



James Thomas Griffin

December 1, 1924 - January 14, 2011

Dateline: East Alton/Lebanon

James Thomas Griffin, 86, died at 12:26 p.m. Friday, January 14, 2011 at his home in Lebanon. Born December 1, 1924 in Russellville, Arkansas, he was the son of James Leland and Lenora (Crow) Griffin. He served his country in World War II as a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps and fought in the war of the Pacific. Jim was a long-time member of Cherry Street Baptist Church and is currently a member of East Alton Baptist Church. He retired from the Olin Corporation in East Alton after 44 years of service as a machinist. On November 21, 1946 he married the former Marcella Gross, also of Alton, who preceded him in death on October 22, 1972. Surviving is a daughter, Carol Smalley and her husband Roger of Lebanon, one grandson, David R. Smalley and his wife Valerie of Swansea, Massachusetts; one brother, A. Tyler Griffin and his wife Audrey of Pinehurst, North Carolina; a nephew, Judson Griffin of New York, New York; and a niece, Eve Griffin, of Skagway, Alaska. Also surviving are four stepchildren: Dineen, Dominic, Deron and Jill. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Burial will be at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey with full military honors by the VFW Post 1308. Reverend Nancy Livingston will officiate. Memorials may be made to the Siteman Cancer

Center at Barnes Jewish Hospital and Hospice Patient Fund, BJC Hospice
P.O. Box 504043, St. Louis, MO 63150.

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“ *James Thomas Griffin*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



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“ *Dad,*

Thank You for all the needlepoint items. Thank You for being a great father-in-law. Also for the great times we had. You will be missed.

Jackie Griffin - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Grandpa Jim,*

Thank You for being you. I will miss our visits with you. Please say hi to Great Grandpa and Great Grandma for me. Tell them I LOVE THEM very much and you too.

John Griffin - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dad,*

Thank You for adopting the 4 of us. You are a wonderful man and a great father. I'm glad I got to visit with you before you left. You will be greatly missed. I LOVE YOU!!!

Deron Griffin - January 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ We can't ever thank you enough, Dad, for all you did for us. We will all miss your fun-loving nature and joke-telling (though you'll be glad to know that Jay recites them often), and Nick & Polly will miss their Grandpa Jim. Thanks for always being there. We hope you're enjoying the Heavenly Hoedown!!

Dineen, Jay, Nicholas & Paloma Czar - January 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ I will miss grandpa Jim's funny stories, his way of looking at things, and the things he did for us. I will especially miss the things he made. My favorite is the skeleton he stitched for Halloween. I will also miss making him cookies.

Lauren Griffin - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Jim Griffin was a wonderful father to Dom, Deron, Dineen (Czar) and Jill Griffin; father-in-law to Donna, Jackie and Jay; and grandfather to Nathan, Ryan, & Lauren Griffin; Nick and Polly Czar, and John Griffin. He will be missed.

Donna Griffin - January 19, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Jim's family (Joan, Dineen, Dominic, Deron and Jill). Jim was a kind and gentle man and a great friend to all who knew him.

DONNA STREBLER - January 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ fought like a Marine right to the end.

Evie Griffin - January 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Jim was friendly, fun-loving, and generous. He was friendly because he never met a stranger, fun-loving because he had a joke for every situation, and generous because he adopted my four children. He will be greatly missed.*

Joan Griffin - January 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *Carol and Roger,*

Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. Our prayer is for your peace and comfort. May God be by your side with His strength, love and healing.

In His love,

Diane & Larry Busch

Diane & Larry Busch - January 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *Jim was a good and loyal friend. I will miss him!*

Sincerely,

Jim Jolly

Jim Jolly - January 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ To Jims family,

Jim was a great man I am glad that I got to meet him. He will be missed by many people. I wish I could be there to say goodbye but I cant but my thoughts and prayers willbe with you.

Susan Roe - January 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ We are so happy we got to visit this past summer. We will miss Jim very much. Our prayers and thoughts are with you Carol and Rog.

Hugh and Loretta Gale - January 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ We remember you so very well. Although it has been too long since we have been able to see you, you are still in our hearts. You will be missed by many.

Mare and Ella Mae

mare fox and ella mae fox - January 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM