; children Gwen Graham (and husband Steve Hurm); Cissy Graham McCullough (Billy); Suzanne Graham Gibson (Tom); and Kendall Graham; 11 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has ordered U.S. and Florida flags to be flown at half-staff “at all local and state buildings, installations, and grounds throughout the state” until sunset on April 26.

On Friday, April 26, Governor Graham’s body will lie in state in the Historic Capitol, the building in which he spent most of his legislative service in the Florida House of Representatives and Florida Senate. Governor Graham will arrive at 11 AM, accompanied by a military honor guard. Members of the public are invited to view his casket until 1 PM. The ceremony will be aired live on The Florida Channel and streamed online (<https://thefloridachannel.org>). After Governor Graham lies in state, Graham family members will attend a private burial.

On Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM, former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham will be remembered at a public celebration of life service at Miami Lakes United Church of Christ (6701 Miami Lakeway South, Miami Lakes, FL 33014). For those who cannot attend in person, the service will also be livestreamed online by WPLG Local 10 (<http://www.local10.com/live>) and on the WPLG Local 10 YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@WPLGLocal10/streams>). Following the service, the Graham family will host a public reception at the Miami Lakes Hotel (6842 Main Street, Miami Lakes, FL 33014) from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. At the reception, guests will have the opportunity to record their memories of Governor Graham.

Governor Graham’s enduring wish was to prepare future generations for service to Florida, the nation, and the world. In lieu of flowers, and in memory

of his remarkable life, Governor Graham's family asks that donations be made to the Bob Graham Center for Public Service at the University of Florida. Well-wishers can honor Governor Graham by visiting the Bob Graham Center online (<https://go.ufl.edu/bobgraham>) or calling the Center at 352-273-1080 to support its vital work.

Rocky Bevis of Bevis Funeral Home (850-385-2193 or www.bevisfh.com) is assisting the Graham family with their arrangements.

Previous Events

Lie in State

APR **26**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Florida's Historic Capitol
400 So. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Memorial Service

MAY **11**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Miami Lakes United Church of Christ
6701 Miami Lakeway
Miami Lakes, FL 33014

Reception

MAY **11**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Miami Lakes Hotel
6842 Main Street
Miami Lakes, FL 33014

Tribute Wall

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“ Peace and Love to the entire Family and hugs to Gwen. When I first met then Governor Graham he wrote my name down. The next time I saw him he called me by name and I knew he was one of those great people who knew how to make you feel special and at his attention. He and the Family always treated my brother and I and our employees with such kindness. My brother Mark cherishes his signed photo of Senator Graham thanking us for our time at the mansion and they were taking their "SERVPRO" cleaned sofa to Washington..

Tommy Horner - May 01, 2024 at 04:09 PM

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“ I express my sadness for the death of Governor Graham. But because I knew Governor Graham and Adele I know that there will be joy in our next world where joy will never end. My prayers to Senator Graham and especially Adele and family. I was honored and joyful to meet both Bob and Adele and spend time with them. I offer my prayers to the family and friends and especially Adele and will keep that joy in my heart
Frank Tassone

FRANK TASSONE - April 28, 2024 at 11:37 AM

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“ My condolences to the Graham Family for their loss and to others who gained much by knowing Governor Graham. He was truly a man of integrity and genuine care for the people of Florida and our nation. My work with him was during his years as Florida Senator when he along with Terrell Sessums and Buddy Mckay were key in the passing of legislation which provided for elementary schools to have guidance counselors. Think of the lives he touched through that one piece of legislation. Yes, a great advocate of education.

Jo A. Willis

Past President

Florida School Counselors Assoc., Madison, Fl

Jo A. Willis - April 25, 2024 at 08:01 PM

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“ Governor Graham helped me in 1971 get my son's Birth Certificate. He was warm and really cared about my situation. I will always be thankful for him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. I will always be thankful for Governor Graham. May God bless him.

Della Crews - April 25, 2024 at 05:29 PM