



Mary Ellen Griffith

August 26, 1927 - February 9, 2022

Mary Ellen Dillender Griffith peacefully passed away February 9, 2022. Funeral services will be held at 2:30 P.M. Sunday, February 13, 2022 at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana, MO. Chris Gamm officiating. Burial will be at the Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery near Louisiana, MO. Visitation will be from 1:00 P.M. until time of service Sunday at the funeral home.

She was born August 26, 1927 to Milton Stephen Dillender and Ruth Sanderson Dillender in Louisiana, MO. After graduation from Louisiana High School she attended Saint Luke's Nursing School in St. Louis. In 1948 she married William Edward Griffith, Sr. She worked as a Registered Nurse for many years at Pike County Hospital and spent several years teaching at the Pike County Vocational School in Eolia, MO. She was a long time member of Calumet Presbyterian Church. She lived in the Louisiana area until age 91 when she moved to Blue Springs, MO to be closer to her son and his family. She became an integral member of the community at the Parkway Independent Living Center and attended Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her son, Steve Griffith and his wife and dear Daughter in Law, Nora, and her sister Gina Dean of Sedalia, seven grandchildren: Kirsten LaBarge (Larry), Keven Griffith (Frannie), Carrie Griffith, Zachary Griffith (Kristi), Laura Griffith, Caroline Griffith, and Rebecca Griffith Miller (Reed); seven great-grandchildren: Dillon LaBarge, Hunter LaBarge, Hayden LaBarge, Madison Griffith, Finlee Griffith, Livingston Griffith, and Jaxine Griffith, and one great-great grandchild, Dylan Strate; and many nieces,

nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son William Edward Griffith, Jr., her grandson William Edward Griffith, III, and her sister, Betty Dillender Gaunt.

Mary Ellen was a remarkable woman. She was a servant to many as a nurse and educator. She served on the Board of Louisiana Housing Association and was awarded the Women of Faith in the Community Award for her service. She loved spending time with her grandchildren, playing cards (especially pinochle), cooking, knitting, nutcrackers, all things Christmas, watching the St. Louis Cardinals play baseball, watching figures skating, and visiting with family and friends. She touched many lives and was touched in return. She was generous, loving, had a great sense of humor, and was so resilient, overcoming many hardships. She enjoyed the love of many, many people, and will be missed by all.

She asked that donations be directed to Pike Pioneer Nutritional Center.

Cemetery Details

Jordan-Buffalo Cemetery

Pike 251
Louisiana, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.
117 Barnard Dr
Louisiana, MO 63353
(573) 754-4800
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Funeral Service

FEB 13. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Elenora Traynor Lobb lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Griffith* ”



Elenora Traynor Lobb - February 23 at 02:04 PM



“ *Mary Ellen Griffith* ”

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ *Mary Ellen Griffith* ”

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ *Elenora Lobb lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Griffith* ”



Elenora Lobb - February 21, 2022 at 11:19 AM



She was a great person to know n a great teacher

Elenora Lobb - February 21, 2022 at 11:19 AM

CO

“ *Cindy Poyser Osborne lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Griffith*



Cindy Poyser Osborne - February 15, 2022 at 04:58 AM

BS

“ *Becky Sanderson lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Griffith*



Becky Sanderson - February 12, 2022 at 11:07 AM

BS

Mary Ellen was always such a sweet lady and had the most pleasant smile.

Becky Sanderson - February 12, 2022 at 11:10 AM

KL

i worked under Mary Ellen when I first graduated from nursing school. I had known her from when I went to BONCL school and was in the same class as Eddie. I had a wonderful personality. Prayers to Steve and family.

Karen Lynn - February 12, 2022 at 08:56 PM

CF

“ Chris, Nancy, Paul, Bonnie and families. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Ellen Griffith.



Chris, Nancy, Paul, Bonnie and families. - February 12, 2022 at 01:29 AM

BW

“ Mary Ellen was not only a cousin, but like an Aunt to me and my brother Chris. When our mom passed, she was there to comfort us. Her door was always open to us. When our dad passed, once again she was there. We always loved being with her and felt so loved. She was so loving, caring and dear to us. She will be remembered with a smile. That is what she did- made people feel loved and cared for with her warm heart and loving hands and smile. We will miss her so much.

Bonnie Griffith Williams - February 12, 2022 at 01:02 AM

RL

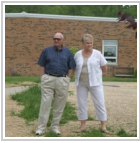
“ Zach - please give my condolences to the family. Be sure to tell your father I said hello and hugs!
Always family,
Ralicia Leapheart

Ralicia Leapheart - February 11, 2022 at 07:58 PM

RK

“ Ms Griffith had no idea how much she touched my & my childrens lives. She was more than a neighbor, she was family. She helped me through so much and was my constant peace. She will forever be remembered as one of the best and biggest blessing we could've ever asked for!

Robyn Kuetemann - February 11, 2022 at 07:26 PM



“ Mary Ellen was a lovely lady and a person with wonderful work ethics. She will be missed. Lona Wallace

Lona Wallace - February 11, 2022 at 07:18 PM

EG

“ I worked as a nursing assistant before going to Nursing School. I couldn't have had a better boss, she was such a nice person. Praying for comfort for the family. Ernestine Grimmert.

Ernestine Grimmert - February 11, 2022 at 05:50 PM

DC

“ Over the years I have had many contacts with Mary Ellen and want to extend my sympathy to her family and friends. She was a good member of the Calumet Presbyterian Church and she served in many capacities in the church while she lived in the neighborhood. She was quite helpful in many ways. D. Randall Cone

Dean Randall Cone - February 11, 2022 at 01:55 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Ellen Griffith.*



February 11, 2022 at 12:06 PM



“ *John Linda Harmon lit a candle in memory of Mary Ellen Griffith*



John Linda Harmon - February 11, 2022 at 11:51 AM



“ *Deb and Dean Wintjen purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Ellen Griffith.*



Deb and Dean Wintjen - February 11, 2022 at 11:01 AM