



William "Bill" Richard Griffith

October 5, 1924 - June 9, 2020

William "Bill" Richard Griffith, of Mooresville, North Carolina, passed away on Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at the age of 95. Born October 5, 1924 in Davidson, North Carolina, Bill was one of twelve children of the late Thomas Moore and Mabel Garrison Griffith.

Bill will be remembered as a role model of kindness, integrity, and service. He contributed greatly to our country's freedom as a PFC in the US Army during World War II. As an infantryman, he served on the front lines of Europe, including the historic Battle of the Bulge.

After the war, Bill earned his college degree, then met the love of his life, Charlotte Upright, and married her. Together they raised two daughters and enjoyed 66 years of marriage.

For 30 years, he worked as a teacher, coach, and vice principal for Mooresville Junior High School. He achieved a Master's Degree in Education from Appalachian State University. As an active contributing member of Triplett United Methodist Church, he taught Sunday School, served on committees, and worked with the Methodist Men.

Bill grew up on his family's farm in Davidson along with his brothers and sisters who he loved dearly. Outgoing and friendly, he enjoyed people and

made friends easily. He was always happy to help others. His daughters and grandchildren will remember him as generous, welcoming, dependable, loving, and someone steady to lean on.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Moore and Mabel Garrison Griffith; and his wife, Charlotte Upright Griffith.

He is survived by his daughters, Gail Griffith Shoe and husband, Jeff, Mary Griffith Grasberg; grandchildren, Grant Shoe, Leah Owen and Ben Grasberg; great grandchildren, Zoe and Ryder Shoe; brother, Ben Griffith; and sisters, Anne Cleary and Mary Smith.

Funeral services will be private.

The family would especially like to thank four beloved caregivers who cared for Bill in the last years of his life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Triplett United Methodist Church, 838 Mazeppa Rd, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Griffith family. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Richard Griffith*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *William "Bill" Richard Griffith*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *William "Bill" Richard Griffith*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *I will never forget teaching while Bill was vice principal at Mooresville Jr. High School. He was a fair, compassionate leader. I also remember his support and encouragement when I sang at Triplett Church. He will be remembered by many.*

Willie Beaver - June 16, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ *Don and I have wonderful memories of Bill! He was a great educator and we will certainly miss him! We need more like him in our school system! All the family are in our prayers!*

Suzanne and Don Markofski - June 10, 2020 at 08:21 PM

SH

“ *The Griffiths were very special to me!! Very sweet and loving!!*

Sylvia Hager

Sylvia Campbell Hager - June 10, 2020 at 05:02 PM

SC

“ *Remembering our school days... Our thoughts and prayers are with you Mary and Family. God Bless and Comfort you! Leroy and Shelia Knox Chambers* ❤️

Shelia Chambers - June 10, 2020 at 02:08 PM

RS

“ *I never had mr. Griffith in school but he was always so nice. I knew him better from church. He and his wife Charlotte were members at Triplett United Methodist church where I also am a member. They both were so nice and friendly and I loved talking with them at church. Mr. Bill will be terribly missed. My prayers go out to all his family. Rest In peace Mr. Bill.*



Robin Davidson Smith - June 10, 2020 at 01:02 PM



“ Mary and Gail. Griff and I send our love and prayers to you and your families. Our “Uncle Dickie” was such an inspiration and role model to many students thru the years in Mooresville Schools. He touched so many lives in his 95 years. He welcomed me into the Griffith family with open arms. When I knew him as assistant principal at Mooresville Junior High little did I know that 12 years later he would be my uncle when I married his nephew. He always came up behind me for a hug when we saw each other and I always knew it was Uncle Dickie. I can tell you that his sister Tubby loved him so much. I know he is now reunited with your Mom and his family who left us earlier. We look forward to seeing you at the service.

Lucretia Sperry - June 10, 2020 at 11:16 AM

FB

“ I have many fond memories of being in Mr. Griffin’s eighth grade science class and home room. I wish there were more like him. Frances Crisco Barkley. Class of 1965.

Frances Crisco Barkley - June 10, 2020 at 10:47 AM

EJ

“ Bill Griffith and wife Charlotte were role models for me when growing up in Triplett UMC. Mr. Griffith was a positive influence on my children as they went through Mooresville Graded School system. He was a member of Triplett and served faithfully and leaves many good memories.

Eleanor Johnston - June 10, 2020 at 10:19 AM

NM

“ I will always remember Bill for his smile and welcoming demeanor. He was such a sincere man and a joy to know!

Nancy McDougall - June 10, 2020 at 08:02 AM

JM

“ Gail and Mary Ellen, I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. My parents loved your dad and I have enjoyed seeing him around town since they died because he always talked to me about them and told us funny stories. He was a wonderful man who always seemed upbeat and kind. I'm praying that you have peace now and are comforted with all your memories of him. Janet Reece Moore

Janet Reece Moore - June 10, 2020 at 06:09 AM

JM

“ Mr. Griffith was my eighth grade teacher. He taught life lessons, not just book lessons. One thing he instilled in me was to always look at whoever was speaking to you. He and I shared the same birthday which was always close to the Triplett UMC BBQ. We used to laugh and say that the church was giving us a birthday party each year. A wonderful and caring man. Judy McConnell

Judy McConnell - June 09, 2020 at 09:58 PM

JK

“ Sorry to hear of your loss. Bill was a great man. RIP

John Kirkman - June 09, 2020 at 09:37 PM

CS

Gail, so sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Cathy Stewart - June 09, 2020 at 09:52 PM

RO

Prayers for the family. Mr Griffith was an assistant principal at Mooresville Junior High during my middle school years. Fond memories of a great and caring man.

Richard "Ritchie " Oliphant - June 10, 2020 at 04:01 AM



Mr. Griffith was a sweet person. I had him for Drivers Ed. He knew I had a fear of bridges, so what does he have me do my first day under the wheel. Drive over 150 bridge. He always smiled and spoke to you when you passed in the hall. I know his family has precious memories that will help carry you through this difficult time. My prayer and condolences. Lori Creswell Underwood

Lori Underwood - June 10, 2020 at 03:46 PM



Bill Griffith was a fine person who devoted his life to the betterment of his students. He was a teacher, coach and neighbor to me. I first got to really know him as he coached our Jr High football team. For some reason he often chose me to help him out in various school chores like running the projectors for class films, etc. He, June Reece and Don Peiffer I will always remember for encouraging me in school and sports even though I wasn't that great at either.

Larry Mayhew - February 16, 2025 at 09:14 PM