



Graham Farrell

December 18, 2024

Graham Farrell of Hudson, NY died peacefully at Albany Medical Center on Dec. 18th.

Graham was born and raised in Aberdeen, North Carolina. He devoted his life to studying, performing and teaching music. He was also a composer and wrote many jazz renditions of popular Christmas music which he performed often at the Presbyterian Church in Hudson, NY. Graham studied music at Furman University in South Carolina and later did graduate work at Yale University in New Haven, CT.

After spending many years in St. Paul, Minnesota, Graham was re-united with a close friend, Dr. Norman Posner of Hudson, NY. A long-distance friendship evolved into a lifelong relationship and Graham moved to Hudson Bush Farm in Hudson, NY. When same sex marriage became legal, Norman and Graham were married in Iowa City, IA where Norman went to medical school. Dr. Posner passed away in April, 2024.

Graham and Norman were very involved in many aspects of life in Hudson, NY and Graham fell in love with his new city. Through music, Graham became an active part of the social life of Hudson, NY and for many years entertained those who attended his organ Christmas concerts at Hudson's Presbyterian Church. He will be sadly missed by friends, neighbors and family members.

In addition to his husband, Norman Posner, Graham is predeceased by his parents Cecil and Catherine Farrell, and sisters Jane Farrell Israel and Esther Farrell Hogan. He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

There will be a private memorial in Graham's honor at his home in Hudson, NY.

Tribute Wall

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“Graham was a great friend. He shared his music and his spirit with me in St Paul, MN. May he rest in peace!

judith - June 25, 2025 at 10:11 AM

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“Graham - You were a treasured friend. Amanda and I performed your "A Gospel Pair" at Friday's Bach's Lunch at Emmanuel, Southern Pines, the church where you were baptized in 1941, this past Friday, January 31st. We offered it again on Sunday, February 2, 2025, for Choral Evensong at St. Michael's in Raleigh. The response from all who heard it was one of joy and deep appreciation. I wish you were still with us so we could talk at length about music. Now, your music will speak for you. Thank you for that legacy and the gift of music that you shared with the world.

Homer Ferguson - February 04, 2025 at 02:11 PM