



Mr. John Wesley Griffin

January 27, 1920 - October 10, 2017

Mr. John W. Griffin, 97, of Sylvester ended his long journey of life on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at his residence.

The funeral mass will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 14, 2017 at St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Albany with burial to follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Sylvester. The Rev. Raymond Levreault will officiate. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday at Banks Funeral Home with a Rosary Service being held at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Griffin was born on January 27, 1920 in Ocilla (Irwin County) to the late John W. and Arlo Hinson Griffin. He left Irwin County to join the Navy during WWII where he was stationed on a destroyer, the USS Babbitt, escorting convoys across the Atlantic to supply the war effort in Europe. Mr. Griffin met his beloved wife, Marie, in New York in 1942. They were happily married for 65 years and raised 7 children. Mr. Griffin returned to South Georgia in 1970 where he owned and operated 2 Red & White Grocery Stores before retiring. He enjoyed get-togethers to cook and swim with family and friends. Mr. Griffin loved to go hunting and fishing with his sons and grandsons. He took great pride in his garden and would share its bountiful harvest with many. Mr. Griffin was a great cook who enjoyed sharing his love of cooking by providing meals for his family and friends. He and his beloved wife, Marie, took yearly vacations to her home country of Newfoundland, Canada to spend time catching up with friends and relatives. Mr. Griffin will always be remembered for his quick wit and love of a good joke. He was a member of Saint Teresa's

Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus in Albany, Georgia.

Survivors include his children, Ann Marie Geer (Bucky), John Griffin (Janis), Kathleen Sutherland (Jim), Francis Griffin, Brian Griffin (Betty), Kevin Griffin (Debi) and Regina Gill (Glenn); 14 grandchildren; 23 great grandchildren; a sister, Margaret Griffin and a brother, Earl Griffin.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Griffin was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Marie Maloney Griffin; sisters, Gladys Price, Kathleen O'Hanlon, Mamie Griffin, Caroline Odem, Mildred Lewis, Alma Tomlinson; and brothers, Hubert Griffin, Arthur Griffin, Paul Griffin and Fain Griffin.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Mr. Griffin to St. Clare's Neighbors in Need 2005 Martin Luther King Dr. Albany, GA 31705 or St. Teresa's Catholic Church, 421 Edgewood Lane, Albany, GA 31707.

Please sign our online guest registry at www.banksfh.com.

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. John Wesley Griffin*

January 28, 2023 at 12:53 PM



“ *Thinking of you all as Uncle John is laid to rest on Saturday. Love Loretta & Calvin*

Loretta & Calvin Smith - May 14, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ *Know that the Askew Family will pray for the Kerr Family during this time of not only sorrow but happiness that another member has joined our Father in heaven. May God bless all of you during this difficult time. Ken Askew*

Ken Askew - May 14, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ *Sharon and I were so sad to hear of John's passing. He was a great man and will be sorely missed by all who knew him. May God bless him and the wonderful legacy of family and friends he leaves to remember him. Our deepest sympathy.*

Harold & Sharon Mallowney - May 14, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ *My family are thinking of you all and saddened by John's passing. We enjoyed his company every summer. Mass is celebrated for Marie and John at 5 in Bay Bulls. Praying for you all,*

Patsy O'Brien - May 14, 2018 at 02:18 PM

RT

“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all as you say your last good byes to you Dad, Grandad and Brother. Griff was a a force to be reckoned with and when he had an opinion he made sure to give it to you. He never held back anything and gave his all. He will be missed by us all. I am so glad he got to come to our little family reunion here and he enjoyed his time with the boat tour, bonfire, cook up and our sing a longs. Family was everything to him and I am so happy that he made a point to visit us for years so we could get to know him and all my cousins. Thinking of you all today and everyday. God Speed Griff. Your work on earth is done.

Romona Tobin - May 14, 2018 at 02:18 PM

JO

“ I have fond memories John's visits to Bay Bulls and coming to church. He will be missed by us here. My sincere sympathies to all his family.

John O'Brien - May 14, 2018 at 02:18 PM

PM

“ We are very sorry to hear of John's passing and remembering the great times we spent with him. He will surely be missed.

Pat,Don ,Ross Maloney - May 14, 2018 at 02:18 PM

AM

“ Gennette and I were saddened to hear of my uncle John's passing. he was a great man to have a conversation with. he will surely be missed by all. May he rest in peace.

Albert Mallowney - May 14, 2018 at 02:18 PM

JM

“ Dearly missed but never will be forgotten. Summers in Bay Bulls will definitely be different without a visit from Uncle John. But those memories will always be in my heart so therefore never forgotten. All my love to my family during this time of grief. Although Uncle John has left this earth we do have the promise that we will see him again at the Second Coming of Christ. Love to everyone. Joan

Joan Mallowney - May 14, 2018 at 02:18 PM

SR

“ Regina, was so sorry to hear of your Daddy's passing. Our hearts and prayers are with you and the family.

Sharon Rhoads - May 14, 2018 at 02:18 PM