

Gerald Loyd "Jerry" Griffith

Gerald Loyd "Jerry" Griffith was born June 18, 1943, at the University of Kansas Hospital in Kansas City, KS, to Loyd and Violet Griffith. He attended first through eighth grades at Longfellow school then attended and graduated from Westport High School in Kansas City, MO, in 1955. He went to Iowa State College in Ames, IA, where he graduated. He taught junior high school for a while. Then he came to South Dakota in 1964, and stayed with his sister, Sharon, and worked for Boeing Aircraft when they were putting in the missile sites at Union Center.

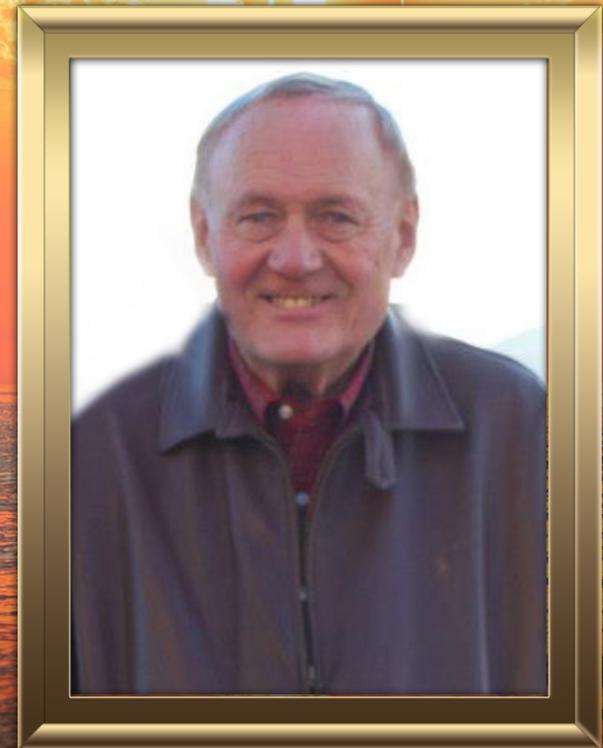
He married Patty Wuich in 1969 in Las Vegas. To that union, two children were born, DeeDee and Darren. Jerry worked for Pacific Mutual Insurance Co. in Kansas City, MO, and a few years later got transferred to Phoenix, AZ, to work in the branch there. After his retirement his life was filled doing wonderful things with his children, grandchildren, and other people. He loved to travel to various countries. He always enjoyed coming to the ranch in South Dakota and joining in the ranch activities including horseback riding. You never saw him without a smile on his face. He loved to attend the games and activities his family was in. Jerry never complained and was always optimistic and full of jokes.

His faith was everything and he was a proud servant of our Lord and always enjoyed life. Jerry passed away peacefully on June 9, 2019, in Brooksdale Senior Living Center in Scottsdale, AZ.

In addition to his children, Jerry's life will be treasured by his friends and grandchildren whom he adored: Justin, Mya, Lainey, Skylar, and Mason. He is also survived by his children, DeeDee (Kurt) Nortman and Darren (Katy) Griffith; sister, Sharon (Duane) Keffeler; along with numerous cousins.

A memorial has been established to the Union Center Community Baptist Church in Union Center, SD.

The family invites you to join them for fellowship and lunch in the church following the memorial service. We thank you for your presence and condolences.



In Loving Memory

Jerry Griffith

June 18, 1943 ~ June 9, 2019

I'm Free

Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God has laid you see.
I took His hand when I heard His call
I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way
I found the peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void
Then fill it with remembered joys - -
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss
Oh yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much,
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief - -
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your hearts, and peace to thee - -
God wanted me now: He set me free.



In Memory Of

Gerald Loyd "Jerry" Griffith

Date of Birth

June 18, 1943
Kansas City, Kansas

Date of Death

June 9, 2019
Scottsdale, Arizona

Funeral Service

Sunday, June 30, 2019, at 2:00 p.m.
Union Center Community Baptist Church
Union Center, South Dakota

Officiant

Pastor Bill Meirose

Musician

Butch Samuelson
Deb Stewart Terri Kissack

Musical Selections

"I've Never Been This Homesick Before"
"When We All Get To Heaven"
"Thank You, Lord, For Your Blessings On Me"

Pallbearers

Darren Griffith ~ Justin Griffith ~ Mason Griffith
Jay De Keffeler ~ Jade Keffeler ~ Caden Smiley

Final Resting Place

White Owl Cemetery
White Owl, South Dakota