



David Luke Griffin

November 28, 1946 - December 29, 2020

David Luke Griffin, 74, of Cornelius, passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at his residence.

He was born November 28, 1946 in Sanford, NC, to the late Gavin and Dell Griffin.

David was an US Army veteran; where he served our country for 2 tours during the Vietnam War. He served from 1966, 1967 and 1968. David was Airborne all the way! He served with the 173rd, 82nd, and 101st. He loved his country and loved all things military. Including enjoying coffee with fellow veterans at Richard's Coffee Shop in Mooresville.

David retired from Duke Energy after 38 years of service. He played an instrumental part in implementing Flame Retardant clothing for linemen. David will be truly missed by all who knew him. He had an infectious laugh and a zest for life. From his Elkin Jaycee days to his Lake Norman pontoon days, to his retirement days tying rigs waiting on the tides so he could fish. David loved spending time fishing at the coast with his family every chance he got. He was always full of life and never met a stranger!

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Robert "Bob" Griffin; and infant brother Patrick.

David was married to the love of his life, Trudy Smitherman Griffin. They had just celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary in November.

David was a devoted father to Gavin (Tracy) Griffin of Iron Station and Jamie (Terry) Glenn of Mooresville; grandfather to Gabrielle (Jacob) Mitchell, Riley

(James) Hayes, Scotti (Josh) Biddix, and Regann Hill; great grandfather to Sawyer and Eli Mitchell and Maverick Biddix; nephew to Paulia Black; cousin to Earl Black, Jr.; and brother-in-law to Bobbie Reinhardt, Judith Smitherman, Sue Griffin.

A private service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Welcome Home Veterans Richard's Coffee Shop, 165 N. Main Street, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Griffin family. Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall



“ I didn't know Dave was gone. Worked with him at Duke for years and heard many of the war stories. Dave and I bonded over the Surry Co connection but mainly he was my ASTM mentor and Dist Standards go to for Rubber Goods and lineworker tool testing. Dave cared deeply for the safety of the employees. That laugh was infectious. He was so happy to retire and hit Kure beach each Oct and avoid all the merger stress.

Mark Smith - August 28, 2024 at 08:47 AM



“ *David Luke Griffin*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *David Luke Griffin*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *David Luke Griffin*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Trudy I just heard about David today I'm so sorry. My thoughts and prayers for all of the family. I really enjoyed working with him at Duke*

William Money

William Money - January 28, 2021 at 09:33 PM

TW

“ Trudy , Gavin, and Jamie. We are saddened to hear of David's passing. We are so sorry for your loss. We enjoyed our years as neighbors with you on Hillcrest Drive. Also it was a pleasure working with David for many years at Duke Power Co. He was always positive and smiling.

Our warmest regards
Rick, Anna, and Justin Woodruff

The Woodruffs - January 18, 2021 at 06:01 PM

CD

“ Of note, David made the only Combat Jump with the 173rd Airborne Brigade (SEP) in Viet Nam. David and I were good friends before we went to Nam with the 82nd Airborne 3rd Bde HQ Co 1st Bn 508th Parachute Infantry Regiment. David and I would patrol Highway 547 from LZ Birmingham to LZ Bastogne. We did this everyday for a month. Then it was David's turn to go home. The very next day we were ambushed by two squads of NVA, We killed most of the attackers! But i was shot! God let David go home and live his life to the fullest! He was always lucky! Great Soldier, fearless. I healed and was sent back to LZ Birmingham to do my job. I was a Soldier and David was my backup!!! Thank the Lord that David made it home\\11

claud dunn - January 10, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of David Luke Griffin.



January 09, 2021 at 04:54 PM



“ Trudy and family,
You are in my prayers. David will be missed by all you knew him.
Sybil Driver

Sybil Driver - January 08, 2021 at 04:53 PM



“ David was always friendly and a joy to be around. My thoughts are with all his family and friends. My dad thought the absolute world of David and I learned to trust my dad's instincts long ago. David will be sorely missed by many people...and that's the silver lining. It really is what you leave behind and David Griffin left a lot of good things behind that continue to live on in his memory. Much love, David. Thanks for being you. ❤️😭

Damon Chappell - January 08, 2021 at 04:30 PM



“ Just remembering all the fun times we all had on the pontoon, sailboat, beach and home...You will always be remembered with a big smile! Love you always, Kathy



Kathy Freeman - January 08, 2021 at 03:28 PM

JC

“ *We spent many hours working together, and I have many great memories. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Jeff Combs*

jeffrey g combs - January 02, 2021 at 06:52 PM