

# Graham, 86, medical professor, researcher Strickland, 31, officer in school, Orange County

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Rarely does one person spend his or her entire career serving one community.

Dr. John Borden Graham, who died in his home Sept. 25 at the age of 86, was one of the few.

"To me, that seems rare in this day and age," said Virginia Drill, Graham's daughter. "He deeply loved Chapel Hill."

Graham came to UNC as a medical student in the 1930s and returned in 1946 as an instructor in pathology. After spending his entire career at the University, he officially retired in 1985. However, he continued his research until his wife became ill in 1993.

"Even after his retirement, he was very active in both the professional and social aspects of the department," said Dr. Charles Jennette, chairman of the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. "He was still attending events the week he died."

As a professor of pathology, Graham taught medical students for more than three decades.

"He loved explaining things and teaching things. He was also very curious," Drill said. "He had that exploring kind of mind that I think

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Graham was a key player in establishing a genetics curriculum and created the first formal genetics course at the University in 1954. He also served as chairman of the curriculum from 1963 until his retirement.

As a research scientist, Graham helped uncover many mysteries of hemophilia and other bleeding disorders.

"This man has had many firsts," said Dr. Harold Roberts, Sarah Graham Kenan distinguished professor of medicine and a former student of Graham.

Along with Dr. Cecil Hougie, Graham discovered the coagulation factor X, the central enzyme in the reactions causing a normal blood clot.

In 1992 Graham received the School of Medicine's Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to research in genetics and hematology and his impact on medical

education in North Carolina. He also published more than 250 scientific articles and wrote books on his military career, the issue of home health care and the history of UNC's pathology department.

Those close to Graham said his legacy will be remembered beyond the confines of the classroom and laboratory.

"He was a true scholar and a gentleman," Jennette said. "Not only a world-renowned researcher, he was also a devoted family man."

Roberts said Graham's devotion to his sick wife, Ruby Barrett Graham, was one of his best qualities.

"This man took care of his wife every day of the week for years," he said. "He had the capacity to commit himself, which I think is a greater legacy than any scientific research. It's nothing short of admirable."

Graham is survived by his wife, his daughter, his two sons, Barrett and Thomas Graham, and two granddaughters.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday at the University Presbyterian Church.

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BY JAKE POTTER  
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The Orange County Sheriff's Department and a Hillsborough middle school were missing a familiar face Monday.

Deputy officer Jodi Rebecca Strickland, 31, died around 2 p.m. Saturday in a one-vehicle accident off Efland Cedar Grove Road when her Ford F250 fishtailed down a curve and ran off the road, hitting a tree.

In addition to her duties with the sheriff's office, she worked as a student resource officer at A.L. Stanback Middle School in Hillsborough.

Sheriff Lindy Pendergrass spoke highly of Strickland's exceptional ability with kids.

"She had such a rapport with the kids at the school," Pendergrass said. "She had a knack for working with kids."

Strickland's duties at Stanback included teaching DARE and child abuse education classes.

"She could walk up the sidewalk, and there were always eight or 10 kids tugging on her," Pendergrass said.

Deputy officer Bobby Collins said Strickland was well-liked by the staff and children at Stanback. "She was extremely dedicated to the school and to law enforcement in general," he said.

School officials said the faculty had a meeting Monday afternoon to discuss Strickland's death and were then planning to go to Strickland's house.

Anne D'Annunzio, spokeswoman for Orange County Schools, said social workers were present at Stanback on Monday to console students and staff.

Strickland was working with Collins to buy a bomb-sniffing dog before she died.

The sheriff's office recently had obtained a grant to purchase the dog.

Collins indicated that Strickland likely would have been reassigned to work with the K-9 unit.

Strickland came to the sheriff's office after previously working with the Chapel Hill Police Department, Pendergrass said.

She left the sheriff's office more than a year ago to pursue work with the State Bureau of Investigations,

where she worked with the arson division, Pendergrass said. "When she left, we were devastated," he said.

Strickland returned to the sheriff's office in April. "She wanted to settle down into a certain locality," Collins said. "We were happy to have her back."

Strickland had been with the sheriff's office for more than three years.

Pendergrass said someone would be assigned to cover her duties with the unit.

Strickland was driving through what Pendergrass described as "torrential rain" Saturday when her truck fishtailed on a curve on Efland Cedar Grove Road.

She is survived by her husband, Paul, a Durham firefighter.

A visitation will be held at 6 p.m. today at Hudson Funeral Home on Miami Boulevard in Durham.

Strickland's funeral will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Greystone Baptist Church on Hillsborough Road in Durham.

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## Odum Village to undergo changes

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A multitude of construction projects at the corner of Manning and Hibbard drives on South Campus soon will impact the students and

families living in that area.

The Department of Housing & Residential Education is conducting information sessions tonight to make residents of Odum Village — the student housing apartment complex for UNC students with families — aware of the various construction projects that are taking place and the future of plans for the area.

"The information session gives us an opportunity to answer any questions and share information about the construction," said Christopher Payne, director of housing and residential education.

At the sessions, residents and administrators will discuss construction projects in the area, including the South Campus chiller plant and student family housing along Mason Farm Road, as well as a new steam plant and its 4,200-foot utility tunnel.

The steam plant is meant to serve the energy needs of the almost 6 million square feet of floor space that will be built on campus in the next five to six years.

And the new student family housing complex will consist of nine new buildings that will house about 400 new apartments. The first buildings should be complete by next summer.

"We work closely with contractors to be updated with the construction," Payne said. "So we periodically have information sessions

to keep the students updated."

Payne said all new additions to Odum Village will not only impact those living in the area, but also others who live and work on campus.

"Within the next year there will be lots of construction around Odum Village," said Colin Scott, president of the Residence Hall Association.

"We are looking into how to inform students about the construction and how it will impact them."

Odum Village also will be open to undergraduates next fall to replace units lost when Morrison Residence Hall closes for construction, Scott said.

Jen Bushman, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, said officials will make details about the construction and the student family housing available at tonight's meeting.

"They will update residents about the various stages of the construction," Bushman said.

"They also want to advertise what is in store for the future of Odum Village."

The community meetings will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday in the CSR room in the Odum Village office, located at the end of Branson Street.

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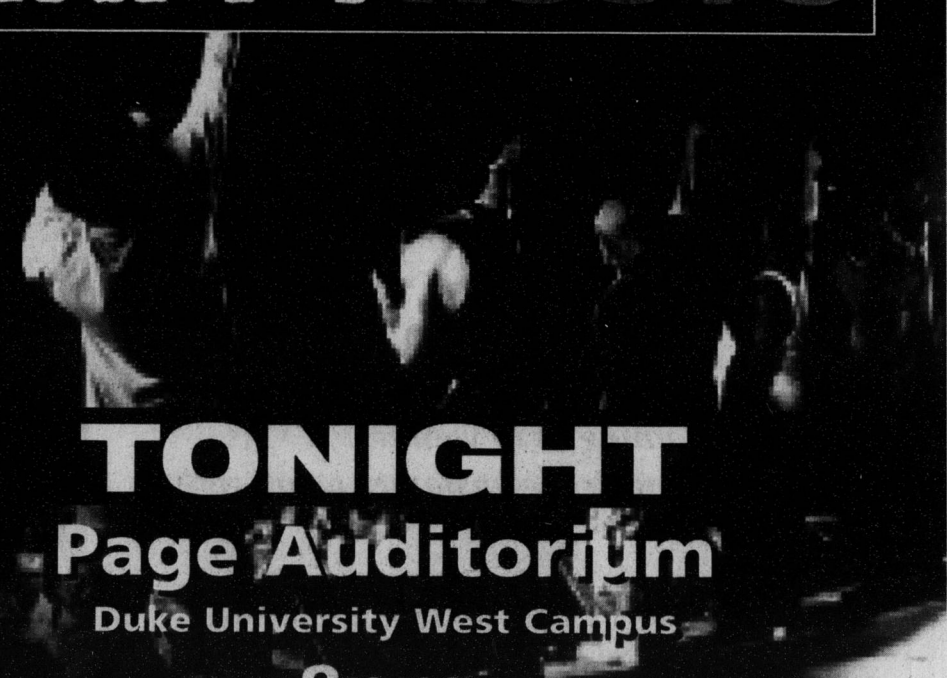
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