



## Charles Albert Griffith

January 6, 1937 - December 13, 2024

Charles passed away on December 13, 2024, at Cates Hospice House in Ocala, Florida, 19 days after being diagnosed with cancer. He was born January 6, 1937, in Mansfield, Illinois, to the late Yocum and Pauline (Hays) Griffith. He attended school in Isabel, Illinois, and served in the US Army from 1955 to 1959, stationed in Germany.

Charles is survived by his wife of 37 years, Judith (Curtis) Griffith, of Dunnellon, Florida, and former spouse, Hildegard (Raabe) Griffith of Marana, Arizona. Other survivors include daughters Darline (William) Johns of Marana, Arizona, and Maria (Darrell) Dandridge of N. Little Rock, Arkansas; sons: Michael (Anna) Griffith of Marana, Arizona, and Richard (Alvena) Griffith of Arlington, Indiana; stepson, Matthew Brown of Rantoul, Illinois; and stepdaughter, Susie (Matt) Gardner of Georgetown, Illinois, as well as 17 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by brother Rick (Anita) Griffith of Vermilion, Illinois, and sisters Judy Hahny of Ashland, Kentucky, and Debbie Cooper of South Point, Ohio.

Charles was preceded in death by his parents, Yocum and Pauline (Hays) Griffith; sons, Charles and Robert Griffith; brothers, Dave and Johnny Griffith; sisters, Darline Burch, Betty Artiby, and Patricia Toll; and great-grandson, Dominic Edwards and great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Glenda Dandridge. He had worked at various jobs prior to making his career in school district maintenance, first in Marana, Arizona, and then in Westville, Illinois, where he retired.

He lived in Georgetown, Illinois, until moving to Florida in 2017. He had been a member of Olivet Nazarene Church in Georgetown, Illinois, until moving to Florida, where he attended Southwest Christian Church in Ocala, FL, and most recently, Friendship Baptist Church in Ocala. Charles enjoyed serving as a security team member and singing in the choir there.

He was well known all his life as the guy to call if anyone needed something fixed and was skilled in a variety of fields. He was always ready with a joke or a story and had a heart for helping those in need. He loved his family and his God and country.

The Memorial Service is to be held on January 4, 2025, at Friendship Baptist Church at 9510 SW 105th St, Ocala, FL. at 1 pm. Burial will be at Danville National Cemetery in Danville, Illinois on January 21, 2025 at 1:00 pm

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JAN 4. 1:00 PM (ET)

Friendship Baptist Church  
9510 SW 105th St  
Ocala , FL 34481

## Graveside Service with Military Honors

JAN 21. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Danville National Cemetery  
1900 East Main Street  
Danville , IL 61832

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Darline Johns, Daughter lit a candle in memory of Charles Albert Griffith*

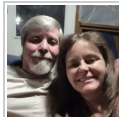


Darline Johns, daughter - January 01, 2025 at 02:26 PM

DD

*I have many fond memories of my Dad, when I was a young girl he taught me some of his fancy dance moves, and helped me with fixing my vehicles when I started driving. Shared special times together for Birthdays, graduation, wedding day when he walked me up the aisle, when our boys were born, he was there and came to visit. A lot of good times when Dad and Judy visited us in Arizona. I will always hear his voice and remember our phone conversations and before we would say our goodbyes he would always say I love you sweetheart! I really miss my Dad!*

Darline Johns, daughter - January 01, 2025 at 02:44 PM



*Oh that's beautiful. I remember dad trying to teach me to dance too. Lol I'd always look down at my feet and he'd tell me to keep my head up. Also remember standing on his top of his shoes to learn to dance. I'd always try to help him when he was working on vehicles by going to get tools he needed. Good times.*

Maria Dandridge - January 01, 2025 at 07:41 PM

TF

“ *The Souser Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Charles Albert Griffith.*



The Souser Family - January 01, 2025 at 11:45 AM

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“ The Souser Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Charles Albert Griffith.

The Souser Family - January 01, 2025 at 11:45 AM

SK

“ I have many childhood memories with the Griffith family and of Charlie growing up in Indiana. I remember having BBQ's and spending endless summer nights with them. I always had fun with lots of laughs and good times.. My thoughts, prayers and condolences are with the family. May beautiful memories and his love surround all your hearts now and forever Love Stephanie Brisevac Knight



Stephanie Knight - December 29, 2024 at 11:14 PM

HF

“ Hilde, Darline, Mike, Richard, Maria & Families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Charles Albert Griffith.



Hilde, Darline, Mike, Richard, Maria & Families - December 21, 2024 at 11:24 AM

CC

“ Charles was always one to tell a funny story, or always helped out as he did for our security team. He will be missed by a lot of people. Judy we will be praying for you in this time. We know that Charles is waiting for you on the other side, take comfort in that. May God richly bless you and your family!

Carl L. Collins - December 19, 2024 at 08:26 PM

JN

“ *To my dear friend Judy  
Our hearts go out to you as you know!  
We are here for you! 💕💕  
Jane & Bob*

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**jane noren** - December 19, 2024 at 10:58 AM