



Kenneth R. Griffin Sr.

July 4, 1955 - August 8, 2016

Kenneth R. Griffin, Sr., 61, of Evansville, passed away Monday, August 8, 2016 at St. Mary's Medical Center.

Kenneth graduated from Mater Dei in 1973 and studied business at Indiana University. Through a series of eclectic experiences of going out on his own, exploring the country and even working for a short time on a Catholic worker farm (as he was a bona fide member of the Hippie movement), he eventually landed back in Evansville where he would raise a family and live out the rest of his life.

He established Eat at Joe's Pizza and Antiques in 1987 through 1989 and later would work as a cab driver for River City Taxi. He earned his IT credentials from Indiana Business College in 2001 and worked as an IT Specialist for CompuCom, a subsidiary of Bristol Myers Squibb, for the past 15 years.

He enjoyed antiques, was a history buff and an avid reader. He was very gifted man. He had a unique perspective of the world and was one of the smartest men you could ever meet. Ken never met a stranger. Once he learned a name he would never forget it and he loved interacting with everyone. He had a deep spiritual understanding, was a longtime friend of Bill W. and will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved him.

Surviving are four sons, Kenneth R. (Valerie) Griffin, Jr., Conor Griffin, Ernie (Natalie) Griffin and Seth Griffin, all of Evansville; his mother, Joanne Griffin of Madison, AL; two brothers, Rob Griffin of Madison, AL and Bill Griffin of

Colorado Springs, CO and grandchildren, Phillip Griffin, Breezy Griffin, Xander Louks, Conor Griffin, Jr, Alaya Griffin, Brooklynn Sallee and Ella Griffin.

He was preceded in death by his biological father, Kenneth Ray Denham and by his father, Thomas R. Griffin.

Friends are warmly invited to visit with the family and celebrate the life of Ken Griffin from 12:00 P.M. until 3 P.M. on Saturday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

A memorial service will immediately follow at 3:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Pierre Funeral Home, Chris Dickson officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Evansville Rescue Mission, the United Caring Shelter or the Tri-State Food Bank.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 13. 12:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
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Tribute Wall



“ *Kenneth R. Griffin Sr.*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Ken, your words inspired me. Your smile made the world feel good. There will be a special place in many hearts because we called you friend.*

Connie



Connie Howerton - August 17, 2016 at 03:18 PM



“ *I will always remember that big, silly smile and levity Ken possessed! My heart breaks for the family for I have suffered many losses in my immediate family including both parents, a brother and a Godchild. Healing will come but you must cry, be angry and let the feelings come and go. I will be praying and thinking of you all during this time. God bless and comfort you.*



Gina Thomas - August 13, 2016 at 01:02 PM



“ Ken was a good person. He always seemed to know how to make you smile when ya needed it. My heart goes out to all of his family and friends. My prayers are with you all especially Seth, Ernie, Conner, Ken, Rosemary and the rest of his family. Rest in Peace!!!

Lisa Linton - August 12, 2016 at 10:31 AM



“ With Distinction was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Griffin Sr..



August 11, 2016 at 09:37 PM



“ Every time I saw Ken, he had a warm smile and words of encouragement and hope. Now my prayer for each one of you is to feel the same spiritual love that Ken shared with us.

Ann Penfield - August 11, 2016 at 12:48 PM



“ Basket of Joy was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Griffin Sr..



August 11, 2016 at 12:39 PM



“ Kenny..... It was my pleasure to know you in high school! Smart, funny, handsome, and talented.... We'll see each other again, I hope!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=vkL33VFPSGI>

Barbara Laib Simonson - August 11, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ Ken helped me more than I can put into words. A Beautiful Soul, His. I will miss his conversations, and have faith that "This ain't the Final Trip!"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Z9xxzgAwrl>
--Hippy Dave

Hippy Dave - August 10, 2016 at 09:42 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Griffin Sr..



August 10, 2016 at 04:31 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kenneth R. Griffin Sr..



August 10, 2016 at 09:59 AM



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August 10, 2016 at 09:57 AM



“ *Ken helped start and run the 11th Step Meditation Group at the Bead Angel about 6 years ago. He was a loving and powerful presence there. There is still a baller version of that group that meets once a week. I am glad to have known Ken.*

Jampa Wangpo - August 10, 2016 at 07:26 AM

JN

Life is a long song that ends to soon for us all.

Keep on dancing my friend!

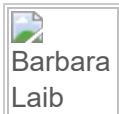
Jim Nelson - August 10, 2016 at 02:45 PM



Robin Fuller

I've been wondering what your first meeting in heaven was like.... Fellowshiping with Bill W, Dr Bob, and all those gone before us. I'm sure they're glad to have you at their table, but I'm definitely going to miss you at ours.

Robin Fuller Bates - August 10, 2016 at 03:39 PM



Barbara Laib

Oh, Kenny..... I'm so happy that we met in high school. You were smart, funny, handsome, talented.... I'll see you again, on the other side!

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=vkL33VFPSGI>

Barbara Laib Simonson - August 11, 2016 at 11:44 AM



Ken always had great positive things to say about others, he will be missed but our Father has received a great helper.

Donald Howerton - August 13, 2016 at 04:58 AM

SG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Seth Griffin - August 09, 2016 at 08:46 PM



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Ernie Griffin - August 09, 2016 at 06:58 PM

RM

My friend I lost a brother to the same thing at age 20. Your father was always quick to have a battle of the wits with me. A smile, a hug and a handshake was always offered. Teresa and I offer our support our prayers and our friendship. We love you and your family

Ron McKeethen - August 10, 2016 at 06:25 AM

KJ

“ He was a father to my brothers in I, and a good friend to many. He had a sense of humor that would often leave the women shaking their head and the men in the room in awe. He was larger than life in his good times and would always make an entrance. When Ken Griffin hugged you you felt like he really meant it and it was not just a gesture. He was hands down one of the smartest people I have ever known and can remember him beating the breaks off of me watching Jeopardy. He just knew so much and was always quick witted. He was a man of many talents and many pursuits. He will be missed by all.



Ken Griffin JR - August 09, 2016 at 06:49 PM

TM

Very nice Ken. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Teresa McKeethen - August 09, 2016 at 08:18 PM

AB

Couldn't be more true. A hug I will always miss. God gained a great one and we lost a great man.

aaron beard - August 09, 2016 at 09:31 PM

DE

Ken will be missed by so many. God's Love and Peace for Angie, Ernie, and family. I feel so blessed for knowing ken these past years.

Deryle - August 09, 2016 at 10:28 PM



Robin
Fuller

Beautiful words, Ernie. He was a treasured friend, and I'm sure I speak for many. Praying for Angie, Seth, you, Natalie and the kids. May God's peace and comfort envelope each one of you.

Robin Fuller Bates - August 10, 2016 at 04:54 AM



FF

Ken was always smiling and friendly. He will be missed.

Fred Forster - August 11, 2016 at 08:38 AM



TR

Praying for comfort to Angie, Ernie and Natalie, along with the rest of the family & friends. You will be greatly missed.

Trish Roberts - August 11, 2016 at 10:13 AM



CA

Ken was always genuine. That is perhaps why we always appreciated his smile and his perspective. He was exceptionally perceptive. Ken will be missed by many, including this Cousin.

captwsims@yahoo.com - August 15, 2016 at 06:40 AM