



Danny G. Griffin

February 11, 1943 - February 26, 2021

Danny G. Griffin, 78, of Centralia passed away at 10:22 pm on Friday, February 26, 2021 at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital in Centralia.

He was born February 11, 1943 in Centralia, son of Herman and Ruth (Dieckmann) Griffin. He married Yvonne Anderson on March 21, 1964 at the First Methodist Church in Centralia. She preceded him in death on January 26, 2021.

Mr. Griffin is survived by two children, Lisa Gail Griffin of Centralia, and James Blake Griffin and wife Lori of Centralia; two grandchildren, Bradley James Griffin, and Lane Anderson Griffin of Centralia.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife.

Mr. Griffin attended Irving School and Centralia Township High School. He Graduated Central Illinois Barber College in 1962, and worked at Red's Barber Shop while attending Kaskaskia College, where he graduated with an Associate of Arts Degree. He received a Bachelors Degree in Education from Greenville College, a Masters Degree in Educational Administration, and a Specialist Certificate in Educational Administration from Southern Illinois University. He taught at Irving School, Centralia High School, served as Principal of Central School and was the first Assistant Principal of Centralia Junior High in 1976. He served as Superintendent of Kell School District for 11 years, Superintendent of Central City School District for 3 years, and completed 11 y ears as Superintendent of Centralia City Schools District prior to his retirement. He served as a trainer in the Illinois Administrator's Academy

in the 1980's.

Mr. Griffin earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Troop 251. He sang in the Spokesmen Quartet in high school, and later with the Howe Quartet from Irvington. He was an avid Gospel music fan. He was a long time member of the Elks, and the Centralia Masonic Lodge 201, as well as the Noon Rotary where he served as President in 1996-97. He was a 32nd Degree Mason. He served on the Centralia Foundations Board and various local committees. He was presented with the "Reach for the Stars' award by the Centralia City Schools. Mr. Griffin enjoyed coin and stamp collecting. He and his son Blake have owned and operated Centralia Coin, Stamp, Etc. for over 30 years. Mr. Griffin often spoke of his greatest blessing being his family and friends. He spent most of his time with family and especially enjoying his two grandsons Bradley and Lane with their school and sports activities.

Funeral Services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 6, 2021 at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Rev. John Willis officiating. Interment will follow at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Friends may call Friday, March 5, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Due to the health guidelines, masks must be worn; social distancing will take place, and a limit of 50 attendees at a time for the visitation and service. Memorials may be made to the Centralia Foundation, or the Centralia City Schools Endowment Fund and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618)532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Griffin Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com and the Facebook Page.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **5**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

Funeral Service

MAR **6**. 11:00 AM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

KB

“ Blake, So sorry to hear about your dad. I remember him as a teacher from High School and of course, always loved to visit with you and him at the coin store. He will be missed.

KEN BARNHART - March 06, 2021 at 10:51 AM

AC

“ I was a big fan of the Spokesmen Quartet especially Danny and then he became my boss at Kell Grade School. RIP. Angela Clark

Angela Clark - March 05, 2021 at 08:58 PM

DM

“ Was sad to here of Dan's passing. He was a personal and professional friend. He served his community well and did all he could for his school district. He will be missed

Don Miller - March 05, 2021 at 03:22 PM

BS

“ I knew Danny from kindergarten, Irving grade school and high school. He was always a good friend. RIP buddy. Bob Stevens

Bob Stevens - March 05, 2021 at 12:51 PM

DF

“ Our condolences to Mr. Griffin's family. I spent alot of time over the years with Mr. Griffin at the coin shop discussing the coin values and which ones would be a good investment. He taught me alot over the years about coin collecting. I could always trust his advice. Even after we moved to Idaho I would call him and buy coins that he recommended. We will miss you Mr. Griffin. Dwaine and Mary Fulton

Dwaine and Mary Fulton - March 05, 2021 at 12:02 PM

JW

“ To Danny's family- our thoughts and prayers are with you. Many coin discussions, many memories with Dan and Blake deciding on value and uniqueness of each collectible. Value friend . God Bless. Jim & Joyce Wiedman

Jim Wiedman - March 03, 2021 at 05:14 PM

TF

“ What a truly wonderful and special man, a dedicated servant to the people of Centralia. He was my barber when I was in grade school and became the Superintendent who hired me as Assistant Principal at CJHS and as Technology Director at CCS135. More importantly, he was a wonderful friend. I will always treasure his friendship and mentoring.

Tim Ferguson - March 03, 2021 at 11:37 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Danny G. Griffin.



March 03, 2021 at 08:08 AM

RR

“ God Bless Danny and his wife. My condolences to all the family and relatives and friends. A great Classmate and i am praying for the family.

Richard Rapp - March 03, 2021 at 01:45 AM

KS

“ I am saddened to hear that Dan passed away. The first time I met him was when he was Superinendent at Sandoval. Our paths crossed several times as Superintendents. I appreciate the professional advice he gave me, his friendship, and the guidance and help he gave me with collecting coins. I will miss him. Blake, you and your family have my sincere sympathy.

Kevin Settle - March 02, 2021 at 12:16 PM

PQ

“ Blake
So sorry to hear about your dad. Always loved talking with him. He will be missed.
Phil Quandt

Philip Quandt - March 02, 2021 at 08:52 AM



“ Delightful Dieffenbachia was purchased for the family of Danny G. Griffin.



March 01, 2021 at 04:28 PM