

**GRATIOT COUNTY**

# Longtime health department medical director passes away

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A longtime health department medical director and family physician died Saturday at age 66.

A memorial service for physician Robert Graham Jr. will be held today at 11 a.m. at Smith Family Funeral Homes, 1113 E. Center St. in Ithaca.

Visitation will be held today at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until the memorial service.

**Graham**

Graham, who retired last year as medical director of the Central Michigan District Health Department, also served as medical director of the Mid Michigan District Health Department and District 10 Health Department.

A graduate of Central Michigan University and Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, Graham moved with wife Mary to Ithaca,

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her hometown, in 1979; she preceded him in death in 2011.

Graham was a family physician at the Ithaca Clinic for 13 years before he became medical director of the health departments he served.

Graham enjoyed several hobbies, including fishing, hunting, traveling and especially spending time with his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Sally and

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Bob Graham; and his wife of 39 years, Mary Graham.

Graham is survived by his wife, Michele Graham; daughter, Elizabeth (Barry) Palmer; son, Matthew (Melanie) Graham; son, Robert (Danielle) Graham; daughter, Kathleen (Aaron) Draper; and his grandchildren, Madeline, Keira, Charley, Davis, Eli and Maxwell; his brothers, Jon, Mike, Gary,

and Jay; his sisters, Mary, Sally, Kay, and Becky; stepdaughter, Cetara Kench; grandson Braylon; Stepson Corbin (Jordyn) Kench; and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, brothers and sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Graham may be made to The American Cancer Society.