



William Lander Griffith

September 20, 1934 - July 6, 2022

William Lander Griffith was born on September 20, 1934, in Owensboro, Kentucky, to the late Sally Fields and William Griffith. He graduated from Western High School in 1953, and married his high school sweetheart, Betty Ann Goodwin, on August 22, 1953. From this union, four sons were born.

William taught at Lincoln High School while living in Franklin, Kentucky. During his tenure, he coached football, basketball, and baseball, and served as principal for one year. Later, he moved his family to Louisville, Kentucky, to work in the Jefferson County Public Schools. While with JCPS, William was a Teacher, coached football, basketball, track, and golf and served as Athletic Director of Central High School. He retired after 32 years of teaching. Whether you called him "Griff," "Coach," "Uncle Bill," "Coach Griff," "Billy," "Oogie," or "G-Daddy," he will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his brother Fred Jackson, sisters Jackie Marsh, and Ozetta Ransom; son Keith Griffith; grandson James Griffith; and great-

granddaughter Keturah Blow.

Leaving to honor and cherish his memory are his beloved wife of 68 years, 10 months, and 21

days (or 25,155 days) Betty Ann, his sons: William Sr. (Rhonda); Larry (Dawn), Gerry, Sr.

(Jannice) and three goddaughters: Karen Hipsher, Carmen Harris, and Gertha Harris; and godson

Ryan McNeil. His twenty grandchildren include: Gwendolyn Smith (Hayden-U.S. Army

retired); Ruth Peebles (Michael); Esther Blow - Atlanta, GA; Hannah Pierre (Jean) – Palm Bay,

FL; Grace Young - Lexington, KY; Shawn Beason (Wanda); Dumonde Wiley; LaTonya,

William, Jr., Courtney - Dallas, TX; Lauren - Detroit, MI; Matthew - CA; John (Madison) -

Atlanta, GA; Gerry, II - Dallas, TX (U.S. Army); Jonas - Denver, CO; Christina – Cincinnati,

OH, Amos – Cincinnati, OH; Ebenezer – Bowling Green, KY; and David Griffith. His 25 great-

grandchildren: Ariana and Evelyn Smith; Madison, Eden, Michael, and Claire Peebles;

Brooklyn, Preston, and Morgan Blow; Josiah, Anelise, Ezra, Ezekyel, Samuel, and Obadiah

Pierre; Winter and Autumn Griffith; Shawn, Jr., Yevette, Tajaunay, Roy-Shawn, Stevon,

Aaliyah, Shania, and Dalquan Beason; and a host of family and friends.

Visitation: 5pm-8pm Friday, July 15, 2022 at A. D. Porter & Sons Funeral Home, 1300 W. Chestnut St., Funeral: 11am Saturday, July 16, 2022 at the funeral home burial in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

1600 Newburg Rd
Louisville, KY 40204

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

A. D. Porter and Sons Funeral Home - Downtown
1300 West Chestnut Street
Louisville, KY 40203
(502) 587-9678
a.d.portersoutheast@gmail.com
<https://adporters.com/>

Service

JUL **16**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

OC

“ *Octavia,vonda Clay lit a candle in memory of William Lander Griffith*



Octavia,vonda clay - August 07, 2022 at 11:59 PM

RD

“ *Condolences to the family, My name is Rod Drake , I teach at Owensboro High school,Owensboro Ky. I never met Mr Griffith but heard alot about him from the older folks, he was a great person and left an impact on this community,and paved the way for people like myself. God bless .*

Rod Drake - July 15, 2022 at 05:49 PM

AM

“ *A good person, and good neighbor. Sad to hear of his passing. Praying for the family, during this time of bereavement. Audrey, Eric, Jason Murray*

audrey murray - July 15, 2022 at 12:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Lander Griffith.*



July 14, 2022 at 09:14 PM

DS

“What an amazing person and what a remarkable life. I feel so lucky that I got to know him both as an athletic Coach and Friend of the Family. He will be Fondly Remembered and Greatly Missed. 🙏🙏🙏



David Stringer - July 14, 2022 at 05:21 PM

DS

“David C. Stringer purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Lander Griffith.



David C. Stringer - July 14, 2022 at 05:11 PM

KM

“Sending condolences and prayers to the Griffith family. G-Daddy was a kind and welcoming soul. He will be missed. Sincerely, Karen

Karen Morrison - July 14, 2022 at 03:21 PM

KM

“Karen Morrison lit a candle in memory of William Lander Griffith



Karen Morrison - July 14, 2022 at 03:16 PM

SD

“ Dear Amos, Eb, and David, I was saddened to hear of the loss of your grandfather, but I know his many accomplishments continue to live on in you. When I taught Amos and Eb and got to know David through his brothers and chats in halls of DeSales, I knew immediately that you boys came from good stock. Your grandfather was a blessing to many, and I have no doubt that your generation of Griffiths will continue the great legacy of your grandfather. May the peace and love of our Lord and Savior be with you as you mourn the loss of your amazing grandfather.



Sheila Davis - July 14, 2022 at 09:12 AM

DS

“ David W King Sr lit a candle in memory of William Lander Griffith



David w King Sr - July 13, 2022 at 07:19 PM

SD

“ Stanford University, HRG Department purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of William Lander Griffith.



Stanford University, HRG Department - July 13, 2022 at 06:05 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Lander Griffith.*



July 13, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Lander Griffith.*



July 13, 2022 at 09:22 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Lander Griffith.*



July 12, 2022 at 09:01 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Lander Griffith.*



July 12, 2022 at 05:36 PM