



## Vicki Lee Graham

April 2, 1944 - June 27, 2018

Vicki P. Graham of Madill, OK, was born April 2, 1944, in Oakland, California, to George S. and Lenell (Gillaspie) Portman. She passed away Wednesday, June 27, 2018, in Madill, OK, at the age of 74 years, 2 months, and 25 days. She was married to Roger Graham in Williamsburg, VA, on September 17, 1978.

Vicki grew up in Sulphur, OK, and moved to the Martha/Blair area in 1956 where she graduated from Blair High School in 1962. She graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature. In 1988, she graduated with a Master of Science degree in Psychology from East Central University.

Vicki was a journalist and Christian author. She authored *A Breath of Kindness* (Garborg's/DaySpring, 2002) and wrote and photographed *A Taste of Carthage: Good Food, Memories, and Southern Hospitality from Al Gore's Hometown* (Rutledge Hill Press, 2000). Vicki also contributed her sharp research and writing abilities as coauthor of *Laughter in the Dark* with Chonda Pierce (Simon & Schuster, 2007), compiler/rewrite editor of *Sanctuary* by David Jeremiah (Integrity, 2002), compiling editor of *Day by Day* with Charles Swindoll (W Publishing Group, 2002), researcher/writing contributor for the *Let There Be Laughter* series and the *When Miracles Happen* series (Guideposts Books, 2003–2008), and ghost writer of *Love Notes from God for Busy Moms* by Helen Young (Tyndale, 2004).

Vicki's experience also included fourteen years as a newspaper reporter and

editor for The Daily Olympian (Olympia, WA) and The Virginia Gazette (Williamsburg, VA). While living in Sulphur, OK, she served a term as the mayor of Sulphur and spent ten years as a counseling psychologist. In 1999, Vicki retired to Lake Texoma with her husband, Roger, where she served on the Library Council and attended the New Beginnings Church.

Vicki was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her son, Nik Kelly.

She is survived by her daughters and sons-in-law: Kristi Wade and David, of Lake Texoma, Jody Inchausti and Ron, of Huntington Beach, CA; daughter-in-law and her husband, Elayna Kelly-Duncan and Tim of Roanoke, TX; son Jason Graham and his wife, Sue, of Corpus Christi, TX; 7 grandchildren: JT Wade, Kelly Wade, Bella Inchausti, Corbyn Kelly, Nikolas Kelly, Bryan Graham, and Kyle Graham; 1 great-grandchild, Parker Wade; brother and sister-in-law, Sam Portman and Jane, of Estes Park, CO; and sister-in-law, Kathy Crumrine, and her husband, Keith, of Ellensburg, WA; and her best friend of 72 years, Charlotte Greeson of Bedford, TX.

Vicki was rarely seen without one of her signature OSU orange shirts. She was a woman of great faith and an avid reader. She loved and was loved by her family, friends, and community.

Memorial services will be held Thursday, July 5, 2018, at 1:00 p.m. at New Beginnings Church in Madill, OK, with Pastors Don, Martha, and Travis Williams officiating.

DeArman Funeral Home of Sulphur is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to [www.dearmanfuneralhome.com](http://www.dearmanfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ Vicki Lee Graham

October 05, 2023 at 07:47 PM



“ Sam Portman and family & Kristi Wade and family. Our hearts and prayers are with you all in the passing of Vicki. We hate we are not going to be able to be with you this time. Ralph and family, Donna and family, and Tammy & Tom send their love and sympathy. Our love and prayers are with you all.

"Chic" Owens

"Chic" Owens - July 05, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ I spent 72 years of my life loving this dear, sweet friend. We had a great life together. I will miss her in so many ways, but thrilled that she is in her "forever home" with loved ones who had gone before her. I pray many blessings on her family and those who loved her. She will be missed for so many reasons. Just love you, Vicki Lee...



Charlotte Greeson - July 04, 2018 at 01:54 AM



“ Judy Baker Portman and family. purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White for the family of Vicki Lee Graham.



Judy Baker Portman and family. - July 02, 2018 at 08:04 PM



“ *Bountiful European Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Vicki Lee Graham.* ”



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