



Robert Griffith

August 24, 1931 - November 20, 2012

Robert "Bob" Earl Griffith, age 81, of Richland Center passed away Tuesday November 20, 2012 at the Richland Hospital. Robert was born on August 24, 1931 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin the son of Archie & Anna (Hagen) Griffith. In his youth Bob joined the U.S. Army, and then started his training in Fort Leonard Wood, MS. He was stationed in Long Island, New York and he also served in the Korean War. Throughout his service he was awarded four years of good conduct, Artillery Battery and a State Protection Act Metal.

Robert married his soul mate Thelma L. Steine on November 21, 1953 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Robert and Thelma shared sixty years of marriage together. Robert supported his family by working two jobs most of his life. His main job was with the Continental Baking Corporation, where he broke the record of safe driving over thirty years. His side job in which he enjoyed was selling pools for Allie Pools in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Robert put everyone before himself. He was a great role model to many. Robert also had the kindest, most generous heart. He donated to many organizations. He loved to make people laugh with his jokes and stories, which will be greatly missed by family and friends. He always gave wonderful advice, was easy to talk to and very strong willed. He never complained and was a very happy man. He enjoyed hunting & fishing in his early years and in his later years he enjoyed antiques and going to auctions with his brother & best friend Archie Griffith. Robert Griffith came from a huge family with seven siblings.

He is survived by his wife Thelma Griffith of Richland Center, brothers Archie Griffith, Gary Griffith of Wisconsin Rapids, and a sister Margaret Griffith of Richland Center. Also all of his children Renee Ann Griffith his youngest who's been taking wonderful care of him for many years, Robert Griffith of Lake Geneva, WI, Karen Gioelli of Whitewater, WI, Sharon Hill of Hartland, WI; Six grandchildren and Five great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Archie & Anna Griffith; a sister Rosie Zienkiewize; 3 brothers Gordon, Arden & Vern Griffith.

Robert's wishes were to have no memorial service. If you wish to send your condolences you may send them to 111 Pine St., Richland Center, WI 53581. The CLARY MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE assisted the family with arrangements. www.clarymemorialfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall

NG

“ Really missing you grandpa. Things are tough right now and my two rocks that I always talked too aren't here anymore. I'm trying to stay strong and do what you would want me to do. I love you and I miss you.

Nadine

Nadine Fiedler - Beaver Dam, WI - granddaughter - March 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ just sitting here thinking of you. not a day goes by that i dont think about a special memory we shared together. they say time heals all wounds. i dont believe that. i will honor your memory always.

robert e griffith jr. - lake geneva, WI - son - February 02, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ My Dad,
My Dad was the most caring and nicest most generous man you ever want to meet. Dad, I was always proud to say “this is my Dad”. What I miss most is the times we talked and when you would give me the best advice. Making you laugh at silly things I'd say and do. Dad I am so grateful for the time's we spent together. And also the fun we would have looking for bargains in Antique stores, flea markets and rummage sales. Dad you were always my best friend and a very special father. You were a great role model for all your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. You will be missed greatly by all of us. And as Deidre would always say you're the best papa ever. You are! And dad I will miss you most. Not a day go's by that I don't think about you. I will never forget you're my Dad. I will always love you with all of my heart!
Sadly missed by everyone I love you your daughter, Renee!

Renee - Richland Center, WI - daughter - December 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ I don't have any Grandpas left anymore, and haven't for several years. The time that I spent with Grandpa "Bob" Griffiths was extremely meaningful to me. He always made me and my children feel like part of his family and always welcome in his home. He never sent us home empty handed, just as Dede said, he was an extremely generous man. He never did much for himself, but did everything for everyone else. I loved listening to his stories and admired the way he talked so highly of Thelma.

I am sad to have lost touch with the Griffiths family but want them all to know that they are in my thoughts and prayers and Bob will forever be "Grandpa Griffiths" to me and will forever be in my heart.

-Josie Haugen

Josie Haugen - Fort Atkinson, WI - Friend - December 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Papa, When I moved in with you and grandma my grades in school went from bad to good. I was such a scared and confused little girl and you helped me grow into the young lady that I am today. I can say I am happy and proud of who I am today because of you. Your love was all I needed but you gave me so much more than that. You showed me and taught me so many things. I have told you over a hundered times how thankful I am and I will be forever greatfull, I believe that gods plan was for you to be my gaurdian angel and you are and will always be carried with me in my heart forever. You've changed my life in so many ways. One of the memories I feel that has touched my heart is when my friend came over and spent the night, you made a comment about "how much that girl could eat." I explained to you her story which came down to her family having financial difficulties. The next day when her mom came over to pick her up you gave her enough to fill her kitchen with food. She left in tears and was so greatful. She even tried to pay you back months later but you would not take it. She said that we need more people in this world like you. I agreed and I will raise my children to be as loving and giving as youp have always been. I think of every one before myself and I got that from you as well as many other qualities. I love you more than you know.

Love always

Dede

Deidre Wegner - watertown, WI - grandchild - December 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ dad, im not going to remember any negative things that affected our relationship. my memories are of you my hero. i will never forget the many years of deer hunting and fishing we had together with many of your brothers and together alone. remember those huge rainbows trout we caught under the bridge in sabin and we shouted out dad and bobby to each other look at this monster. you were there when i shot my first deer and showed me how to gut it. then you and archie tried to convince me i had to eat its nuts. cathy and the girls adored you, I will never forget to coming up north and hitting the liquidator stores for deals. you cooked for us and it was always an exciting trip to visit you and mom. those are the memories i will always carry and now i must help renee take care of mom which i promised to do and i know you would have appreciated. you will always be an important part of my life and never forgotten. i love you bobby.

robert e griffith junior - lake geneva, WI - son - November 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM