

Robert Harvey Graham (1928-2004)

Robert (Bob) Harvey Graham was born to Calvin Graham and Ruth Barr on October 4th 1928 in Harrisburg, Dauphin County Pennsylvania.

Bob was five years old when his family moved from Harrisburg to Franklinton Pennsylvania. At the time Franklinton was becoming less of a local farming community, and more of a modern suburban commuter town. Here Bob would be his mischievous self, and attend the local schools.

In 1945 Bob quit school, completing the 11th grade, and enlisted in the Navy on January 21st 1946. After receiving his training at Camp Perry Virginia, he left May 29th 1946 for his two-year duty in Yokosuka Japan. ¹

After his two-year hitch was up in 1948, Bob met and married Dorothy (Dottie) Irene Klinger at six o'clock on November 5th 1948 at the Evangelical United Brethren parsonage in Mechanicsburg Cumberland County Pennsylvania. ²

- Dottie was born November 28th 1928 to Edwin Charles Klinger and Irene Nary Wrightstone in Shiresmanstown Cumberland County Pennsylvania.

Bob worked as a machinist for the Clymer Machine Shop and Dottie for the J.D. Ferry Company. My mother wore a blue business style dress, known as a street-length dress, with black accessories, and a corsage of yellow roses. They would live at 35 West Locust Street in Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania. ³

My parents met through their employers working relationship. The J.D. Ferry Company made manufacturing equipment, like potato chip fryers for Hanover chips, and the Clymer Machine Shop manufactured equipment and automotive parts. Dottie was pregnant when they married, and they began their family.

In 1951, Bob began to work with the United States Army Ordnance Supply Section at the New Cumberland General Depot in New Cumberland Pennsylvania. Dottie also got a job working as a secretary for the Navy supply base in Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania.

Bob and Dottie moved from Mechanicsburg to Bob's home town of Franklinton. This move would eventually lead to a rift in our family.

While at new Cumberland, Bob worked a laborer and truck driver until he left in 1962 to open up a garage with his father Calvin. The garage was known as the Graham's Service Center, which was located in Hampton Township, Cumberland County, at the intersection of Carlisle Pike and St. John's Church Road in Camp Hill Pennsylvania.

In 1963, our parents purchased a home in Clearview Estates in Hampton Township, which was also across the Carlisle Pike from the garage.

It was during this time Bob became infatuated with a 17-year-old Cumberland Valley school girl, Sherry Ann Bowers. Bob also mismanaged the financial affairs of the garage, and he and his father would lose the garage through bankruptcy court. This caused a severe split between our father and grandfather, and our father and mother.

Bob and Dottie separated, and she with the children remained at the home in Clearview Estates, while Bob went to live about a mile from the family in the Stough's Mobile Home Park. Bob also went back to work at the New Cumberland supply depot as a quality inspector. He was helped by Ruth Ort, who he would eventually live with on a farm on Kralltown Road in the Dillsburg and Franklintown area of York County Pennsylvania.

Between Bob's continued change in life style and the bankruptcy, Dottie and the children slowly became estranged from the rest of the Graham family living in the Franklintown area. Bob and Dottie remained separated until 1974 when their son mediated their divorce.

Over time, the family slowly grew closer together, and Bob and Dottie enjoyed many events together at their grandchildren's birthday parties and other holidays. Dottie was stricken with diabetes which she eventually succumbed to, and she died one day short of her 73rd birthday on November 27th 2001. Bob died not long after, on December 17th 2004. Even after divorce, they were both laid to rest together in the Dillsburg Cemetery, Dillsburg York County Pennsylvania.

There's always time for irony to remind us of the important things in life.

Bob Graham and Dottie Klinger had four children.

- i. Joan Eileen Graham was born April 1st 1949 at the Seidle Memorial Hospital, Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania. She married Steven Eugene Brent.
- ii. Rosemary Ann Graham was born March 27th 1950 at the Seidle Memorial Hospital, Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania. She married Paul Conahan.

- iii. Robert Calvin Graham was born September 28th 1952 at the Seidle Memorial Hospital, Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania. His closes of friends called him Boog.
- iv. Deborah Louise Graham was born December 27th 1954 at the Seidle Memorial Hospital, Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania. She married Lawrence Raymond Honaker.

Joan Eileen Graham (1949-2020)

Joan Eileen Graham was born April 1st 1949 at the Seidle Memorial Hospital, Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania.

She married Steven Eugene Brent on April 4th 1970 at the United Brethren Church Franklinton, York County Pennsylvania.

- Steve was born November 27th 1938 to Logan and Susan Brent in Washington D.C.
- Steve was previously twice married before he married Joan, and once after he married Joan.

Steve and Joan had two daughters.

- i. Amy Renee Brent was born August 11th 1970 at the Seidle Memorial Hospital, Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania. She attended the Duquesne University, and graduated as a licensed Pharmacist. In 2013, Amy lives with her partner, Karen Stock, in Lemoyne Pennsylvania.
- ii. April Christina Brent was born September 1st 1971 at the Seidle Memorial Hospital, Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania.

She attended Central Penn Business School, the school of Edgar Cayce's Association for Research and Enlightenment, and the Loyola University Maryland. April received her PhD in education in 2022, and works in the education field.

April married Steve Amos of Mechanicsburg in 2009, and they are the parents of Franklin Graham Amos. ¹

¹ Franklin was adopted as an infant in 2012, from a lady who was raped by an unknown assailant.

Rosemary Ann Graham-Conahan

Rosemary Ann Graham was born March 27th 1950 at the Seidle Memorial Hospital, Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania.

Rosemary attended Harrisburg Area Community College, and worked as a financial analyst at the Naval Supply Depot in Mechanicsburg.

On December 29th 1979, Rosemary married Paul Regis Conahan at the Holy Name of Jesus Church in Harrisburg Dauphin County Pennsylvania.

- Paul was born April 4th 1945 in Hazelton Schuylkill County Pennsylvania.
- Paul's parents were Paul Regis Conahan, who was born February 9th 1910 and died December 1st 1967, and Margaret McDermott who was born January 29th 1914 and died July 12th 1996.
- Paul Conahan was previously married to Judy Brignull, and they had a son Paul Regis Conahan.

Paul and Rosemary would divorce, and Paul died January 2nd 2002.

They had two daughters.

- i. Meagan Ross Conahan was born June 24th 1983 in Abington, Montgomery County Pennsylvania. After graduating from Ithaca College, she went to work in Manhattan New York City area.

Since 2013 Megan was with Jake Dahan, and they married in 2023. They now have two children.

- ii. Kaitlin Ann Conahan was born March 21st 1986 in Harrisburg Dauphin County Pennsylvania.

After a rocky teenage and early twenty something stage, Katie graduated from a dental technical school.

Katie has a beautiful daughter, Kahana. Katie married Pj Taylor and they have another beautiful daughter, Ellie.

Robert Calvin Graham

Robert Calvin Graham was born September 28th 1952 at the Seidle Memorial Hospital, Mechanicsburg Pennsylvania. He is known as Boog.

Boog briefly married his high school girl friend, Carole Jean Suter, on November 28th 1975, on his own mother's birthday. By June 1977, he divorced Carole.

Then on August 13th 1977, he married his college sweetheart, who is now Boog's everlasting companion and friend, Janelle Aileen Taylor.

- Janelle was born November 10th 1953 in Lancaster Pennsylvania to Kenneth James Henry Taylor and Jan Alice Hines. Mommy and Daddy as Janelle would call them.

Boog and Janelle have two sons.

- i. Justin Taylor Graham was born November 4th 1983 in Harrisburg Hospital Dauphin County Pennsylvania. Justin was a Convenience Store Clerk, and Food Server, and eventually graduated with his master degree in strategic management.

He 1st married Ashley Constance Goss, who was born April 19th 2004 to Bob Goss and Marilyn Harkaway. Justin divorced Ashley in November 2007.

Justin and Ashley had two children.

- a. Taylor Constance Graham was born September 13th 2001 in Harrisburg Hospital, Harrisburg Pennsylvania. She's our T-T.
- b. Jordon Alexander Graham was born October 11th 2002 in Hospital, Harrisburg Pennsylvania. He's our antsy-pants.

Justin then was arm-twisted into marrying Tyann Iona Kline by the Perry County Mafiosos. Tyanne was born to Kimberly Aungst and Wendal Kline.

Justin and Tyann divorced.

Justin and Tyanne had two children.

- c. Hayden Jerrell Graham, named after Superman, the son of Jorell, was born September 20th 2007. He's our yo-yo and hey-hey.
- d. Riley Emma Graham was born December 15th 2011. She's our Rye-Rye.

Justin then married Jamie McKim. Jamie was not married, but had two daughters with Eric Peel; Addie and Sage.

- ii. Ian Robert Graham was born September 8th 1985 in Harrisburg Hospital, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania. I could write a book on Ian.

He started working at 15 as a dish washer and sometime cook at the Range End Golf Club in Dillsburg Pennsylvania. While there he cut his teeth on guitar.

Ian graduated from college, went to work for a communications company. He is currently married to Amanda DeJesus.

Deborah Louise Graham-Honaker

Deborah Louise Graham was born December 18th 1954. She married Lawrence Raymond Honaker on Sunday, February 17th 1974 in the Franklinton United Brethren Church, Franklinton Pennsylvania. They had no children, and she divorced Larry on April 4th 1978.

Debbie did have two children with Roy George Einsig,² a sperm donor.

- i. Khailin Einsig Graham was born January 24th 1978. He died February 20th 1982 1980 from complications birth defects. He was laid to rest in the Rolling Green Cemetery Camp Hill Cumberland Co. PA
- ii. Ezekeial Edwin Graham was born March 7th 1896 in the Harrisburg Hospital in Harrisburg Pennsylvania. He is known as Zek, and he looks like his father, Roy George Einsig. Zek is a 3rd cousin to his uncle's, Bob Graham's, wife, Janelle Taylor-Graham through the Einsig family.

Zek was 26 years old when he married was 25-year-old Jayde Cristine Orndorf on November 6th 2014. Jayde Cristine Orndorf was born to Thomas Dean Orndorf and Martha Rose Underwood on October 18th 1987 in Harrisburg, Dauphin County Pennsylvania.

Jayde and Zek had two daughters:

- a. Cailin Olivia Graham was born January 12th 2013 at the Holy Spirit Hospital in Camp Hill, Cumberland County Pennsylvania.
- b. June Nova Graham was born October 23rd 2018 in Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl Germany.

² The Einsig name is the name of Janelle Taylor-Graham's paternal grandmother; Bessie May Einsig who married Austin Taylor.

End Notes

¹ Bob Graham's Navy story comes from a newspaper article and his oral history to his family; Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.

² The church is known today as the First United Methodist Church, 135 West Simpson Street, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania 17055.

³ Bob and Dottie Graham's wedding details came from a newspaper article and his oral history to his family; Taylor-Graham Library, c/o Bob Graham, 479 County Line Road, York Springs Pennsylvania 17372.