



Gary Gene Griffin

July 10, 1936 - December 30, 2020

Gary Gene Griffin passed away on December 30, 2020 at CMH in Bolivar.

Gary was born on July 10, 1936 in Bona, MO. His parents were Lloyd 'Bill' Griffin and Ruby Crain Griffin, he had one sister Glee Ann Huchteman.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents and sister.

Gary graduated from Dadeville High School in 1954. He married Janice Lee Hopkins in 1968 and they had four children, Kary Griffin, Marcia Griffin, Sherry Holland (Mike), Timothy Griffin (Misty). He also had 8 grandchildren that he was so proud of: Kennedy "KJ" and Ruby Griffin; Isaac, Milo and Cecelia Griffin; Jason and Ryleigh Holland; Braycen Witt; and a daughter -in-law Nichole McMillan. He also is survived by several nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Gary was an active member of the Bona Church of Christ.

Gary spent many years playing, umping and coaching youth baseball. In the mid-70's Gary and his friends Mike Hopkins, Ernie Presley, Ronnie Burrows and Al Kent Reed started the summer youth baseball program known now as the Polk County League.

Gary and Janice owned and operated the Fair Play Slaughter House & Locker Plant and the Land-O-Lakes Drive In during the 1970's while he worked as a substitute mailman. He eventually became a full-time Rural Mail Carrier and retired after 26 years. He also officiated Football, Basketball and Baseball for MSHSAA over 25 years. Gary served on the Fair Play School Board for several years.

Gary was a lifelong supporter of Dadeville Athletics and most recently Wheatland Athletics due to his granddaughters.

You could always catch Gary watching his grandchildren at their sporting events. He also loved to fish and hunt. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan. Gary really loved a good fish fry which he did annually for friends for many years.

Visitation will be held 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM. Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at the Bona Church of Christ in Bona, MO. with a private family graveside held at a later date

Tribute Wall



“ Gary Gene Griffin

October 05, 2023 at 05:18 AM



“ Gary Gene Griffin

January 26, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Gary. I have many fond memories working at the Land o Lakes drive Inn for 3 years. He was a great boss and all around nice guy. After just loosing my sister Joyce a few weeks ago, My heart goes out to Janice and family. She had worked at the drive inn too, as well as my mom. Sending prayers. Steve and Linda (Davolt) Brinkman

Linda Brinkman - January 06, 2021 at 12:53 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gary Gene Griffin.



January 05, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Gary Gene Griffin.*



January 05, 2021 at 02:39 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Gary's family. We are so sorry for your loss.*
Jack and Judy Wheeler

Jack and Judy Wheeler - January 05, 2021 at 12:27 AM



“ *He was a really good coach. I would help him at the slaughterhouse. He gave us a house to rent when ours burned down. One of the best. Prayers.*

tom mcgiwin - January 04, 2021 at 09:03 PM



“ *Janice, we were so sorry to learn of Gary's passing. I know you will be lost but hope that you will find comfort in all the wonderful memories and your family around you.*

A classmate and friend
Katheryn and James Bridges

Katheryn L. Bridges - January 04, 2021 at 08:00 PM

DP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May there be many great memories that will bring about smiles for years to come. God Bless Dan Pennington

Dan Pennington - January 04, 2021 at 01:11 PM

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“ Dan and Daniel Pennington and Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Gary Gene Griffin.



Dan and Daniel Pennington and Family - January 04, 2021 at 12:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gary Gene Griffin.



January 04, 2021 at 11:48 AM

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“ Jan, we are so sorry for your loss. I know you will be so lost, but you have your family and all the wonderful memories. May you find comfort in them. Our hearts go out to you all.
Katheryn and James Bridges

Katheryn Bridges - January 02, 2021 at 06:38 PM