



William John Griffis

April 14, 1945 - September 8, 2024

William John Griffis, 79, a long time Rushville resident and businessman passed away September 8, 2024 in Indianapolis. Bill was born April 14, 1945 in Lancaster, Wisconsin to James & Kathleen (Richter) Griffis. He was a 1963 graduate of Lancaster High School and attended the University of Wisconsin. He married Sherri Fuller on July 11, 1982 and she survives.

Bill owned and operated Griffis Capital Planning in Rushville for over 40 years. He was active in the Rushville Rotary Club and enjoyed his involvement with the Stock School Club at Rushville Elementary.

He knew his way around a pool table and enjoyed watching football, especially the Indianapolis Colts. He and Sherri had spent every Spring break in St. Pete beach for the past 40 years.

Bill will be missed by his wife, Sherri, of Rushville, sons, Patrick & Kirk Griffis of Las Vegas, daughters, Nikki Griffis of Las Vegas, Kristi (Jeff) Bruns of Rushville and Erin (Scott) Garriott of Indianapolis, brothers, James & Dennis Griffis of Arizona, grandchildren, Devon Griffis, Antoine Anderson-Griffis, Austin (Morgan) Bruns, Spencer Bruns (Claudia Schwitz), Parker Bruns, Ella, Mae & Weston Garriott and great granddaughters, Jamiyah Washington & Kennedy Bruns.

A Memorial Service will be held at 1 PM Friday, September 13, 2024 in Moster Mortuary, Rushville with Pastor John Wall presiding. Friends are welcome to visit the family from 10 AM until time of service on Friday in the mortuary. Burial will follow in the Calvary Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Rushville Rotary Club, Rush County Community Foundation or to Rush County Victim's Assistance.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

Ft. Wayne Rd.
Rushville, IN

Previous Events

Gathering of friends

SEP **13**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Moster Mortuary
334 North Main Street
Rushville, IN 46173
(765) 932-3914
info@mostermortuary.com
<https://www.mostermortuary.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Moster Mortuary created a Webcast in memory of William John Griffis*



Moster Mortuary - September 13, 2024 at 04:45 PM

KG

Unfortunately I Kirk griffis his son can't play his funeral webcast on my phone I apologize

Kirk Griffis - September 13, 2024 at 01:48 PM

JG

I Rev. Jimmy Griffis Bills older brother. Yesterday I could not get the webcast. However, by face time with Bills daughter Nikki had it on her brother computer, then this morning I was able to Watch it. Thanks. Thank you, Mike, for what you said.

Jim Griffis - September 14, 2024 at 01:20 PM

JQ

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



Jeff & Carlene Quirk - September 16, 2024 at 05:05 PM

JC

We went on business trips together years ago with our broker-dealer. Bill was certainly an interesting and entertaining individual. I loved his stories of how he went to California after high school and lived on the beach, got in fights and hustled pool for several years! He always said that there were still warrants out for his arrest back in Wisconsin, I never knew whether to believe him or not! We still talked on the phone a few times a year and shared stories. So sorry to hear of his passing...Jeff & Carlene Quirk, Lafayette, Indiana

Jeff & Carlene - September 16, 2024 at 05:12 PM

PG

“*Bill Griffis was my dad and he had a big impact on my life and the lives of my brother and sister as well as the lives of my extended family through Sherri. He started and maintained a financial planning business and I was fortunate to shadow my dad right after college to see the master at work. And what a master he was. I remember him reading the Wall Street Journal and keeping a close eye on current events when I was young. I also remember wrestling lessons in his pool which he maintained and enjoyed so well. And of course the masterful pool playing. He wasn't too shabby on the ping pong table and the golf course. I remember him showing me how to swing a golf driver club. He really knew his stuff on NFL football and he really loved his Colts. I enjoyed hearing stories about my dad from his brothers. He really inspired me to try to do better in life and I am eternally grateful to him for that. He had really great taste in food and oh boy could really handle the spicy stuff. Most of all, I will miss the tender moments and the many long conversations we shared. He was smart, strong, kind and funny and he will be dearly missed.*

Patrick Griffis - September 13, 2024 at 07:20 PM

JG

“ James G. purchased a sympathy card for the family of William John Griffis.



James G. - September 13, 2024 at 10:40 AM

TS

“ Sherri so sorry for your loss, thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family



Tom Stamm - September 12, 2024 at 09:35 PM

PG

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Patrick Griffis - September 13, 2024 at 01:00 AM

DG

“ Bill was my older brother by two years and one day, as his birthday was on April 14, and mine was April 15. We grew up on a farm, worked hard, played hard, and he was always my protector in high school. He was a very strong guy, and nobody messed with him. Bill was always a very intelligent guy, and got his life straightened out, probably around age 30, and turned into a great person, a smart businessman, and a good family man. I am still in disbelief that he is gone, and I will miss him. None of us know our expiration date, so we should live every day as if it is our last.

Dennis Griffis - September 12, 2024 at 07:53 PM

JG

“ Bill was a very strong farm boy growing up. I am his older brother at age 84. I went into the Us Air Force in 1958 while he was a young boy. I was gone 21 years. When I returned he was 6 foot one inch tall and I at 5 foot 5 learned not to wrestle with him or play pool against him. He really knew his way around the pool table. He was extremely hard to beat. When he moved to Rushville, he really settled in to a great life and marrying Sherrie. Her children really accepted him in and from 1982 he felt he was accepted in Rushville. He became a business man that would have made his parents proud of him and I as his oldest brother I told him that I was proud of him. He was able to connect with his daughter Nikki and twin sons Patrick and Kirk who all live in Las Vegas Nevada a long way from Rushville. In one year I have lost a man that was like a brother, a daughter age 57 and now my younger brother in one year. Its not supposed to be like that. Our dad use to tell us getting old isn't for sissies. He sure was right. We did not grow up knowing how to say I Love You. A few months before Bill died, he called me to say I Love You. Ill never forget that phone call. It took me to age 42 to tell my dad. I could tell Bill as I had quite a bit of practice before.. I hope anybody reading this tells you parents and children that you love them and that your proud of them. Rev. Jimmy Griffis!

Jim Griffis - September 12, 2024 at 07:02 PM

NG

This is a beautiful tribute to my Dad Uncle Jimmy. Brought tears to my eyes. I am so grateful my Dad had such a good life with Sherri and her family. I couldn't ask for a better extended family He also got me to do the ancestry thing which got me in touch with more of my family and I am grateful for that.

Nikki Griffis - September 12, 2024 at 08:05 PM

TF

“ *The Leffler Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William John Griffis.*



The Leffler Family - September 12, 2024 at 10:27 AM

DS

“ *Diana Ewbank Swales planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William John Griffis.*

Diana Ewbank Swales - September 12, 2024 at 09:36 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William John Griffis.*



September 12, 2024 at 09:36 AM



“ *Condolences to Sherri and the family from Denny Summan*

Denny Summan - September 12, 2024 at 07:00 AM

DB

“ Danny Bennett lit a candle in memory of William John Griffis



Danny Bennett - September 11, 2024 at 10:39 AM

DB

“ Bill was my older brother by 2 years. His birthday was April 14, and mine was April 15. He was my protector in high school, and I always looked up to him for his intelligence, and always a strong guy, who you did not want to mess with. I had a nice conversation with him 3 days before this unfortunate incident happened to him. I am having trouble accepting that he is gone. He was a wonderful brother, and I will miss him so much.

Denny Griffis, (Bill's brother) - September 10, 2024 at 11:54 PM

TL

Nice sentiments Denny. He was me of a kind.

Tom Leffler - September 11, 2024 at 04:02 PM

ND

“ Nikki and Devon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William John Griffis.

Nikki and Devon - September 10, 2024 at 05:20 PM

ND

“ Nikki and Devon purchased the Classic Charcuterie Snacks Gift Set for the family of William John Griffis.



Nikki and Devon - September 10, 2024 at 05:20 PM

NG

“ Nikki Griffis lit a candle in memory of William John Griffis



Nikki Griffis - September 10, 2024 at 05:16 PM

NV

“ I enjoyed knowing Bill during my years in the Rushville Rotary Club; also, his office was right around the corner from mine when I was publisher of the Rushville Republican. He was a really nice fellow, always with a warm and friendly demeanor.

Norman D. Voiles - September 10, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William John Griffis.



September 10, 2024 at 10:11 AM

BD

“ Brothers Jimmy and Denny purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William John Griffis.



Brothers Jimmy and Denny - September 09, 2024 at 06:51 PM

NG

“ William Griffis is my father and my most fondest memory is when I was around 6 years old he told me you could separate a cloud just by staring at it for a long time by using mind control. To this day I still “separate” clouds. He taught me how to build my credit and he helped me buy my first car. He showed me what being financially responsible means and also to this day I am financially responsible! I will miss our long talks on the phone and his stories from “back in the day” Dad, you have left this earth but you will never leave my heart. I love you! And thank you to Sherri for being by his side for all of these years and showing him true love and taking care of him and giving him a family to love him unconditionally like we love him.



Nikki Griffis - September 09, 2024 at 04:42 PM

SC

“ Sally&John Collyer lit a candle in memory of William John Griffis



Sally&John Collyer - September 09, 2024 at 03:03 PM