



John Edward Griffin

February 9, 1952 - December 22, 2025

John E. Griffin, age 73 of Herscher, passed away on Monday, December 22, 2025 at his home surrounded by his loving family. He was born on February 9, 1952 in Chicago, the son of George and Thecla (Hendowski) Griffin. John married Kathleen VanVuren on February 9, 1980 in Palos Heights, IL.

John was in management for the first twenty years of his career transitioning to truck driver. He ended his career after another twenty years of truck driving. His love for his family, friends and country knew no limits. John loved spending time in his garage, watching his Chicago Bears and Chicago White Sox, offering a friendly wave to all who passed by. He was very handy conquering many projects around the house. John could share a story like no other.

John was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps having served from 1970 through 1971.

Surviving is his wife, Kathleen of Herscher; two sons, John M. Griffin of Herscher, Ronald G. Griffin of Murfreesboro, TN; one daughter, Eva K. (Zachary) Northcutt of Puyallup, WA; one granddaughter, Maeve Northcutt; one sister, Eileen (Floyd) Thompson of Egg Harbor, WI; and one brother, George Griffin of West Palm Beach, FL.

John is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Joan and one brother, Don.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Inurnment will be held on Friday, January 2, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Abraham

Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL.

Memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project.

Cemetery Details

Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery

20953 Hoff Road
Elwood, IL 60421

Tribute Wall

JL

“ *Jenise L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Edward Griffin.*

Jenise L. - December 27, 2025 at 01:57 PM

SI

“ *Will forever cherish sitting out in the driveway hanging out, talking, eating & laughing. Especially since the little have come along- watching them play in the yard & driveway. John was a genuine person with the biggest heart. He will be missed dearly. Rest in peace my friend ❤️*

Sabrina Ireland - December 24, 2025 at 01:24 PM

BH

Over 50 years of friendship. Friendship that has been so much laughter fun growing and sadness. The memories are endless, your legacy will always live on through our shared history. Many “back in the day “ stories will be told about you that are endless. Always with laughter and smiles. You’ll always be remembered you’ll always be in our hearts and always be loved. Love you Uncle Griff

Beeb Hofer - December 27, 2025 at 10:37 AM

JH

*Griff was a Marine that changed from a 17 year old [Bones nickname] to a tattooed guy with muscles. He was a best buddy and Best Man at our wedding renting a Lincoln Continental with much needed cold beer in the trunk. He fought like a Marine to the end and is now guarding the Pearly gates with fellow Marines. A great friend, Dad and husband with boundless love for his family and our country. You will be deeply missed by so many, love you my brother.
John “Hawk” “CDR Hofer*

John Hofer - December 27, 2025 at 11:09 AM

PL

John, you were a great neighbor. I remember seeing you out my window, sitting in your driveway enjoying the sun and the company of friends and family. One day my husband and I came over and you asked us to bring our dog over, saying you had treats in the garage for friends with pets, and you would like to meet her. That day you spoke about your wife and children and marine buddies. You showed us pictures of your life long special marine buddies and said you all knew each other as young adults, then through the marines and how you still kept in touch. You also told us how you had had a wonderful life and were very lucky to have shared it with your beautiful wife and great children and that you were very blessed to have lived the life you had. You said you could not have asked for anything more and wanted for nothing. It has been an honor having you as our neighbor and I am sure that as you stand guard at those pearly gates, those that get a chance to meet you will feel the same.

Pat and Jenny Lowe

Pat and Jenny Lowe - December 27, 2025 at 01:54 PM