



Fr. Edgar Graham S.J.

January 14, 1923 - February 1, 2015

On February 1, 2015, at Manresa Hall, Marion Station, PA; Rev. Edgar Graham, S.J., beloved son of the late Edgar Baker Graham and Maria Reith Graham; dear uncle of Miriam Wieners and her family and Donna Thompson and her family. Also survived by the Jesuit Community of the Maryland Province.

Fr. Edgar Graham, S.J., was born in Baltimore MD on January 14, 1923, the son of

Edgar Baker Graham and Maria E. Keith. He was baptized into the Catholic faith. in Holy

Cross Church there, and graduated from Loyola High School, Towson MD 1941. He

spent the next year at Loyola College. and entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) on July

30th 1942 at St. Isaac Jogues Novitiate 1n Wernersville PA, to make his first ascetjcal and

literary studies from 1942 to 1945. Woodstock College MD confened on him an A.B.

degree on compJetioi~ of his philosophy program there in 1948

Fr. Graham was one of the first Maryland Province Jesuits assigned to the new mission

in Janishedpur, India, where he taught mathematics and ethics in Loyola

School from 1948 to 1951. even as he himself was a student of the Hindi language there. In 1951 he was assigned to De Nobili College, Poona, India, for his theological studies. Fr. Graham was ordained to the Catholic priesthood by Archbishop Andrew D'Souza on March 24th, 1954. He completed his studies in spirituality and ascetical theology at the Jesuit House at St. Stanislaus Chm'ch, Sitagharha, India in 1957, and made solemn profession in the Society at St. Maiy's Church, Jarnsbedpur, India, on August 15, 1977. Fr. Graham's first pricstiy assigniunent was to return to Jamsbedpur's Loyola School in 1955 as Labn teacher for the year, and then to St Xavier School, Chaibasa. India as English teacher and minister of the Jesuit community from 1957 to 1959. He was then appointed as assistant dean for De Nobili School, Jeaigora, India for the years 1959-1961, Jamshedpur's Loyola School welcomed him back in 1961 for a twenty year ministry (1961-1981) as a mathematics and science teacher, and also as minister to the Jesuit community from 1979 to 1981. Fr. Graham functioned as treasurer, of the Jamshedpur Vice-Province from 1981 to 1985, and on his return to the United States in 1985 became assistant business office manager for Loyola College. Balumore MD, for the next two years. The Jesuit Community at Loyola College knew him as House Treasurer

for over
two decades (1987-2008) even as he ministered as assistant chaplain at
Baltimore's Good
Samaritan Hospital (1987-1995),
Health problems prompted Fr. Graham's 2008 move to the Manresa Hall care
facilities at the Loyola Center Jesuit Community in Marion Station PA, where
he
continued his prayerful support for the Church. his brother Jesuits, especially
his
Jamshedpur colleagues there with him, and for all who sought his help, until
his life
ended on February 1. 2015.

Cemetery Details

Woodstock Jesuit Cemetery

10900 Old Court Road
Woodstock, MD 21163

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Immaculate Heart of Mary
8501 Loch Raven Blvd.
Baltimore, MD 21286

Funeral Mass

FEB 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle Edgar officiated my wedding back in 2013. At that time, he was losing some of his memory, but I didn't care -- he was there for me when I need him -- he was there at my Confirmation, at my son's Baptism and then for my Wedding.

I remember during the Wedding Ceremony he had stopped and I had to remind him that there was more to the Wedding than what he had done -- he had forgotten to say "you may kiss the bride" -- he quickly got himself together, told my husband that he could kiss his bride and then announced us as Mr. & Mrs. Rogers.

I can also remember another time prior to my Wedding, when he was officiating the 10:30 am Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary, that he admitted that he had forgotten part of the Mass, it seemed that the congregation was relieved it was not going to be a long Mass. Suddenly, Uncle Ed announced that he remembered the part he had forgotten and sure enough added that part and then continued with the rest of the Mass. The congregation let out a loving chuckle.

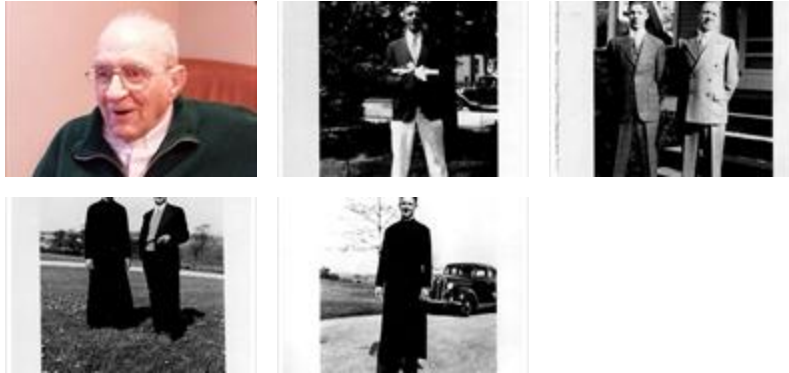
I was always having people that I know tell me how much they loved the Masses that he officiated at and how sad they were to hear that he would no longer be officiating Masses.

My Uncle was truly a VERY SPECIAL PERSON!!

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“ *I first met Fr. Graham when he was the visiting priest at the Immaculate Heart of Mary church in Baynesville, MD. He always celebrated the 10:30 am Mass in the hall. His homilies were always uplifting and humorous. You could see that he was always speaking from the heart! I enjoyed his stories of his experiences in India and his boyhood memories here in Baltimore which he always seemed to weave into his sermons. From these brief encounters, I saw a man who was very humble and honest and who had no problem in speaking his mind even in the middle of mass!*

I remember one time during the offertory, he stopped what he was doing and told everyone that he had to go to the bathroom. The Mass was put on hold until he returned with the congregation greeting him with a smattering of applause and nervous giggles. Before he started up again he apologized for the potty break by saying something like " at my age, when nature calls you've got to answer" followed by a roar of laughter by the congregation! Everyone loved Fr. Graham he will surely will be missed.

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