



Philip J. Grahl

April 21, 1935 - November 15, 2025

Philip John Grahl of Eden, went to be with the Lord, on 15 November 2025. He was born on 21 April 1935, the oldest son of the late John and Margaret (Pfeiffer) Grahl. On 03 June 1960 he married the love of his life, Sigrid G. Gerber at the Assembly of God Church, Fond Du Lac, WI.

He attended the one room school house in Eden while working with his father, and brothers as they came along, on the family farm. Those early experiences created a life long love of cattle and the land. He joined the Army on 08 January 1958, during the Cold War. He was mobilized overseas to Germany where he was assigned to border patrol which moved along the then Czechoslovakian border.

It was in Straubing, Germany, at the end of his overseas tour, where he fell in love with his soon to be German bride, Sigrid. He knew she was “the one” because 6 months after their first meeting they were married. 65 years of marriage later they still kissed and hugged one another good-bye, even if it was just a short trip to town. He always called her ‘Darling’ and never missed an opportunity to give her a loving message in a card..

While his military service was a highlight of his life, he loved farming and did so past the age of 72. Being a dairy farmer, there were always things to fix! Often, he would find unique solutions to repair problems – he loved it!! The knack for fixing turned into a hobby of remodeling properties. He would often work all day on the farm and then work late into the night on a rental property. His second great passion was traveling! He went on over 15 trips to Europe

exploring places from England to Italy. Germany remained his favorite place to visit. One of his most memorable trips was visiting the battlefields and cemeteries of WWII. As an avid reader, biographies of WWII heroes were always within arm's reach. Perhaps that's what kept him interested in political events of the day. He religiously watched the 5pm World News.

I don't remember my father ever having much more than \$20 in his wallet. Being frugal meant that scrap wood was never thrown away – regardless of where it came from. Many was the day that he would be outside, cutting down pieces of lumber to take to the Eden blacksmith shop. That same attitude extended to his pick-up trucks. He drove them until the duck tape he frequently painted over, stopped holding the fenders on!!

Outside of farming and fixing things, Pop played the trumpet. He took pride and pleasure in being in the church orchestra and playing duets with his son Wayne. He was a member of the Assembly of God church from infancy until about 5 years ago where he began attending the Spirit of Life Church in Fond Du Lac with his son John. If there was a position one could hold in a church – he held it! His many years as a Sunday School teacher developed a depth and faith in his Love for the Lord. I would often find him reading the Bible in the early morning hours or when I'd come into the house. As a prayer warrior, I found a prayer he wrote in his Bible asking the Lord to extend His healing hand to those around him. Our Father was a man of peace. He will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Sigrid of Eden, his son John and wife Tami of Eden, his daughter Ingrid of Fond du lac, 14 Grandchildren, 30 Great-Grandchildren, and 1 Great-Great-Grandchild, his youngest brother Timothy and wife Annette and multiple nieces and nephews. Preceded in death are his parents, John and Margaret, brother Daniel and wife Karen, his youngest son Wayne and his oldest daughter Pam and her husband Jerry Faeh. Special thanks to Almost Family and Home Helpers for their diligence and thoughtful care, and Police, First Responders staff at the Red Cabin at Green Acres for their professionalism and kindness.

VISITATION: Kurki Funeral Chapel, 31 E. Division Street, Fond du Lac on Friday, 21 November, 2025, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Visitation will continue at the Spirit of Life Church, 240 N National Ave, Fond du lac on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. after which the service will begin.

SERVICES: Begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Spirit of Life Church followed by burial at the Empire Cemetery, town of Empire. Legion Post #75 will conduct a military graveside service.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory
31 E. Division Street
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Funeral Service

NOV **22.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Spirit of Life Church
240 N. National Avenue
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Committal

NOV **22.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Empire Cemetery
Eden, WI

Tribute Wall

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“ Ingrid, may you and your family find comfort in "the peace that passes all understanding" during this time. What a WONDERFUL gift of having an earthly Father who was a faithful servant of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, a great example of how to care for family and living life with purpose! Craig Andrews



Craig Andrews - November 23, 2025 at 05:30 PM

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“ I Sending my Condolences to you gratefully thanking GOD Almighty For my Father in law who was a honorable faithful Believer in Jesus Christ our Lord. Was a Wittness, Father, Brother and Mentor to me and my children. He is gone into the Glory of Gods great Love and PRESENCE, May you all be comforted and strengthened in Jesus Christ our Lord Amen
Doris Grahl

Doro Rosi Grahl-Kreuzer - November 22, 2025 at 09:46 AM

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“ So many memories of Phil and Sigrid. Have known them over 60 years. We were back and forth to each other's homes. When my husband Jose and I lived in Germany they came several times. We went to Florida on vacation with them. Phil was a good Christian. He will surely be missed.



Ruth Vives - November 19, 2025 at 02:41 PM