



Graham Hardeman

June 23, 1943 - May 23, 2026

Graham Hardeman was born on June 23, 1943, in Decatur, Georgia, to Albert and Mary Lizzie Hardeman. He was the fourth of five children. On May 23, 2026, the Lord called Graham home to rest, where he was reunited with his beloved son, Ryan Keith Hardeman, who preceded him in death on March 31, 2021.

Graham was educated in the Decatur Public School System and graduated from Trinity High School. Upon graduation, he was offered a basketball scholarship to Clark College in Atlanta, Georgia. However, he chose a different path, relocating to New Jersey and New York City area to join his older sister and brother-in-law. While there, he worked as a parking attendant and later for Copper and Coal, operating cranes over the Hudson River, all while studying to pursue a career as an electrician.

Graham had a bold and adventurous spirit. He enjoyed high-speed driving, high diving, and taking on thrilling challenges. He also had a passion for music and entertainment, promoting talent shows and even promoted Kool & the Gang before their rise to national fame.

In 1974, Graham returned to Decatur, Georgia, where he began a long career as a bus driver with MARTA, from which he later retired. He also enjoyed organizing and promoting trips to New Orleans, often centered around

supporting his favorite football team, the Atlanta Falcons. A devoted sports fan, Graham loved watching games and frequently called his son and friends to discuss plays and performances. On October 7, 1975, Graham married Virginia Ann Hardeman. To this union, they welcomed a son, Ryan Keith Hardeman. Graham also cherished his children: Graham Hardeman Jr., Jeanine Hardeman, and Lewis Jackson.

Graham leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife, Virginia Hardeman; his children, Graham Hardeman Jr. (Nia), Jeanine Hardeman, and Lewis Jackson (Sherry); and his grandchildren, Nuba and Naima Jackson; Jaslyn, Brianna, and Lewis Jackson IV; and great-grandchild, Harmony. He is also survived by his late son Ryan's family, Vendredi Hardeman, and grandchildren, Summer, Joseph, and Aaron. He is further survived by his sister, Betty Hawk (husband Ernest, deceased), along with a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and dear friends.

Graham was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Ryan Keith Hardeman; his siblings, Elizabeth Benton (Charles), Virginia Hardeman (husband Henry Blackburn), and Albert Hardeman Jr. (surviving wife Katie Hardeman).

Graham's legacy of love, strength, and vibrant spirit will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. His memory will forever be cherished by his family and friends.

The Celebration of Life Service for Graham Hardeman will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 2:00 PM. This service will be recorded and streamed live. If the event is interrupted at any time due to technical issues, the entire event will be uploaded and available to view later in the day. Please copy and paste the link to share or simply click on the link to view the event.

<https://vimeo.com/event/5969464>

Services entrusted to Gregory B. Levett & Sons Funeral Home, 4347 Flat
Sholas Parkway, Decatur, GA 30034.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gregory B Levett and Son Funeral Home - Flat Shoals Location
4347 Flat Shoals Pkwy
Decatur, GA 30034

Celebration of Life Service - Attend Live or via Livestream

JUN 7. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DG

“ *Our sincere condolences to Mrs. Virginia and family. We are praying for you and extend our love. Dr. Kay Gresham, Dwellie Roberson, and Bradley Morrison*

Dr. Kay Gresham - June 07 at 01:58 PM

TF

“ *Tony & Thedie Smith Family purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Graham Hardeman.*



Tony & Thedie Smith Family - June 05 at 07:28 PM

EF

“ *Eric, Phyllis, DeeDee, Meka and Family purchased the Calm & Comfort Bouquet for Sympathy - Florist Choice for the family of Graham Hardeman.*



Eric, Phyllis, DeeDee, Meka and Family - June 02 at 01:15 PM

PW

“ Well what do I say, you have been here all my life. I have watch you and mama have the best of times . I was only a teen at the time, you sat at the kitchen table at Dwight street I heard some of your hopes and dreams... I believe they all worked out beautifully. As a child i thought you were like the golly green giant so tall and wonderful. We spoke the day before the Almighty God closed your eyes. You will truly be missed. My prayers are for your wife Aunt Virginia, Lewis, little Graham and Genine. My prayers are for the entire Hardeman family Uncle Duck loving you alwaysPhil-co

phyllis white - May 31 at 10:07 AM