



William "Bill" Griffith

January 15, 1944 - November 12, 2020

William J. "Bill" Griffith was born January 15, 1944 in Walnut, Iowa to William Lyle and Elsie Marie (Rihner) Griffith. He was one of seven children. He graduated from Walnut High School in 1961. Bill worked at Olsen Motors in Walnut, Iowa from 1961-1968. He then managed the Texaco Station by the interstate in Walnut from 1968-1972. Bill then worked for Chub Walter and Albert Schirm in the fertilizer business.

Bill was united into marriage to Opal Armstrong on June 12, 1965 at the Presbyterian Church in Walnut. After their honeymoon to Florida, they made their home in Walnut. They were the parents of three sons: Courtney, Adrian and Shannon.

Bill and Opal began their Antique business in the late 1970's and were engaged in it at the time of his passing. Through the years, Bill and Opal expanded their antique business to include owning and operating three stores in Walnut: Farm Fresh Antiques, The Walnut Antique Mall and The Antique Furniture Emporium. Bill and Opal enjoyed the hunt for antiques and when they were not together at their shop, they were frequently together at antique shows and auctions.

Bill also enjoyed fishing, hunting, and boating at their lake house at Lost Island Lake, and sharing summer activities with friends and family there. Bill and Opal enjoyed traveling and have wintered in Florida since 2000. He also enjoyed following his sons and grandchildren's many sporting activities.

Bill passed away on Thursday, November 12, 2020, having attained the age of seventy-six years, nine months and twenty-eight days. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, siblings: Jeanette, Darlene, Dorothy, Norma, Donald "Bud" and Barbara, and sister-in-law Lois Osborn and her husband Jack.

He leaves to celebrate his memory his wife Opal; sons Courtney Griffith of Walnut, Iowa; Adrian Griffith of Walnut, Iowa; Shannon (Teresa) Griffith of Walnut, Iowa; grandchildren Seth (Kelsey) Griffith; Will (Ronda) Griffith; Courtlyn (Randy) Arbuckle; Kane (Savannah)

Griffith; Mason, Hugh, Ian and Rhys Griffith; great-grandchildren Hayden, Hadley, Harper, Hannah Griffith; Drew and Braelyn Griffith; Tristan and Keagin Arbuckle; Kyla, Kaydence, Seeley and Karsyn Griffith; nieces and nephews, other family and many friends.

Cemetery

Layton Township
Cemetery
Westgate Rd.
Walnut, IA, 51577

Events

NOV 17	Visitation	05:00PM - 07:00PM
	Pauley Jones Funeral Home - Avoca 1304 N. Sawmill Dr., PO Box 657, Avoca, IA, US, 51521	
NOV 18	Funeral Service	10:30AM
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Pauley Jones Funeral Homes, LLC - November 17, 2020 at 03:11 PM



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“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Griffith.



November 17, 2020 at 10:40 AM



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Pauley Jones Funeral Homes, LLC - November 16, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ Lots & lots of auction memories 20+ years ago. We think the bidding number "123" should be retired in honor of Bill!

Our sympathies to Opal and all the kids/grandkids.

Butch and Renee Miller
Denison



Renee and Butch Miller - November 16, 2020 at 11:56 AM



“ Love and Hugs, Marsha, Dennis and Connor Griffith purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William "Bill" Griffith.



Love and Hugs, Marsha, Dennis and Connor Griffith - November 16, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ To Opal & family, sending a hug! My sympathy & prayers to you with the loss of Bill. He was a fun guy. And always remember the Okabodgi Boat rides.

Melody Cordes - November 15, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ Alot of good times were had in that house from playing yuker to having my first beer Bill was always nice to me and I remember him well and I wish him peace along with his family. I was a classmate to his son Grit

Mark Dunn - November 15, 2020 at 12:11 AM



“ Blessings to the family of Bill. My brother LaVern was married to Bill's sister Darlene.

Al Olson - November 14, 2020 at 04:56 PM



“ Dave & Shirley (Rihner) Welander and Mike & Karen (Rihner) Roe along with their families send sincere sympathy with warm memories of Bill and much love... A green plant is sent in his memory.

Our love and sympathy to Opal and family as you grieve this great loss, but as you also celebrate Bill and all he was to each of you.

We so looked forward to seeing him every year at the reunion.. We'll greatly miss him....God bless~



David Welander - November 14, 2020 at 03:05 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Griffith.



November 14, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Griffith.



November 14, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Griffith.



November 14, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. I can just hear my dad and Uncle Bill telling stories to each other in heaven. Sending prayers for strength during this most difficult time.

Sincerely

Diane Griffith Burhenne and family and Wayne Griffith



Diane Burhenne - November 14, 2020 at 06:57 AM