



Willis Griffin

June 11, 1920 - January 3, 2015

Obituary of Willis Griffin Ocala - Mr. Willis "Bill" Griffin was born June 11, 1920 in Salem, Wisconsin and resided in Kenosha County Wisconsin for 25 years. He spent two years during WWII in the Navy as a (MM1/c) in Ship Repair Unit. He then moved his young family to Boulder, Colorado for 15 years and then relocated to Edmond, Oklahoma for four years; and later to Lubbock, Texas for seven years. Since 1985 he has resided at On Top of the World, a retirement community in Ocala, Florida. Mr. Griffin spent his life in manufacturing, worked as a journeyman tool and die maker, plant superintendent, production manager, process engineer and was named on six patents. His retired years found him donating his time to Habitat for Humanity, Inter-Faith Divine Providence Thrift Store, Independent Living for Retarded Adults as well as making and installing hand grips, wheelchair ramps, and special modifications for neighbors and friends. He held a life membership in the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He was also a life member of the Knights of Columbus and member of the Queen of Peace Catholic Church. He was preceded in death by Janette, his wife of 57 years, and grandson Peter Griffin. His surviving family include sons; Dan Griffin of Oklahoma, Jerome Griffin of Ocala, daughters; Jeanne Griffin of Turin, Italy, Marlene Griffin (David Sell) of Idaho Falls, Idaho, granddaughter Meg of Cody, Wyoming; and grandson Alessio De Marchi of Turin, Italy. Mr. Griffin made many lasting friendships wherever he lived and will certainly be missed by all. There will be a service on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at Queen of Peace Catholic Church at

8:30 AM, followed by a visitation Thursday, January 8th, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Roberts Funeral Homes, Bruce Chapel West, 6241 SW SR-200, Ocala, FL. (352-854-2266). Interment will be held at the National Veterans Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to your favorite charity.

Tribute Wall

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“ Please accept my sincere condolences. I am James and Ethel Herman's (from Antioch, IL) youngest daughter and I last talked with Willis about 4 years ago when my Dad passed. I have been communicating with Willis every Christmas since then. Willis told me how he and my Dad met in high school as I had never heard the story. There was a blizzard one winter day in Antioch and Willis knew he couldn't get home. My Dad was the only person he could find at school so he asked him if he could go home with him for the night. They really didn't know each other but they became really good friends after that. I remember visiting the Griffin family while growing up and knew how much my parents enjoyed your family. I know when my parents visited FL, they would stop by to see them. The world has lost a wonderful person.

Linda Herman Yates - January 09, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ My sincere condolences to everyone. Will was always tinkering and I find myself wondering what he will be tinkering with next.....

John Miller - January 08, 2015 at 12:00 AM