



Roger P. Griffith

October 1, 1942 - October 30, 2021

Roger P. Griffith, age 79, of Bourbonnais passed away Saturday, October 30, 2021 at Momence Meadows Nursing Home.

He was born October 1, 1942 in Creston, IA, the son of Paul & Thelma (Humphrey) Griffith. Roger married Patricia Duncan in November 1984 in Bourbonnais.

He was once a brilliant man; sensitive and caring husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend.

He was a graduate of North High school in Des Moines, Iowa, class of 1960 and Olivet Nazarene College, class of 1965 (now University).

He spent his life working as a social worker for the State of Illinois. His passion for books and writing consumed him. He wrote many reviews for Chicago area newspapers, wrote probably as much as he read and led book discussion groups.

He loved Chicago and Chicago sports, especially baseball and basketball. He loved to discuss politics and policy.

Roger had a devout faith in God and knew he would be ready to die when God was ready for him.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia Griffith of Bradley; two sons, Gryphan Douglas (Jay) Lott of Des Moines, IA and James Aron (Laurie) Blake of Des Moines,

IA; one daughter, Rev. Lisa J. (Susan) Griffith Tierney of Des Moines, IA; stepson, James (Felicia) LaBarge of Bradley; two stepdaughters, Beth (Mark) Buonomo of Kankakee and Lynda (Mark) Davis of Bourbonnais; thirteen grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one brother, Roland (Connie) Griffith of Prairie Village, KS; former wife, Diana Griffith of Des Moines, IA; and several nieces and nephews. Roger is preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, November 4, 2021 at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais. A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, November 5, 2021 at Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church in Bourbonnais. Interment will follow at Maternity B.V.M. Cemetery in Bourbonnais.

Memorials may be made to the Kankakee Public Library or Uplifted Care Hospice

Cemetery Details

Maternity Cemetery

Corner of Canterbury Lane & William Latham
Dr.
Bourbonnais, IL 60914

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 4. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bourbonnais - Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes, Inc.
295 Main St., NW
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Mass

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

Maternity B.V.M. Catholic Church
308 E. Marsile
Bourbonnais, IL 60914
(815) 933-8285
<http://www.mbvchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Roger was indeed one of the "Good Guys." I worked closely with him when I was a 'Juvenile Officer' with the Kankakee City Police, and we also shared an obsession and love of books. "Fair winds and following Seas to you Roger, and I hope to see you again on the 'Other Side!'

Ron Rimi, Boothbay Harbor, Maine.

Ron Rimi - November 12, 2021 at 05:35 PM



Thank you for your kind words.

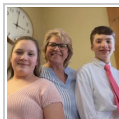
Lisa Griffith-Tierney - November 18, 2021 at 09:46 AM

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“ Dave Boudreau lit a candle in memory of Roger P. Griffith



Dave Boudreau - November 08, 2021 at 01:35 PM



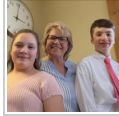
Thank you.

Lisa Griffith-Tierney - November 18, 2021 at 09:49 AM

PR

“ Roger was a gentleman and great person to talk to about books. We would have some interesting discussions about books.

Paula Goodwin (Paperback Reader) - November 06, 2021 at 04:27 PM



Thank you.

Lisa Griffith-Tierney - November 18, 2021 at 09:48 AM



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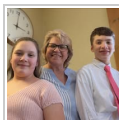


Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - November 04, 2021 at 01:40 PM



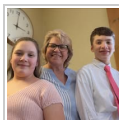
“ *Remembering good times with our coworker at DCFS and friend.
Condolences to the family.*

James and Marva Taylor - November 04, 2021 at 01:18 PM



Thank you for your kind words.,

Lisa Griffith-Tierney - November 05, 2021 at 05:21 PM



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Lisa Griffith-Tierney - November 05, 2021 at 05:21 PM

VS

“ I have known Roger since Olivet and was always glad when I would run into him at Barnes and Noble. We also worked together in the 60's at then Kankakee State Hospital. He was a very nice person and very smart. He was a friend and I am sorry that he is no longer here. He was a terrific social worker and a lover of all things literary. Go in peace, my friend.

Virginia Shrove - November 03, 2021 at 08:50 PM



Thank you for your kind words.

Lisa Griffith-Tierney - November 18, 2021 at 09:48 AM

TD

“ I was fortunate enough to have worked with Roger for many years at DCFS. He was an intelligent, soft spoken man and we had many a good chat. My condolences to the family.

Tom Dandelles - November 03, 2021 at 08:05 PM



Thank you for your kindness.

Lisa Griffith-Tierney - November 05, 2021 at 05:22 PM