



William Chester Griffin

January 20, 1924 - June 14, 2010

Griffin, William Chester, born January 20, 1924 in River Rouge, died June 14, 2010. Survived by his wife of 55 years, Wanda Mazanka Griffin and brother, John Geraldine. Father of Nancy Jim, Bill Mary, John Joan and James. Grandfather of Sarah, Suzanne, Steven, Amy, Nathan, Emily, Monica, Laura, Nicholas and Carter. William served with the 96th Infantry Division Deadeyes in World War II; was a chemical and mechanical engineer; graduate of Michigan State University; and an amateur pianist. Visitation Friday 4:30 p.m. until time of funeral service 8 p.m. at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W 11 Mile Rd. 4 blks. E of Woodward, Royal Oak. Interment service Saturday 10 a.m. at Guardian Angels Cemetery, Oakland Township. Memorials to Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan appreciated. Share your memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

Tribute Wall

PB

“ Bill was very generous with his time and helped me a lot in my first job out of college. I still have a manilla folder that I refer to on occasion titled simply "Bill Griffin" Good memories and prayers Paul Bohn

Paul Bohn - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ Bill and the Griffin Family, I am sorry to hear of the passing of your father, Bill. I can tell he will be missed by you from the thoughts you shared. Know that his suffering has ended and that he is in a peaceful place. Keeping you and all the family in my prayers.

Jan Landis - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Bill and Nancy, I was sorry to hear that your father died. I am sorry I cannot attend the services, but please know that you and your families are in my thoughts.

Melody Kroll - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ Bill and I were long time friends at Giffels and worked together on a number of projects over the years. We retired about the same time. When I retired my wife and I moved "up north" and bought a house next door to her family's cottage. I guess I sort of left Detroit then but I did come down to a few of the Giffels Club meetings. The two of us would sit together for the luncheon. If I was late, which was usually the case your Dad would scrunch up enough so that I could get a chair in next to him and we could talk together. He made it worth driving 250 miles to have a "goodtimes" lunch.

Gene Hadjisky - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Dear Bill, Mary and Girls, We would like to extend our sincerest sympathy for the lose of your father, father-in-law and grandfather. You and all your family will be in our prayers. God bless your father and the Griffin family. Mark, Corinne, Madeline & Julia

Bolton Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ This can be a difficult time Bill, but I pray that the happy memories you have will help you through it. Our love and prayers for you and your family, John and Helen.

John & Helen Moultrup - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Bill, Mary and girls, I send my sincere sympathy to you all. May God be with you at this time. Sincerely JoAnne Malcolm

JoAnne Malcolm - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Bill, Mary, Emily, Monica & Laura, We are so sorry to hear about your Dad/Father-in-law/Grandpa. We remember his fun stories and pleasant talks at many birthdays, Thanksgivings, Easters and other holidays or events. We hope that you can remember all the good times you had with him. Even though you will miss him, we hope you find comfort knowing that he is in a better place.

The Cowan Family - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Bill, we at the Giffels Club are sorry to hear about the passing of your father. Up until the time of his illness, he was a fairly regular participant in our monthly luncheons. I remember Bill as a very friendly person with a positive outlook. We have missed his attendance over the last few years. We have appreciated the updates about your dad's health from you and your mother over the last couple of years. Please pass on our condolences to your mother from the Club members. A donation to the Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan will be made by the Club in your dad's memory.

Terry Wilson - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Dear Bill, Mary and Special Girls we are so sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved Dad and Grandpa. Our love and prayers are with you. I hope you were able to take him to the ball game we talked about at church a couple weeks ago, Bill, even tho he didn't remember it I'm sure he loved going and being with you~at the time. That was special! We understand COPD and dementia and can empathize. God knows him very well and be assured, your Dad is in his loving care. Our love, Dom and Dody

Dom and Dody Trupiano - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ John - so sorry about your Dad. Thinking of you.

Renee Baumgartner, GM - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I'm sure God has been saving his most complicated mechanical engineering projects for you Bill. Just like the ones you did for Giffels for so many years. You will be missed by all your friends at the Giffels 25 Club.

Chris Schmitt - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Bill, We will all miss you. I will have fond memories of our get together at Charlies on friday night and listen to all you stories that we all enjoyed . You will be missed old friend.

Patrick Bernabei - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ John: Having just gone through the same type of loss with my father-in-law, another member of the greatest generation, I know how difficult this is. My thoughts and prayers to your and your family and siblings. May his memory be eternal.

Barb Schalk - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Bill, Nancy, John, and Wanda, Please accept my condolences on the passing of William Sr. It was difficult to hear about, and occasionally to witness, his decline. He was kind to people nonetheless, even when he didn't remember them at all. I remember him as somewhat dazed by grief at Jim's funeral. I was moved when Jim's old friends came to visit William Sr. in his hospital bed some years later. I admired his ability to tune pianos by ear, to hear the overtones and beat notes. His descriptions of the old school of engineering were interesting. Hearing his stories of the Pacific Theater during World War II made that era more real to me. I have mostly fond memories of playing Risk with him and Bill Jr. and John. But ... he always seemed a bit wily, even conniving, to me during those games. Drat.

John Mann - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Dear Bill and Family, We are saddened to hear of the loss of your father; please accept our condolences. I recall you speaking of him fondly over the years, and understand how badly you will miss him. May your memories of him be a source of continual peace and joy.

Steve & Sherri - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ Dear Bill, Please accept our condolences. I am sorry for your loss.
Best Wishes, Kamesh, Nataraj, Nakul

Kameshwari Ganti - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BI

“ *I'm William's son Bill. I will miss my Dad something terrible. My wife Mary said that after she lost her two parents years ago, she felt like an orphan, even though she was a fully grown adult and fully capable of handling her own affairs. A parent is invaluable just because of who they are and what they represent. They are our backstop. Our foundation. Even when my Dad developed dementia and was not able to take care of himself, he had a significant amount of value in my life. I love my Dad and will miss him. I pray that God accepts Dad into His kingdom, and that Dad can be familiar with our Lord.*

Bill - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM